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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table



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Florida Sales Tax Holidays Announced

To help Floridians fight the cost of inflation, the State has announced several sales tax holidays for shoppers:

♦ **May 14 - August 14:** No sales tax on children's books

♦ **May 28 - June 10, No sales tax on hurricane supplies:** Projected to save shoppers \$25.6 million. They will be able to avoid paying sales taxes on an array of items, from packages of batteries and radios under \$50 to generators up to \$1,000. The hurricane-season holiday for the first time will include pet supplies

♦ **July 1 - July 7:** Shoppers will be able to avoid paying sales taxes on such things as tickets for concerts, movies, ballgames and museum visits, as well as on certain gear for outdoor activities. For example, they will not pay sales taxes on the first \$500 of the price of canoes or kayaks.

♦ **July 25 - August 7:** Back to school tax days: Shoppers will be able to avoid paying sales taxes on clothes and shoes that cost \$100 or less, school supplies that cost \$50 or less and personal computers with price tags of \$1,500 or less. Economists estimate the holiday's impact to total \$100.1 million.

September 3 - September 9: During the period, people will be able to avoid paying sales taxes on certain tools and other work equipment

For a complete list of items visit the Department of Revenue website:

<https://floridarevenue.com/pages/salestaxholidays.aspx>

FWC Approves Proposed Redfish Rule Changes for State Waters

At its May meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved proposed management regions and regulation changes for redfish in state waters.

The proposed rule changes would:

- ♦ Modify the redfish management regions. (See map below)
- ♦ Prohibit captain and crew from retaining a bag limit when on a for-hire trip.
- ♦ Reduce the off-the-water transport limit from six to four fish per person.
- ♦ Increase the bag limit for the Big Bend region from one to two fish per person

Reduce the eight-fish vessel limit in each of the proposed management regions:

- ♦ Panhandle, Big Bend, Northeast: four fish.
- ♦ Tampa Bay, Sarasota Bay, Charlotte Harbor, Southwest, Southeast: two fish.
- ♦ Allow only catch-and-release fishing for redfish in the Indian River Lagoon region.

"With this new management approach, this agency is committed to continuing to work with our partners and stakeholders in finding solutions for redfish" said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto.

Staff plans to continue to gather input on the proposed rules and will return to the Commission for a Final Rule Hearing later this year.

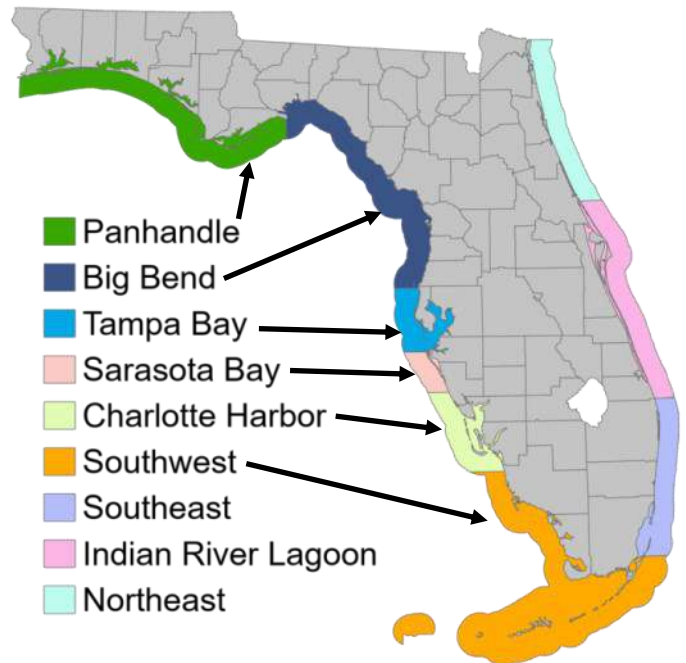
The modification of redfish management regions and regulations, as part of the new management approach, will better capture regional differences and improve angler satisfaction.

For more information, including the May 2022 Commission meeting presentation, visit MyFWC.com/Commission and click on "Commission Meetings."

For current recreational redfish regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Marine and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Redfish." This page will be updated with the new regulations when they take effect.

The next meeting will be held on July 13-14 in Jacksonville. If you would like to send comments to the FWC Commissioners, below is the address:

FWC Commissioners
620 South Meridian Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32399



Oh boy! More Rule Changes...
Cobia size limit change, see page 11 for details.

