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City Councilman Tim Smith Resigns

Only a few months after being reelected to serve another 4-year council term, Everglades City Councilman Tim Smith has resigned.

During his tenure as a councilmember, Smith utilized his position to demand transparency and governance by way of a strong council which is the intent mandated by the city charter.

With his position vacated, a replacement will be recommended by Mayor Howie Grimm and the remaining council members will be asked to vote to approve.

In the November 2021 election the community voted and elected 3 councilmembers. The voters newly elected member Josh Minton, and reelected Tim Smith and Vicky Wells. Former councilmember Elaine Middelstaedt received the fourth most votes, with Mike McComas coming in 5th.

Of the 96 voters, each voting for up to 3 council members the results were as follows:

Vicky Wells,	59 votes 23.1%
Josh Minton,	58 votes 22.7%
Tim Smith,	56 votes 21.9%
Elaine Middelstaedt,	52 votes 20.3%
Mike McComas,	30 votes, 11.7%

We thank Tim Smith for his service to our community and wish him well.

This issue will be addressed at the May 3rd City Council Meeting. You can attend the meeting on Zoom or in person. For more information contact city hall at 239-695-3781.



City Council Update, April 2022 Meetings

There were 2 “extraordinary” city council meetings to go over the comprehensive plan process and to revisit the repainting of the water tower. An “extraordinary” meeting is one that is in addition to the regularly scheduled monthly meeting. Another council session will be held on April 28th and is classified as a “Local Planning Agency Hearing”, but it will take place after our publication goes to print so we will update details of that meeting in the May 13th edition.

The comprehensive plan survey responses are in. In total 44 respondents provided feedback to the City planner. Of the 44, 36 were residents, 6 were from business owners, and 4 from Chokoloskee and Plantation Island (the total is over 44 because you can be both a business owner and a resident).

Highlights included the following:

1. What people like about E-City: Fishing, Outdoor Recreation, Small Town, Quiet & Friendly, Historic.
2. What are the biggest concerns: Infrastructure, Historic Preservation, Trash in the City.
3. Most people do not want to see more traffic on the streets.
4. Half of the respondents were OK with more tourism, and little more than half did not want more tourism, so the overall response was deemed neutral.

Ken Metcalf, the consultant working on the plan, suggested that the city consider an ACSC designation (Areas of Critical State Concern Program) which could help the city obtain future grants for infrastructure and other projects too costly for the City (because of the small population and tax base). He explained that this program would give the city a priority ranking for grants, but it would require that all future permitting would need to be approved by the State. If you are reading this in the print edition, google “ACSC Florida” and you will find the information on the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity website.

A draft of the proposed comprehensive plan can be obtained online here: <https://www.cityofeverglades.org/copy-of-public-notice>. You can download the draft, land use maps and other information from the city website. **The plan will be voted on at the June 7th City Council meeting.**

If you have questions or concerns please put them in writing and send them to the City so they can consider them before voting on the plan. **You can email your comments and questions the City Council members.** The City Council members email addresses can be obtained from this page on the city website: <https://www.cityofeverglades.org/boards-and-committies>. If you cannot use email, you may call the city at 239-695-3781.

Building Moratorium Passed in Everglades City

A building moratorium has been passed by the City Council as a response to a catastrophic failure at the sewer plant. What this means is any new construction that is not already permitted and/or that does not currently connect to the city’s sewer system, cannot proceed. However, the council stated that they will look to approve a “work around” that would let construction of new buildings move forward with the understanding that they would need to connect to the new sewer system (and not to the current one) which is to begin construction sometime this Summer and take approximately 18 months to complete.

What is a “catastrophic failure”? At the current city sewer plant, only three of five tanks are operational. The “catastrophic failure” was described as a “spill”. The moratorium was put into place because the current sewer system is at full capacity and cannot accept any additional hook-ups, especially with the reduction in operational tanks.

