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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table



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EGG STRAVAGANZA

April 16th
10 am - 2 pm

McLeod Park
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Food, Giveaways, Inflatables, Candy Filled Eggs, And More!

Everyone is invited to attend! We hope to see you there!

Easter Services in Everglades Area

1st Baptist Church: Sunrise Service, 6:45 am, pancake breakfast to follow. Bring a chair services will be outside.

Everglades Community Church: 11:00 am

Holy Family Catholic Church: 10:30 am

Chokoloskee Church of God: 10:00 am

See addresses and contact information for area churches on page 11.

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Oh, How We Love Our Feathered Friends

By Patty Huff



This morning as my husband and I were walking down our street, this Pileated Woodpecker was perched on the mirror of Steve's truck. He stayed around long enough for us to take a few photos and entertain the tourists walking by. It reminded me of how fortunate we are to live in the middle of the Everglades and be able to enjoy the many species of birds just outside our doors.

One of my favorites is the Blue Heron who fishes daily off our dock. It doesn't bother us that he (and his Pelican friends) poop all over; the rain and/or hose will take care of that small inconvenience. We also have Great White Herons, Ibis, Hawks, and Purple Martins among others. Just having them share a part of our daily lives makes it all worthwhile.

Years ago, when we moved here there were two Osprey nests around our home; actually, one was just across the river on the island and was the center of attention every spring when the Great Horned Owls would take over the Ospreys' nest so they could make it their own home. We never minded the photographers stopping to capture the fuzzy-head little babies peeking out over the top of the nest. Then the developers came, and I invited them to my home to see for themselves how special this nest was, not just for me but also for the visitors who appreciated the significance of being a part of nature. I know many of the residents on the island now and they love it here. I think they would have preferred the utility pole staying just where it was and experience the miracle of watching the Osprey and the Great Horned Owls make their home next to theirs. That was about 20 years ago but then again, just a few years back, another nest was removed by LCEC next to our garage; they said the reason was to "protect" the Ospreys from the electrical lines, even though they had made their nests and lived through several hurricanes for at least the 28 years since we purchased our property. Every year the same Ospreys come back and sit on top of the pole crying out and looking for their home.



I miss the morning songs of the Ospreys and sharing our space with them. However, I can still enjoy watching them during my morning walks with my friends. Fortunately, there are other nests scattered around town; now is a good time to see the hatchlings! Off and on in the past Eagles have made their homes in the Ospreys' nests, especially in the nest along Riverside Drive. I've often pointed this out during our walking and biking tours; lots of memories and stories about this nest

over the years. Yes, we love our feathered friends, and we are privileged that they let us share their world with us mortals as we move into their environment.

Photos: Top: Pileated Woodpecker sees its reflection, Middle: Momma and her two owlets. Bottom: Momma Osprey feeds her chick. All photos in Everglades City, FL.

~ EVENT CALENDAR - April 17, 2022 - May 21, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 Easter Sunday	18	19 P & Z	20 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	21 Museum, p.9 Pet Vet at ECC	22	23 Museum BDay p3 Thrift, 11a-2p Bank tour, p3 Art in Glades, p3
24	25	26	27 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	28	29	Rapper-30 New Moon Thrift, 11a-2p
May 1 Stone Crab Season ends!	2 ESHP, 9 am	3 City Council, 7 pm	4 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	5	6	7 Thrift, 11a-2p
8 Mother's Day	9	10	11 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	12 Lions Club, 6 pm	13	Rapper-14 Thrift, 11a-2p
15	16 Full Moon	17 P & Z	18 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	19 Museum Talk, 2 pm	20	21 Museum Event, 6-8 pm Thrift, 11a-2p

May 30: Memorial Day
 June 19: Father's Day
 June 7th: Hearing to adopt Comp Plan
 July 2: Local Independence Day Celebration, p.3
 July 4: Independence Day

OTHER AREA MEETING/HOURS 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 Saturday, 11 am to 2 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
 FLORIDA STONE CRABBERS ASSOCIATION (FLSCA): email:
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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.
April 23 & May 28, 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.