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~ EVENT CALENDAR - May 15, 2022 - June 18 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 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, see p. 9	20 Museum Reception 6-8pm, See p. 9	21 Thrift, 10a-2p
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June 19: Father's Day

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: No meetings until fall. Have a great 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. 10 am to 2 pm, info on p. 3
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10 am-1 pm
 VISITOR CENTER: Open 10 am—2 pm daily. (239)-232-4037
 FLORIDA STONE CRABBERS ASSOCIATION (FLSCA): Email:
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**Saturday, May 29, 2022
6:30 pm, 1st Baptist Church
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Come and join us for praise, music and worship! Afterwards, a light supper will be served. 1st Baptist Church of Everglades, 416 E. School Dr., Everglades City, (239) 695-3871.

**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 for your support!

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
& INFORMATION**

THE FOOD BANK NEW HOURS!

Wed. 9:30 am to 12:00 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

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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.

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:

- 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.

Thank you!



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Local News

**Mike McComas Appointed as
Everglades City Council Member**

Mayor Howie Grimm has appointed Mike McComas as a City Council Member to replace Tim Smith who resigned. McComas' term will run through January 2026.

**Sea Turtle Nesting Season is May through
October. Lights Off by the Beach!**

There are five species of sea turtles in Florida Waters; the Hawksbill Turtle, Kemp's Ridley, Loggerhead Turtle, Leatherback Turtle, and the Green Turtle.

Sizes range from 75-100 lbs for the Kemp's Ridley turtle, to over 1300 lbs. and 8 foot long for the giant Leatherback turtles.

Nest sizes vary, but the average nest size for the Leatherbacks is 100 eggs. It is estimated that only 1 in 1,000 will live to maturity so mortality is very high for baby turtles that face many threats.

After the female lays her eggs, it will take about 2 months for them to hatch. They hatch during all moon phases and are attracted by the brighter sky over the water horizon. If they see unnatural lights on the beach, they will go in the wrong direction which is why we are asked to shut off the lights during nesting and hatching season. Although, key nesting times run from May to October, nests start to appear in Florida as early as late February, so hatching season is here.

It can take the hatchlings several days to dig out of their nest where they will all leave at once. Their first trek to the shore imprints that location on the baby turtles and it is where those females will return to lay eggs as adults.

Key threats for hatchlings and eggs include crabs, ants, raccoons, and birds. Once a sea turtle reaches adulthood, they have few predators with large sharks and man as their key threats. Entanglement in fishing nets is also a big problem for turtles.

Turtles are known to live long lives. A resident turtle at the Cape Cod Aquarium is said to be 90, and it is estimated that some can live as long as 150 years!

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation
Summer is Coming! Here's what to do if you see or catch an endangered sawfish.



The population of smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) in the United States experienced a dramatic decline during the 20th century due to overfishing and habitat loss. Given the decline, NOAA Fisheries listed the U.S. population of smalltooth sawfish as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 2003. One of the best ways to track the effectiveness of ongoing management and conservation efforts is to collect



information about the sawfish encounters of fishers, divers, and others. Details of public sightings and captures of sawfish can substantially increase the data we have about the species, allowing us to make management and policy decisions that are reflective of the realities in the water. With summer rapidly

For anglers to safely and legally release any sawfish accidentally caught while fishing:

- Release sawfish immediately
- Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water at all times
- Never lift a sawfish from the water or drag it ashore
- Do not use gaffs or ropes to secure any captured sawfish
- Cut the line as close to the hook as safely possible
- Share the details of your sawfish catch with scientists



Anglers should note that advertising fishing trips or charters aimed at catching endangered smalltooth sawfish can be considered "targeting," which is a violation of the ESA. Therefore, I strongly urge that the following conservation messaging be included in all

social media posts regarding sawfish catches: ***Sawfish are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Help protect this critically endangered species by following the handling and release guidelines available at www.SawfishRecovery.org.***

For divers to safely and legally enjoy encounters with sawfish:

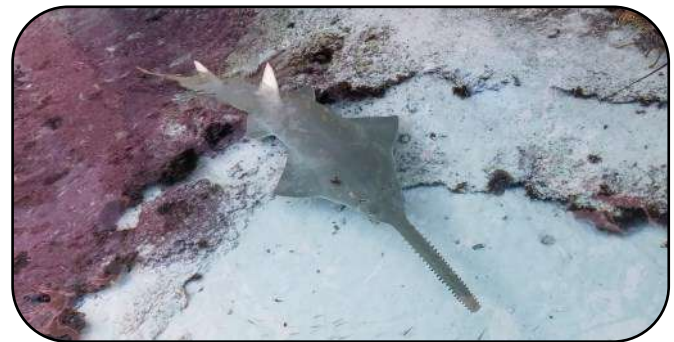
- Keep your distance
- Avoid disturbing sawfish
- Never chase, feed, or touch them
- Share information about your sawfish encounters with scientists