Anyone who is considering new construction should reach out to the city for clarification to fully understand the moratorium and how it may or may not affect your project.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Stone Crab Season ends!	ESH, 9 am Concert, 6-8:30pm, p. 4	City Council, 7 pm	Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	Cinco de Mayo!		Thrift, 11a-2p
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Mother's Day			Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	Lions Club, 6 pm		Thrift, 11a-2p
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Full Moon	P & Z	Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	Museum Talk, 2 pm, see p. 9	Museum Reception 6-8pm, See p. 9	Thrift, 11a-2p
22	23	24	25	26	27	Rapper-28
			Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm			Exclusive Tour, See p. 9 Thrift, 11a-2p
29	30	31	June 1	2	3	4
	New Moon Memorial Day		Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm			Thrift, 11a-2p

June 7th: Hearing to adopt Comp Plan

June 16, Museum Talk, See p. 9

June 19: Father's Day

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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
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 LIONS CLUB: Meeting May 12, then closed for summer.
 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 11 am to 4 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: flordastonecrabbers@gmail.com, www.flordastonecrabbers.org
 Mobile Pet Vet Check Dates and Make Appointments Here: https://hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic/

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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.

Collier County Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5, invites Collier County residents to attend A Night with Your Commissioner event



Every second Wednesday of the month 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."

Below is the scheduled for all events from May to October 2022. All meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 at 14700 Immokalee Road, (IFAS building, right in front of the fairgrounds).

You can also register to attend the meetings virtually by going to this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dj6Xo_MLQp6_yQ7KGiDJiA

Here is the 2022 Meeting Schedule:

- May 11, 2022 07:00 PM**
- Jun 8, 2022 07:00 PM**
- Jul 13, 2022 07:00 PM**
- Aug 10, 2022 07:00 PM**
- Sep 14, 2022 07:00 PM**
- Oct 12, 2022 07:00 PM**

If you need more information contact Sue Filson at Sue.filson@colliercountyfl.gov.



Don't Forget these Special Days!

Mothers Day is May 8, 2022

Fathers Day is June 19, 2022

Make a plan to do something special with your family!



**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. The cost for fireworks has gone up considerably this year and we need your help!

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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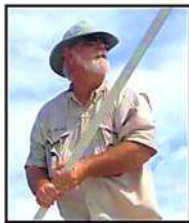
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**On April 26, 1928 the Tamiami Trail Was Opened.
It Changed Everything in Florida—Forever**
By Kathy Brock

The Everglades section of the Tamiami Trail was opened with much fanfare on April 26, 1928. Up until that point, navigating the southwestern portion of Florida was...difficult if not impossible. It certainly was not for the faint of heart.

To complete the Trail it took five years, 2.6 million sticks of dynamite, and \$8 million US Dollars. The initial surveying work was started in 1915 with men who literally had to hack their way through the swamp. In 1916 the work was started in Dade County, but progress was very slow. Working conditions were terrible and manpower was very hard to come by.

In 1917 World War 1 stopped progress on the road as all focus shifted to the war effort. Additionally, funding for the project began to run out and many questioned whether the road project would ever come to fruition.

In 1923, a group of men called the "Trailblazers" tried to drive eight Model Ts across a 40-mile stretch to bring awareness to the forgotten project. After about eight days, all eight vehicles were bogged down in the swamp and the 28 men in them had to be rescued. Some suggested their escapade was a failure, but it did do as

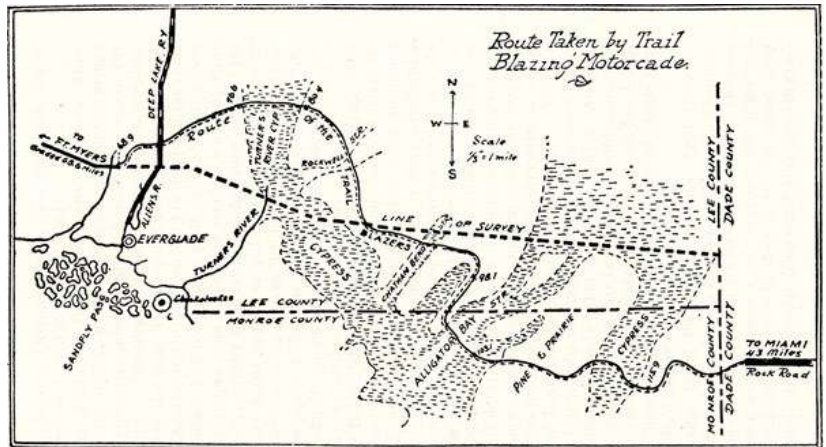
they intended, it brought attention to the project.