**94th Anniversary of the Building of the
Tamiami Trail/ Museum of the
Everglades Birthday!
April 23, 2022**

This annual celebration of the completion of the iconic Tamiami Trail features **Laundry Cart Races in front of the museum**, live music, and birthday cake (the Museum of the Everglades officially opened on the 70th anniversary so it is considered the museum's "birthday") served at the museum.

Everyone is invited to attend, we hope to see you there!

For additional information call 239-252-5026, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm. See More events on page 9.

Mark Your Calendars!

**Mothers Day is
May 8, 2022**

**Fathers Day is
June 19, 2022**

**Make a plan to do something
special with your family!**

THE FOOD BANK NEW HOURS!

Wed. 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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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.

After hours on weekdays you can also find brochures at City Hall until 4 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.



**Independence Day Celebration
July 2, 2022**

It's never too early to put an amazing fireworks display, parade, and an all around great family day on your calendar!

This year's theme is **Red, White & Blue**, so use that for inspiration in designing your amazing parade float, golf cart or whatever your mind can think of!

This year's celebration will start with a "bang" promptly at 10 am. The full day's schedule is:

- 10:00 am: Opening Ceremony**
- 10:30 am: Parade**
- 11:00 am: Booths Open at McLeod Park**
- 11:30 am: Kids Contests at Park**
- 12:30 pm: Raffle Winners Announced**
- 9:00 pm: Amazing Fireworks**



The Everglades Lions Club will be providing hotdogs, chips and a beverage to those in attendance (at McLeod Park).

Each year the fireworks are paid for by generous donations taken in boxes placed in local businesses or those directly sent to the City for the festivities.

If you would like to contribute to this year's celebration, please send a check to the City of Everglades City, and put "fireworks" in the memo section. Mail it to PO Box 110, Everglades City, 34139. **Thank you!**



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A Look Back on Everglades History

For those of you who may not have ever visited the Naples Depot Museum, you are missing out on quite a treat.

All five of the County Museums (www.colliermuseums.com) are free to visit and each have something quite unique.

Naples Depot Museum has a wonderful inside display but it does not end there. When you venture behind the building, there you will find the old locomotive that once ran through the Fakahatchee strand (what is now called Janes Scenic Drive).

Everglades City Councilman, Parker Oglesby's father, Cecil Oglesby Sr. was once the Engineer on that train. Pictured below, Parker stands next to the engine that was once driven by his father.



The Everglades area has such a rich history for us to enjoy. Thank you to Rudy Oglesby for sharing this photo taken at the Museum as they visited the Depot to take a look back at their family history.

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The Saltwater Cowboy by Jon Edward Edwards
 "Four on Five"

Standing with a broad base, I leaned into the turns. Curlews spooked as I rounded the mangrove bends as if I'd caught them at something. They look guilty or embarrassed to me; the Chokoloskee Chickens do – aka curlews. Maybe it's their laborious gait in flight. I came to a shallow water bay, straightened the skiff, and opened the throttle. Herons stood in the mud facing the incoming water, waiting for dinner. The midmorning sun cast a glare off the water, blinding me in intervals, like heading East on 635 in Dallas, Texas, on a clear morning. I couldn't see the ditches and troughs that otherwise reveal themselves in a meandering trail of darker water. I followed the same path as always. I didn't need to see them.



The low rumble of my outboard motor was like white noise from a sleep machine. My head nodded but snapped to when the bow began to hop. The saltwater splashed evenly off the forward beam, "ssshhppsshhh," "ssshhppsshhh," "ssshhppsshhh." I pushed two buttons on the right side of the gunnel that controlled the hydraulic trim tabs underneath the transom. Once... twice... one more little bump, and the boat flattened out.