Divers should note that advertising expeditions aimed at encountering endangered smalltooth sawfish can be considered "targeting," which is a violation of the ESA. Therefore, I strongly urge that the following conservation messaging be included in all social media posts regarding sawfish observations: ***Sawfish are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Help protect this critically endangered species by following the viewing guidelines available at www.SawfishRecovery.org.***

You can promote sawfish recovery by following these interaction guidelines and educating others about them. Please share the information about your sawfish encounters by visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, emailing sawfish@myfwc.com, or entering the details in the FWC Reporter App.

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Photos of Sawfish by Tonya Wiley.



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Adventures of the Saltwater Cowboy – “Nice Gainer”

Jon Edward Edwards

I was wrapping up the laborious process of preparing for a journey such as the one I was about to embark on when my 17' Beavertail Skiff fell off the boat lift. I know it did because I was standing in it when it happened.

Once or twice per year, it has become a tradition for me to head out into the 10,000 Islands for a couple of days by myself. Initially, being alone wasn't my intention, but none of my fishing compadres were interested. A short list to begin with, as there are but a few souls I would consider partaking in such an outing. I didn't need anyone to hold my hand, so alone I went. Since then, it has become somewhat of a tradition, my annual walkabout, my “solo,” spiritual recharging, and homage to Gods of the Everglades.

It appeared as if I would miss it this year, as I usually go mid-winter. However, Easter weekend presented perfect conditions and an opportunity. The wind finally laid down, and the evening temperature was still a little cooler than the average household, the calm before the insect storm. Anyone who has been stranded somewhere inundated with no-see-ums understands the significance of this. If hell is worse, I should consider repenting for a lifetime of excesses and debauchery.

The lift, although adequate capacity, is better suited for personal watercraft than it is a flats boat. Although with a few modifications, it works just fine and has for the combined five years I've kept a vessel the size of mine in it. However, the wooden bunks are positioned so that a boat with a beam width such as mine leans slightly to the left, sometimes more than others, making it seem unstable. Thus, I formulated a habit of walking around gingerly and making soft movements. I've never even come close to tipping over.

Common practice is to remove the plugs after loading a boat, whether onto a trailer or lift, allowing water that the bilge may have missed to drain. The plugs stay out until the next trip so that the hull doesn't accumulate moisture, especially from the freshwater washdowns saltwater boats go through. However, unbeknownst to me, in my infinite wisdom, I had forgotten to take the plugs out following my last outing. Therefore, water from two full wash downs, plus one or two rain events, was sitting in the hull, concentrated on the leaning left side.

Cognizant of the hazard, yet ignorant of the extra water weight, I made a point not to step too far on that side as I directed the stream of water towards the port bow, pushing the last of the suds over the edge. A catastrophe was the furthest thing from my mind as I watched the bubbles fall and listened to the tinkle of the water below, oblivious of the grave danger upon me and that my reaction in the following fraction of a second would ultimately determine my fate.



The port side rolled on its x-axis 90 degrees and fell off of the lift, like a trap door opening beneath me, dumping me into the water. “This isn't going to be good for anybody,” I thought as the brisk water took my breath.

There wasn't time to think. My brain registered that the volume of space required for the mass that had to occupy it was less than the sum of the two masses - my boat and myself. The point where the dock and seawall met formed a triangle, with the “A” leg being the only way out towards the canal and deeper water - which was the direction I was headed when the boat rolled over onto my shoulders, a heavy “thud” pushing me into the sandy bottom.

The craft's weight in the water reduced the impact to a violent push as opposed to blunt force trauma. The buoyancy prevented the hull from pinning me to the surface, allowing me to swim from under it. I dog-paddled around in shock, looking to see if there had been a witness. Nobody was around; nobody saw the event; everything was quiet. I swam to the seawall and managed to climb up at mid-tide, not an easy feat. The cuts on my hands, arms, feet, and legs from the barnacles are proof.