Barron Gift Collier knew the completion of the Trail would help his own businesses as he owned over 1.2 million acres in his namesake county, but he also intended to fulfill a promise he made when his County was established in 1923 to complete the Tamiami Trail...and he intended on keeping that promise. Collier resurrected the project by pumping over \$1 million into it to cover expenses and payroll. Eventually, the State stepped in in 1926 and agreed to finance the remaining 12-mile stretch.

Construction was difficult from the start as the workers had to literally hack through swampland, battle heat, humidity, mosquitoes, horseflies (some so big you could saddle them!), and alligators. But, on April 26, 1928, Barron Gift Collier drove in a motorcade on the Trail to celebrate its opening. They made several stops along the way but eventually ended up in Everglades City where a crowd gathered to celebrate the opening. He thanked the workers and the Seminoles for helping them navigate through the swamp during the project. In exchange for their help, Collier allowed the Seminoles to ride on his Tamiami Trail Bus line free of charge until 1941.

Because there would be long stretches along the Trail with no amenities, Collier opened service stations along the trail every ten miles, each featuring a husband-and-wife team. His idea worked. Naples quickly grew from a town of 240 people in 1920 to a thriving city in the 1930s.

Today, Collier County is a destination. This diverse county features the best of the best restaurants, white sandy beaches, and eco-adventures that money can buy. One has to wonder if this is the Collier County its namesake envisioned or what those "trailblazers" had in mind, or is it even grander than even Barron Gift Collier could imagine? Today, Collier county ranks first in per capita income for the state of Florida. The city of Naples is ranked the 10th richest City in the State. It would appear that Barron Collier's plan worked.



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All offers must be received by the NPS by the date listed on the inside front cover of the prospectus which is **August 3, 2022, no later than 2:00 p.m.** in order to be evaluated and considered for an award of a concession contract. The prospectus describes the business opportunity and includes the terms and conditions under which the NPS will award the concession contract. **Please submit proposals to:**

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Questions and Notification of Intent to Propose:

Questions are **due May 25, 2022** and Notification of Intent to Propose must be received by July 26, 2022 via email by the National Park Service no later than 2:00 P.M. ET on the due dates listed on the cover page which is to Cherrie Brice, Concessions Management Specialist.

Proposals to include the original signed transmittal letters must be received via the process explained in the Proposal Instructions no later than 2:00 pm ET on the due date which is August 3, 2022. Please note that the original signed transmittal letters must be mailed. The remaining portion of the proposal will only be accepted electronically via the process explained in the Proposal Instructions.

All documents can be retrieved at the NPS website at this link: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/concessions/ever002-23.htm>. Scroll to the bottom of the page where you will find "Prospectus Files, Draft Contract and Exhibits, and Appendix Files."

For additional information about this concession opportunity please email EVER_Concessions@nps.gov.



Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Permit (*Trichinotus falcatus*) Other names: cobbler, Mexican pompano / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE / Life span: to 23 years / Length: 14-48 in. (35-122 cm) / Weight: 4-20 lb (1.8-9 kg); Florida state record: 56 lb 2 oz, IGFA: 56 lb 2 oz / Spawns: in the offshore waters / Found: Throughout the nearshore and offshore waters of Southwest Florida.



The permit is one of the most sought-after game fish in Florida. Anglers have been known to fly into the Keys from everywhere on the planet to catch one of these elusive members of the jack family. In the Florida Keys, the permit is stalked in flats boats while feeding over grass flats. It is most often taken with small crabs, but it is also targeted by fly fishermen, and, because of its cautious nature, is considered (along with bonefish) to be one of the hardest fish to catch on a fly. Because of its similar shape, the immature permit is readily confused with the pompano. The best method of identifying one from the other is to remember that the belly of a pompano is yellow, and the back anal fin region of a permit is a distinct orange.

Locally the permit is almost never found in the back bays and estuaries. The most likely place to find large schools of permit is over the near shore and offshore artificial reefs of Collier and Lee County. Few anglers ever attempt to take them on a fly in deeper water, and the baits of choice are two- to three-inch crabs or fresh, live, hand-picked shrimp.

The fish over these reefs tend to be large, averaging 15 to 35 pounds. Fluorocarbon leader, light tackle with good drag systems, and buried hooks are a must. The permit is a sight feeder and has sharp eyesight. Any sign of a hook and it will not bite. Extremely wary, the permit has to be approached slowly, and care must be taken not to spook the school.