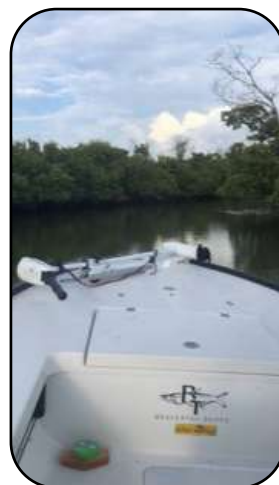
There was a small opening on the eastern end of the bay that led to a series of sharp turns, ending at the mouth of a small creek that served as a shortcut to the Turtle Key/Dismal Key Pass area. A GPS screen shows a black skull and crossbones – do not navigate. Therefore, during any stage of the tide besides high, trimmed out, jacked up, and hauling ass is the only way to pass. Or else a rapid loss of forward momentum can occur. It's called "running around," I write about it frequently. I don't recommend it.

The creek, or shortcut, was tucked behind a hairpin left – a blind spot. Detritus from storms past littered the flat off to the right; therefore, I swung wide and hugged the mangrove bank. Hunkered down, no standing for this one, I pulled the tiller handle in as far as I could, contorting my left shoulder behind my back, and cut the turn. There they were, Craig Cats, moving about aimlessly like the traffic on Marco in March, ignorant to the complexity of the terrain with no idea of the navigational difficulties. Fists waved, and mouth holes moved as I rode around them in a cloverleaf pattern like a quarter horse in a barrel race. In my peripheral vision, I saw their guide scold them and do his best to usher them out of the way,

which gave me hope for humanity. Due to his efforts and my kitty-cat nimbly reflexes, we narrowly avoided an accident.

The ones that aren't led by a tour guide are easy to spot, zipping from one end of a bay to the other, throwing a wake against anyone who might be soaking up some tranquility wetting a line. One day, after the third or fourth pass, whipping up the water like a wave pool, a gaggle of Wave Runners slowed down enough to ask me which direction was Marco Island. I haphazardly pointed west on shaky sea legs, the trolling motor cavitating at the top of every wake they'd pushed. I wonder if they ever made it out? Should anyone be missing any family members, there's a clue.

Craig Cat is among the class of personal watercraft, along with the more common Wave Runner, that has inundated the traditionally unmolested backwaters of the 10,000 islands. Clumsy by design, the catamarans resemble paddleboards cut in half and fastened together by what is effectively the seat and footrest for two people. Powered by a 25 hp outboard mounted high on a make-shift transom and a Bimini top to shield the rider from the sun, they appear top-heavy as a weeble-wobble.



When I lived on the Caloosahatchee River, my next-door neighbor, Dick, had one. Ole' Dick looked like the scary man in Poltergeist who knocked on the door and everyone, "You're all gonna die." Why he had a Craig Cat is beyond me, not that ghostly-looking figures can't partake in water sports. Yet 10 yards up the seawall from my duplex, his Craig Cat sat high up on a rickety boat lift with rusted cables.

I came in from fishing one afternoon and made a 180 in the canal when I passed my house to begin "walking" my old jon-boat towards the seawall like always. I backed off the throttle to reverse to starboard... no response. Disregarding neutral, I slammed it in reverse... no response. The throttle cable had broken in its forward position, "Boom!" The blow was glancing and shot me down the seawall like an aluminum eight ball in the corner pocket that was Dick's pier. As the bunk boards of the boat lift became closer and closer at eye level, impact was imminent. I ducked at the last fraction of a second as they passed over me. I snatched the kill switch, cutting power amidst a series of crashes as my boat went ping-ponging around underneath the lift.

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FWC reveals all 10 locations where prized bass are swimming

The cat is out of the bag – rather, the fish is out of the net! The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) revealed all 10 freshwater locations across the state where pink-tagged bass worth big prizes are swimming right now.