Coming upon one of these schools, even if you are not trying to catch a permit, is a true marvel. They often number in the hundreds of fish per school, and their bright, silver sides flashing in the sunlight make for a fantastic sighting.

In the wild the permit feeds on mollusks, crabs, and shrimp. It seldom feeds on small fish but has been known to do so on rare occasions. Once it reaches adult size, which can top 50 pounds, the only fish capable on feeding on permit are large sharks. A tireless fighter and considered good table fare, the permit will always be a top-notch catch in Florida waters.

Charles Sobczak is a photographer and writer from Sanibel Island. His books are available on Amazon and other online booksellers. Illustration by Diane Peebles

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**Some Condo Owners facing 30 to 50%
Price Increases for Insuring Older Units**
By Kathy Brock

In the wake of the disastrous collapse of the Champlain Towers condominium in Surfside, Insurers are hiking up prices for older Condominiums to offset what they perceive as increased risk.

In an article published by the Miami Herald on April 25th, 2022, Bill Sklar, an adjunct professor at the University of Miami School of Law and Chair of the Florida Bar's Surfside Taskforce said, "Where the Legislature failed to provide guidance and requirements, the insurance industry and mortgage lenders have picked up the slack and ran with it."

Several insurers have pulled out of Florida altogether and others are "cherry picking" which buildings they are willing to insure.

One broker described the market for insurance as "terrible" stating that a standard liability policy that cost the association \$5000 a year before the Surfside disaster was now quoted at \$53,000.

Currently there are over 1.5 million condo units in Florida, and 922,000 of them are over 30 years old. What's more, over 60% of those properties are within counties that have no maintenance or inspection standards whatsoever.

Condominium boards are not professionally governed and are run by voluntary boards. Many lenders and insurers weigh this as too risky, so they are exiting the market altogether.

At a minimum, insurers are starting to demand inspection records, and financial records, and in some instances, board minutes, from condo boards to determine how much risk is in any given building.



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April 16, 2022 Puzzle Solution

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Being sick gives one a different view of life

By Pastor Bob Wallace



There's a person I know who always says when I ask, "How are you?" and just smiles and replies "Don't ask! You don't want to know!"

I've never understood that.

I enjoy good health. Rarely, if ever, do I have a cold or anything wrong—until recently.

I came down with the worst case of laryngitis I've ever experienced. For me, not being able to speak is like not having a chocolate dessert after a meal. It's downright cruel! Nevertheless, I succumbed to my malady with an understanding and acceptance that nothing, but complete bed rest and plenty of liquids, would eventually help me regain my voice.



Oh, yes, and not talking!

At first, there's a novelty in not talking. If you want anything at all, you must whisper. That always gets attention.

Then suddenly, you begin asking yourself what it would be like if you could never speak again. There are plenty of people who have lost their ability to talk through the loss of their voice box due to cancer or a stroke.

It's maddening not being able to communicate when your mind is telling you what to say. You want to speak, but you can't! You're incapable of communicating with another person. So, you start waving your hands in the air above your head hoping they'll understand what you're trying to say.

Then, there's the frustration of what to do with time during the long waking hours of each day. I've often wondered why some people don't watch more television. Many have their TVs turned off when I visit them. Now I know why. Even with the abundance of television channels available on cable TV, it's really a vast wasteland of cartoons, reruns, noisy commercials and violence. So much for TV!

I soon found I was turning my television off to try and find something else to keep my mind occupied.

The telephone wasn't much use since I couldn't speak.

The radio didn't help either. Rap music isn't for me!

Talk shows are rather shallow in content. So, no help there!

Reading was a brief diversion.

I soon discovered newspapers and magazines all seemed to be reporting the same things. And when I got hold of a really good book I had been wanting to read, that didn't ease my despair.

Then I began to realize what it must be like not having anyone to talk to. No one having input into my own little silent world.

It was like being trapped in a long spell of loneliness.

It wasn't fun.

When I got my voice back, it was a teaching experience for me.

I know I'll be in a better position to understand how a person feels who's at home, alone, with nothing to do.

Or the person in the hospital who's had a stroke, bedridden, and lying in a darkened room.

I think I'll better understand just how a person feels who's living alone in a retirement facility and has just lost a spouse after being married for 50 or 60 years.

I think I'll better understand the next time someone sadly smiles and says to me, "Don't ask. You don't want to know!"

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

**Looking for Something to Do on Mother's Day?
Visit Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery**



Have you been to Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery lately? If you are looking for something to do this Mother's day, or any day, why not take a trip south on the Trail to check it out?

The Big Cypress Gallery is about 25 miles south of the intersection at SR29 and US41.

The drive there is spectacular and once you arrive at the gallery there is so much more you can see...and do.

In addition to a gallery filled with stunning award-winning photography, you can book private swamp walks, and safari photography tours as well.



There are also adorable bungalows available for anyone looking for an overnight stay right in the heart of the amazing Big Cypress Preserve.

About Clyde: Clyde Butcher and Niki married in 1963. He saw an Ansel Adams exhibit at Yosemite National Park and soon after began taking black and white photographs of landscapes. He was exhibiting them at art shows and festivals and eventually selling them at stores like Montgomery Wards, JC Penny's, and Sears. Today, Clyde is considered one of the most influential photographers of his time.

In short, Clyde Butcher is a National Treasure, and he is right in our own backyard!

The Big Cypress Gallery is open daily 10 am to 5 pm and is located at: 52388 Tamiami Trail Ochopee, FL. For more information, you can call the gallery at 239-695-2428.



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

—————> **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 Train, The Trail, and the Origins of Florida Tourism
May 19, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear, a former curator of the railroad museum on Pigeon Key, will discuss the roles of Henry Flagler’s railway and Barron Collier’s Tamiami Trail in opening Florida to tourism and establishing it as the state’s primary industry.

This is an in-person lecture. If you cannot join us in the Museum of the Everglades Lecture Hall, you may click the following link to sign up for the webinar: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88634217757>

—————> **Event**
Closing Reception & Award Ceremony for
Rooted in Agriculture
May 20, 2022, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

The museum challenged students of all grades at Everglades City School to collect food-related stories and favorite family recipes and submit them in whatever medium they chose: writing, drawings, photos, videos, etc.

Their submissions were added to our current exhibit under the banner of Food for Thought. Friends of Museum of the Everglades will host this informal gathering to celebrate their contributions and to award prizes to the students who participated. Light refreshments will be served.

—————> **Event**
Swamp Life-Gladesmen Past, Present & Future
June 16, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

This talk will explore the meaning behind the term “Gladesman” and the culture it defines – from the earliest frontier settlers in the Everglades region to modern-day swamp-dwellers who live, work, and play in one of the most challenging environment in the world.

Can't be here in person? Sign up to watch via zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81789940208>.

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.

Happy Birthday to the Museum of the Everglades!

The Museum of the Everglades celebrated its 24th “Birthday on Saturday April 23rd. The “official” opening date of the Museum was on April 26th, which is also the anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail (see p.5).

To commemorate the big day, the museum provided hotdogs, chili, beverages and great music to those in attendance...oh yes, and birthday cake, of course.

Museum manager Thomas Lockyear and members of the Friends of the Museum of Everglades greeted guests, and the weather was perfect. It was a special day for sure.

The day’s events were captured by Rapper photojournalist, Helen Bryan.



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The Island Life Recipes

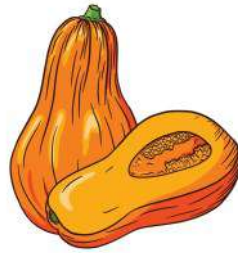
Butternut Squash Bake by Kathy Brock

Ingredients:

- 2 medium butternut squash, cooked (I prefer to bake but you can boil)
- 1/2 cup white sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 1 cup flour
- 1 tsp. vanilla

Topping:

- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/2 cup chopped nuts (optional)
- 1 stick of butter, softened
- Sprinkle of cinnamon and nutmeg (1/8 tsp each)



Directions: Remove rind from the cooked squash and mash using a mixer or food processor. Add in all ingredients and mix until fully blended. Pour into a greased 13 x 9 x 2 baking pan. Topping: Blend all dry ingredients well, add in softened butter so that the mixture becomes crumbly (not wet). If you need a bit more moisture, add a sprinkle of milk. Put crumble on the top of the squash mixture and bake in a 350° oven for 1 hour. The top should be crisp and the squash set. Add a few minutes to the baking if needed, but do not overcook. Serve warm.