To celebrate season 10 of the TrophyCatch program, FWC biologists tagged 10 trophy-sized largemouth bass with bright pink tags and their secret fishing locations have been divulged. Each angler that catches and documents a pink-tagged bass will score a \$5,000 gift card to Bass Pro Shops, \$1,000 to shop at AFTCO, with a chance to win an additional \$10,000!

Industry partners and fishing professionals including Shaw Grigsby and Kristine Fischer helped promote this unique opportunity with "hint" and "reveal" videos for the 10 mystery waters over the past month. The final two locations were revealed Tuesday, April 5.



“Our freshwater biologists tagged 10 huge bass across the state – just about everyone is within a day-trip’s distance to fish for one of these tagged bass from a boat, kayak or

even the bank. Now comes the fun part for anglers!” said KP Clements, Director of FWC’s TrophyCatch program. "Get out there and catch one! Tag, you're it!"

Help grow the TrophyCatch program and become a citizen-scientist angler today! FWC’s TrophyCatch program is a valuable tool for FWC’s freshwater fisheries research and management. It provides reward incentives to encourage anglers to catch, release and report trophy-sized (weighing 8 pounds or more) largemouth bass in Florida. The program develops public-private partnerships to protect trophy bass, promote fishing and support fisheries conservation programs. TrophyCatch anglers with approved bass receive rewards from program partners while FWC biologists learn more about producing and sustaining the best trophy bass fishery in the world!

Visit the [10-tag webpage](#) on the TrophyCatch website for the list of all 10 waterbodies and for rules on how to participate in the season 10 promotion (www.trophycatchflorida.com).

Fishing the 10,000 Islands by Capt. Mike Merritt



Here we are in the 2nd week of April and the winds are still cranking! I guess I was hoping against hope that they were going to die down this month. It sure has made guiding a challenge since these winds just won't let up. But, thankfully we have options here.

We can fish Rivers, back bays, creeks, and lots of protected waters that other places just don't have. We have been fishing these protected waters now for over a month and it seems they are producing some good action. Back country Snook, Trout, Snapper and even a few Reds. Some good days and plenty of tough days.

One good fish can make the day and if you cover enough shoreline it is bound to happen. We are having another cold front this weekend, albeit a mild one. But it kicked the winds up over 20mph. We will have effects from high west winds for days after and you have to consider this when planning your fishing. Stirred up and muddy waters just won't hold the Snook. They will move on and find better water to feed in.

For example, we found some Snook in an area when the winds were SSW and then 2 days later the winds were NNW and those fish are gone! So, keep this in mind when you look for fish. Just because it changes directions it can take days to clear back up and fish to move back in.

When you do find good fish it is rewarding and your efforts have paid off. A lot of people these days seem to over rely on electronics to get around and I think sometimes it is to their detriment. Nothing replaces experience so keep on searching and you will gain knowledge and experience from your efforts. I am astonished at how many people want to be told where the fish are. They will ask "where did you catch those?" I can never answer that question with a serious response. Go fishing and figure it out!

The tips you get from articles and social media have enough information that an average fisherman can catch fish here. That being said, if you want to catch fish here just hire a local Captain! There are plenty of good ones that grew up fishing these waters and have generational experience. When the winds lay down and more fish move in we will see a big change in the bite. For now, just keep on fishing! Good luck fishing and be courteous on the water.

~Capt. Mike Merritt

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**Saltwater Cowboy
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My neighbors on the opposite side of Dick, Heinz, and Laura were outside and witnessed the debacle. "Are you alright?" They asked frantically as the flimsy dock settled on its decrepit piles. I rose from my crouched position, poked my head up, and replied in quick breaths, "Did you see that?" Dick opened the door to his back porch and asked, "What was that?" Not in the literal sense, but more like asking for something to be repeated. Assessing the damage, which there appeared to be none, I replied, "All good here, Dick." He went back inside.