My Little Slice of Paradise By Kathy Brock

The news just keeps getting worse for the beloved Manatee.

Over the last two years the gentle mammals have perished at record rates. Brevard County is the epicenter of this die-off, something in the making for over a decade.

The Indian River Lagoon is a gathering spot for manatee on the east coast of Florida at this time of year. The lagoon once rich with seagrass, is now barren.

Researchers attribute the seagrass die-off to unusually cold weather a decade ago exacerbated by sewage spills, fertilizer runoff and poor stormwater management in the lagoon. The nitrogen and phosphorous from these contaminants fuel excess algae growth which blocks sunlight from seagrass which is necessary for it propagate, grow, and thrive.

What this equals is death to the manatee as they rely on seagrass for survival. Last winter, the FWC resorted to testing a pilot program of supplemental feeding of the manatee by the FPL cold water discharge in the St. Johns River.

The manatee were fed romaine lettuce, their diet when in captivity. Whether this program can help keep them alive is yet to be determined.

So far this year over 500 of the animals have died. Still a record number only 4 months into the year (a "typical" year would be 350 deaths), it is seen as an "improvement" as last year at this time over 600 of the animals had perished.

The cause of this catastrophe is 100% human made. We did this. We love our green grass, golf, and pretty flowers. Septic tanks are a big no-no when close to the coast, yet they are still very much in use in the keys, and many coastal communities throughout Florida including some of our islands here.

Earlier this month, research was published that makes a direct link to high nitrogen runoff and red tide. Yes, red tide is a natural occurrence, but it too is exacerbated by human made pollutants.

Will we ever learn? Can we ever get to a place where we take a proactive approach to head off a problem before it becomes a catastrophe or are we condemned to chase problems applying only band-aids as the drama unfolds?

Doing the right thing is often hard. It requires work and sacrifice. It would mean we may have to look at what we are doing and change it if our actions are resulting in a series of falling dominoes.

The current manatee tragedy on the east side is a warning flag for us on this coast too. We know that the water flowing out the Caloosahatchee River is "less than pure" and linked to our own blue-green algae outbreaks in recent years.

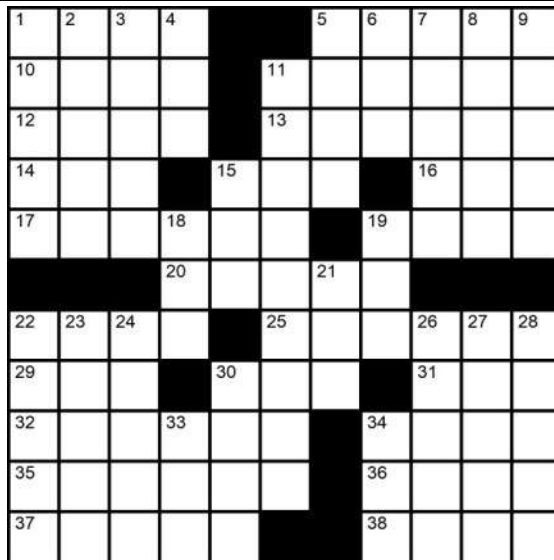
Our seagrass beds here are declining too. They are a fundamental part of this ecosystem. When any single part of that ecosystem is eliminated, tragedy will follow.

Whatever the solution, you know it will be difficult. Are we up for it? I hope so.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Old Glory
- 5 Hose woes
- 10 Tiny bit
- 11 The Boilermakers' home
- 12 "--- company, . . ."
- 13 Come back for another song
- 14 Not well
- 15 Noah's craft
- 16 Unopened flower
- 17 Material for 5 across?
- 19 Falconer's strap
- 20 Aromatic seed used to make licorice
- 22 Bill
- 25 Her day is May 8
- 29 Worthless piece of cloth



Down

- 31 Loneliest number
- 32 Take too far
- 34 Remedy
- 35 Nairobi native
- 36 Dating from
- 37 Little rocket maker
- 38 Eye part
- 1 Blend with
- 2 Least desirable
- 3 Coral island
- 4 Fuel
- 5 Like the Titanic
- 6 Atomic energy overseer
- 7 PDF pioneer
- 8 Teachers, in India
- 9 Plants of the future
- 11 Round edible fruit
- 15 --- Arbor, MI
- 18 Whiskey cask material
- 19 SST
- 21 Island sign?
- 22 Out of dough
- 23 Roof overhangs
- 24 Representative
- 26 Dwelling
- 27 Notorious fraudulent company
- 28 Coral formations
- 30 Smartphone ancestors
- 33 Cereal grass
- 34 The Orioles' Mr. Ripken