It's a good thing I inherited fast reflexes. Daphne, my mom, was a majorette at Louisiana Tech and falling grocery juggler extraordinaire to this day. I once saw her catch four cans in Brookshires, West Monroe, La, circa 1982. Big curly hair, wind shorts, leggings, and white Reebok High Tops, she reached up on her tiptoes high enough to get a finger on a can of Cream of Mushroom. She caught it when it dropped, as intended. Another fell into the same right hand, "Pow!" With quickness, she juked and snagged another one in her left hand, "Bang!"

By now, a crowd had formed, consisting mainly of men. For the finale, she twirled and let the fourth fall in her hands behind her back, "Booya!" Aisle Five erupted in cheers.

Jon Edward Edwards is a local author, fishing guide, and avid sportsman. His stories often recount his adventures in and around the 10,000 Islands. Email Jon at jedmls@mac.com.



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April 2, 2022 Puzzle Solution

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**Changing your life is up to you alone
By Pastor Bob Wallace**



A friend said to me, not so very long ago, he was sleeping better than he ever had.

"Why's that?" I asked, hoping to discover something new. Because when you reach my age in life, a good night's sleep is hard to come by.

"Oh, I don't have any specific reason. But I do know this. I can't drink as much as I used to and still get a good night's sleep. Maybe just a little wine in the evening. That's all!"

"You mean alcohol interferes with your sleep?"

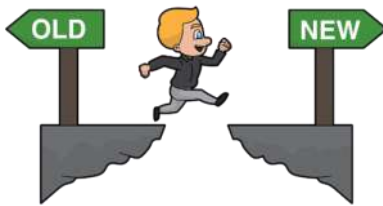
I thought it would be just the opposite.

"Nope. Too much alcohol kept me from having a restful night's sleep. Booze caused me to have nightmares. I tossed and turned until I awoke exhausted the next morning."

"If that's the case" I said, "why didn't you stop drinking sooner." He smiled and said, "Because I liked it too much!"

I think that's the way it is with so many things in life. We hold on until something hurts us. Or it's too late to correct, or let it go.

An unhealthy relationship with another person is a good example.



Many times an abused wife or partner is asked, "Why do you stay with him/her?"

The answer will always be, "Because I love him/her."

Often a person asks, "Why don't you cut down on your calories and try to lose some

weight?" only to be told, "Because I enjoy eating."

A sedentary person who desperately needs to exercise for health reasons will say, "I just don't like exercise".

It's always amazed me why some people refuse to give up bad habits. Or form new relationships when they know they should.

Life patterns can be changed through conscious effort and a willingness to do something about certain situations.

Many times, the consequences of doing nothing will cause lifelong damage to a person who is too stubborn, or hardheaded to change.

Sadly, it takes a tragedy to correct some situations.

However, heart attacks, strokes and divorces are no fun either.

My mother always taught me that a person is responsible for his, or her, own actions and should live accordingly. That means no one can make your decisions for you. It's up to you to stop drinking, start exercising, go on a diet, or seek marriage counseling. No one can do those things for you. Nor should they.

It's up to you!

Too many times, a person tells someone what they should do in a given situation, only to be disappointed when that person goes right back to what they were doing before the crisis arose.

Remember the old saying, "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink"?

Well, when it comes down to it, your life's decisions are yours alone to make.

Or break.

Or keep.

Try changing for a change.

And good luck!

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

Lions Club Workday at McLeod Park

The Everglades Lions Club is a busy group! Many of the members got together to help paint the outside of the Thrift Store on March 7th and 8th, then on the 9th they were at it again helping to spruce up the playground and landscaping at McLeod Park. There were also other volunteers at the park helping!

The Lions Club will team up again later in the summer to paint the pavilion at McLeod Park. The painting of the park pavilion will be announced in an upcoming edition of the Mullet Rapper. If you are interested in helping or in becoming a member of the Lions Club, please contact Cecil Barker at 419-350-7117. Here are some pictures from the Lions day at the park that were submitted by Lion Patty Huff:



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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**
The Other Side of “Progress:”
The Tamiami Trail’s Dark Legacy
April 21, 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.

—————> **Event**
94th Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail Celebration/
Museum Birthday Party
April 23, 2022, 10:00 am—2:00pm



This annual celebration of the completion of the iconic Tamiami Trail features a dedication speech at Everglades City Hall, Laundry Cart Races in front of the Museum of the Everglades, live music, lunch served at McLeod park, and birthday cake (the Museum of the Everglades officially opened on the 70th anniversary

so it is considered the museum’s “birthday”) served at the museum.

Some events require reservations. 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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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley,
 Havenworth Coastal Conservation
 ESA listing anniversary for smalltooth sawfish in the U.S.**

The population of smalltooth sawfish in the United States experienced a significant decrease in numbers and distribution during the 20th century due to overfishing, habitat loss, and limited reproduction. Given the decline, NOAA Fisheries listed the U.S. population of smalltooth sawfish as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act nineteen years ago on April 1, 2003. The smalltooth sawfish became the first fully marine fish and first elasmobranch (sharks, skates, and rays) protected by the U.S. Endangered Species Act.

Sawfish Are Endangered
Respect • Release • Report

Sawfish are protected by State and Federal laws:
 It is illegal to harm, harvest, or handle sawfish



You Can Help Save Smalltooth Sawfish

Angler Guidance:	Diver Guidance:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Release sawfish immediately ▶ Never lift from the water or drag ashore ▶ Do not use gaffs or ropes to secure ▶ Cut the line as close to the hook as possible 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Keep your distance ▶ Avoid disturbing sawfish ▶ Do not chase or pursue ▶ Never feed or touch

Share Information About Your Encounter
1-844-4SAWFISH
www.SawfishRecovery.org

The information you provide helps scientists track sawfish recovery

The goal of the Endangered Species Act listing is to recover the population to the point that it no longer needs the protections afforded by the Act. A recovery plan for smalltooth sawfish in the U.S. was published in 2009 and recommends specific steps to recover the population, focusing on (1) educating the public to minimize human interactions with sawfish and any associated injury and mortality, (2) protecting and/or restoring important sawfish habitats, and (3) ensuring sawfish abundance and distribution

increase. For smalltooth sawfish, recovery means ensuring the long term viability of the species in the wild through substantial increases in both abundance and range.

At the time of the listing in 2003 scientists knew little about the biology, ecology, and population dynamics of smalltooth sawfish. The recovery plan identified actions and research goals aimed at gaining a better understanding of the species and the population. Over the last 19 years, scientists from multiple agencies, universities, and organizations have collaborated to research the smalltooth sawfish population in the United States. We now know more about their size and age at maturity, the number of young they give birth to, the food they eat, their large- and small-scale movement patterns and habitat use, and their response to a variety of stressors. This research greatly improved our understanding of the species and helped us prioritize the actions needed to reach recovery as quickly as possible.

One of the best ways to monitor the population and track recovery progress is analyzing public sawfish encounters. If you catch or see a sawfish, please share the information with scientists by visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, emailing sawfish@myfwc.com, or using the FWC Reporter App.

Sawfish recovery documents are available at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/smalltooth-sawfish>. A video looking at smalltooth sawfish conservation and recovery in the United States is available at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSRWUjVU3e8&t=3s>.

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The Island Life Recipes

Crisp & Delicious Quick Praline Bars by Joyce Scott

Ingredients:

- 24 Graham Cracker Squares
- 1/2 cup packed brown Sugar (may be doubled)
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts

Directions: Heat oven to 350°. Place graham crackers in a single layer in a jellyroll pan.

In a saucepan on the stove, melt the butter, add the brown sugar and bring it to a full boil. Boil for 1 minute, stirring so it does not burn.