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EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

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
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Havana Café (239-695-2214): Reopening Soon!
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.
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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San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES

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
4/30/2022	Sat	10:42 PM	-0.13	L
5/1/2022	Sun	4:00 AM	2.42	H
5/1/2022	Sun	10:42 AM	0.63	L
5/1/2022	Sun	3:13 PM	2.91	H
5/1/2022	Sun	11:21 PM	-0.17	L
5/2/2022	Mon	4:40 AM	2.31	H
5/2/2022	Mon	11:14 AM	0.72	L
5/2/2022	Mon	3:36 PM	2.88	H
5/3/2022	Tue	12:00 AM	-0.17	L
5/3/2022	Tue	5:25 AM	2.19	H
5/3/2022	Tue	11:43 AM	0.8	L
5/3/2022	Tue	3:59 PM	2.81	H
5/4/2022	Wed	12:41 AM	-0.14	L
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5/4/2022	Wed	12:05 PM	0.88	L
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5/5/2022	Thu	1:24 AM	-0.07	L
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5/5/2022	Thu	12:16 PM	0.94	L
5/5/2022	Thu	4:56 PM	2.6	H
5/6/2022	Fri	2:13 AM	0.01	L
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5/6/2022	Fri	5:36 PM	2.47	H
5/7/2022	Sat	3:10 AM	0.1	L
5/7/2022	Sat	9:23 AM	1.98	H
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5/8/2022	Sun	10:22 AM	2.06	H
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5/8/2022	Sun	8:55 PM	2.23	H
5/9/2022	Mon	5:14 AM	0.22	L
5/9/2022	Mon	11:11 AM	2.18	H
5/9/2022	Mon	5:49 PM	0.95	L
5/9/2022	Mon	10:20 PM	2.25	H
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5/10/2022	Tue	11:29 PM	2.32	H
5/11/2022	Wed	6:54 AM	0.3	L
5/11/2022	Wed	12:26 PM	2.47	H
5/11/2022	Wed	7:28 PM	0.56	L
5/12/2022	Thu	12:32 AM	2.42	H
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5/12/2022	Thu	8:11 PM	0.32	L
5/13/2022	Fri	1:26 AM	2.53	H
5/13/2022	Fri	8:21 AM	0.42	L
5/13/2022	Fri	1:23 PM	2.79	H
5/13/2022	Fri	8:53 PM	0.06	L
5/14/2022	Sat	2:15 AM	2.61	H
5/14/2022	Sat	9:01 AM	0.5	L
5/14/2022	Sat	1:48 PM	2.95	H
5/14/2022	Sat	9:36 PM	-0.17	L

Greater amberjack reopens to recreational harvest in Gulf waters May 1-31

The recreational harvest of greater amberjack will open in Gulf state and federal waters May 1-31. Following a closure in June and July, recreational harvest of Gulf greater amberjack is scheduled to reopen again Aug. 1-Oct. 31.

If you plan to fish for greater amberjack or certain other reef fish species in Gulf or Atlantic state or federal waters from a private recreational vessel (includes anglers over 65 years of age), you must sign up as a State Reef Fish Angler prior to your fishing trip.

This is a no-cost designation that must be renewed annually. Sign up today at GoOutdoorsFlorida.com and visit MyFWC.com/SRFS to learn more.

To learn more about greater amberjack regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Marine and click on "Recreational Regulations."

Fishing Tips: Anglers typically use 50 to 100 pound tackle. Amberjack are not shy or picky, so you can make all the noise you want, and almost any lively baitfish will be readily accepted. Commonly used baitfish species include blue runners, pinfish, pigfish, grunts, cigar minnows and sand perch. Because amberjacks like to swim around above the reef, it's a good idea to use just enough lead to keep the bait in the middle of the water column. Amberjack are extremely strong fighters with great endurance. To avoid lost or broken tackle, it's important to have the drag pre-set to match the strength of the angler and the equipment.

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