Remove the mixture from the heat and stir in the vanilla. Pour the mixture over the graham crackers and spread evenly over them. Sprinkle with the chopped nuts. Bake for 10 minutes. Do not overcook the mixture or overbake.

Note: When you double the brown sugar, double the butter, vanilla and nuts too. These are super crisp and yummy!



My Little Slice of Paradise By Kathy Brock

Wow. The FWC just released a report proclaiming that Florida has now surpassed 1,000,000 vessel registrations in the state. Woo Hoo!

I am not sure this is a cause for a celebration or a warning flag? Florida ranks second (behind Alaska) in coastline miles, so it makes sense. Florida now ranks third in population trailing California with 39 million, Texas with 29 million, and Florida with 21 million. However, if you factor in tourists, Florida ranks second trailing only California. Our population from December to April is, I will call it significant.

Even here we are feeling the population explosion the rest of Florida is experiencing. Not in terms of residents so much, but the number of visitors and boaters has certainly risen, especially since the pandemic.

As a tourist driven economy, this is not a bad thing. Our area businesses rely on visitors to fill up their restaurants, book tours and sleep in local hotel beds. When our beds are full, area businesses are busy, stone crabs are being eaten, and our local, hard-working residents are gainfully employed.

That is great on the landside. On the waterside the "other" residents may not be so happy! The manatee that swim in these waters have done so for decades with far less boat traffic than those that must dodge 34' Go Fast boats on the east coast all day long. Our mangroves are the nursery for the highly sought after snook, redfish, grouper and tarpon, too.

Many of the new boaters over here are in vessels I am used to seeing "on the other side". Bigger, heavier, faster. Here, many of us are in boats the size of dinghies (except for the commercial fishing boats, of course). When one of those "big boats" passes by, we have to hang on for dear life it seems. Their wakes can be pretty significant.

Many visitors read our little paper. If you are one of them here for a day, week, month or season, please treat our waters like they are precious...because they are.

Chances are you come here because we are so unique. "Old Florida" is what I hear often. *Well, all of Florida used to be "Old Florida"* but then it turned into Dade, Broward, and Palm Beach County with populations in the millions.

Go back 30 years and you could snorkel the first reef and get your limit of lobster in a matter of minutes. Today, you may not find a single spiny lobster on those reefs. It's sad.

Some will tell you we help keep the sea life population in check and that is true to a point. But there is a tipping point for everything. Just ask any Mahi Mahi fisherman on the east coast. What was once so plentiful is now becoming more and more scarce.

Respect starts with us. We need to respect each other and the nature around us so it is still here for our grandchildren and their children.

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Across

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- 5 Some punishments are this
- 10 Prolonged unconsciousness
- 11 Actress --- Loren
- 12 Small tools
- 14 --- Air, Los Angeles
- 15 "Friends" actress Courtney ---
- 16 Lair
- 17 "Peekaboo, I ---"
- 19 Penny
- 20 --- Sanctum
- 22 Smack
- 25 Hate
- 29 Prefix with West
- 30 Web address acronym
- 31 Narrow beam of light
- 32 They live in Jakarta
- 35 Sell to end users
- 36 "Marching --- war"
- 37 You tie a lure on with one
- 38 Intend

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- 1 Signs of healing
- 2 Pith sun helmet
- 3 Plentiful
- 4 Girl alternative
- 5 Scam
- 6 Envelope abbreviation
- 7 --- Island, NE State
- 8 Seductively beautiful woman
- 9 Is lacking
- 11 Ratfink
- 13 Clickable image
- 18 Puppy sound
- 19 Old-style computer screen
- 21 Long fish
- 22 Self-satisfied smile
- 23 Fabric woven from flax
- 24 Embellish
- 26 Rub out
- 27 Christmas delivery man?
- 28 "Iron Mike" ---
- 30 "Les États- ---" - that's us to a Quebecer!
- 33 Cereal grain
- 34 "--- a Rock" (Simon & Garfunkel hit)

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EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

BARRON RIVER TIDES

The Thrift Store Gets A Makeover!

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
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Everglades Fishing Co. / Nely's Corner Open Fri, Sat., Sunday, 6:00 am to 4:00 pm 203 Collier Avenue, (239-695-4222)
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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.
Rod & Gun (239-695-2101): 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
Triad Seafood & Café (239-695-2662): Mon-Sat, 10:30 -7:00, Sun 10:30-5
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Everglades Community Church 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 through April
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

4/17/2022	Sun	3:55 AM	2.71	H
4/17/2022	Sun	10:49 AM	0.41	L
4/17/2022	Sun	3:18 PM	2.96	H
4/17/2022	Sun	11:23 PM	-0.28	L
4/18/2022	Mon	4:47 AM	2.57	H
4/18/2022	Mon	11:25 AM	0.55	L
4/18/2022	Mon	3:42 PM	3.04	H
4/19/2022	Tue	12:10 AM	-0.36	L
4/19/2022	Tue	5:47 AM	2.37	H
4/19/2022	Tue	12:00 PM	0.69	L
4/19/2022	Tue	4:13 PM	3.06	H
4/20/2022	Wed	1:01 AM	-0.37	L
4/20/2022	Wed	6:55 AM	2.16	H
4/20/2022	Wed	12:37 PM	0.82	L
4/20/2022	Wed	4:53 PM	3.01	H
4/21/2022	Thu	1:58 AM	-0.3	L
4/21/2022	Thu	8:16 AM	2	H
4/21/2022	Thu	1:16 PM	0.94	L
4/21/2022	Thu	5:43 PM	2.88	H
4/22/2022	Fri	3:05 AM	-0.2	L
4/22/2022	Fri	9:49 AM	1.94	H
4/22/2022	Fri	2:26 PM	1.04	L
4/22/2022	Fri	6:53 PM	2.69	H
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4/23/2022	Sat	11:26 AM	2.01	H
4/23/2022	Sat	4:29 PM	1.03	L
4/23/2022	Sat	9:05 PM	2.53	H
4/24/2022	Sun	5:31 AM	-0.02	L
4/24/2022	Sun	12:29 PM	2.14	H
4/24/2022	Sun	5:54 PM	0.9	L
4/24/2022	Sun	10:42 PM	2.51	H
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4/25/2022	Mon	7:00 PM	0.7	L
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4/26/2022	Tue	7:27 AM	0.14	L
4/26/2022	Tue	1:20 PM	2.43	H
4/26/2022	Tue	7:55 PM	0.48	L
4/27/2022	Wed	1:09 AM	2.6	H
4/27/2022	Wed	8:14 AM	0.24	L
4/27/2022	Wed	1:42 PM	2.59	H
4/27/2022	Wed	8:41 PM	0.27	L
4/28/2022	Thu	2:01 AM	2.62	H
4/28/2022	Thu	8:56 AM	0.34	L
4/28/2022	Thu	2:04 PM	2.73	H
4/28/2022	Thu	9:23 PM	0.1	L
4/29/2022	Fri	2:43 AM	2.59	H
4/29/2022	Fri	9:33 AM	0.44	L
4/29/2022	Fri	2:27 PM	2.84	H
4/29/2022	Fri	10:03 PM	-0.04	L
4/30/2022	Sat	3:22 AM	2.52	H
4/30/2022	Sat	10:09 AM	0.54	L
4/30/2022	Sat	2:50 PM	2.9	H

The Everglades City Thrift Store has gone through quite a makeover! The inside of the store was updated a few weeks ago. This past week, Lions Club volunteers came together to give the outside of the store a complete new look! Below, the “crew” is painting, repairing, and adding trim boards to the exterior. And in the bottom photo, the new sign is erected and the store is open for business! Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped over the two+ long days of work!



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