Some say that I have bad luck. Saying that I don't concur at times would be slightly untrue. Although, when broken down to the total number of risky activities divided by the number of “bad luck” events, the ratio is appropriate – theoretically speaking, as the divisor is a considerable number. As a humble critic, I will admit that if near misses were a category, I couldn't say the same.

I've partaken in more dangerous endeavors than the average person since the 80s growing up as a skater. Not a skateboarder, but a skater – there's a difference. One doesn't progress at the sport without being able to compartmentalize fear. No guts, no glory became a mantra.

Being a skater was more than riding a board with wheels. It was an attitude. Anti-establishment with a seething opposition to authority; we were athletes not governed by groups, teams, leagues, or coaches, yet athletes, nonetheless. Before the modern age of skateparks, skateboarding was a crime. If there was an obstacle worthy of skating, we skated it. No trespassing signs we were blind to; security guards we ran from; and in police stations and college security offices we sat.

Like it or not, taking risks is part of my DNA.

*“I don't want to not live because of my fear of what could happen.”
~Laird Hamilton*

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It's Open Everyday from 10 am to 2 pm!



In addition to providing a wealth of information about local businesses and amenities for visitors, the Everglades Area Visitor Center also has an inventory of unique art, gifts, jewelry, paintings, prints, and more from local artists.

The center is operated by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) and currently staffed by volunteers. The sale items help ESHP with the expenses of running the center, and gives local artists a great place to show their work.



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What to do when you're doing some remembering

By Pastor Bob Wallace



When I was a teen-ager, I liked taking our family's soft-top green 1936 four-door Plymouth sedan into downtown Tulsa and park it on the corner of Fourth and Main streets in front of Brown-Duncan's department store. That was the place to be.

On cool summer evenings everybody just strolled up and down the sidewalks of Main Street enjoying the soothing evening air. There wasn't much central air-conditioning in Tulsa, then. Mostly just window units. Air-conditioning for automobiles was non-existent. So, the windows of that Old Plymouth were always rolled down letting the breezes flow through while I sat and watched people. Not many households had televisions at that time either. So, there wasn't much else to do in Tulsa on a hot summer night but to just sit watching other people and think!



It was a lot of fun. You got to watch a lot of people walking past that old car. I just watched and wondered about them. And thought.

I've done the same thing in a lot of airports all over the world. I've killed an awful lot of time between flights just watching people. I've always wondered who they were. Where they were going. And if I spoke to them, what kind

of stories they would tell me about themselves.

I've, also, noticed a lot of people sitting in malls who also just watch people. Sometimes when I enter Coastland Center Mall, I notice a person. And when I leave an hour later, that same person is still sitting in the same place, just looking. The same thing holds true for people at retirement homes. And healthcare facilities. They sit and watch people. What are they thinking about? What is going through their minds? What's running through their memories?

~ **MEMORY IS THE ABILITY TO RECALL.**

Something which has been learned, or experienced in the past, is recalled from our memory. Your brain's billions of nerve cells make up your organ of memory. Just how your brain is able to store away your life's experiences and later recall all of it, or selective parts, is not fully understood. However it's done, you're able to remember certain things, or events, from your past through external stimuli, such as looking at other people – some who remind you of someone you've known. And that's probably what they're doing. Searching through their memories.

~ **MEMORY IS BEST IN EARLY LIFE.**

It's easier to learn when you're young. The retention of what you learn is better in youth. School age children can learn more data and retain material and facts much better than older persons. I don't need to tell you that. But what I want to tell you is this. It's easy at any age to learn and recall things which are meaningful. Or which have pleasant associations. Good things bring about good memories. Unpleasant, or bad experiences, cause bad memories. And people who can think back into their childhood are able to better remember.

~ **MEMORIES ARE OFTEN CONFUSED.**

Thinking back on certain experiences in life, especially if one has lived many years, often causes confusion. Many people need clarification on dates, places and particulars to recall certain phases of life. That's natural. It's nothing to be ashamed of or worry about. Many times, we weave our thoughts, ideas, emotions and dreams into our memories. Recall becomes the process of sorting them all out and separating fact from fiction. Time can cause some memories to fade. Still other memories are just as fresh as when they happened. We say, it's just like yesterday. And people often sort through their memories while watching others.

~ **MEMORIES CAN CHANGE.**

Often people remark when they hear something re-told that it's not the way they remembered it. This is usually the starting point for an ensuing argument. Everyone has the innate ability of seeing a particular event, or happening, differently from another person. Husbands and wives often have heated discussions over their remembrances. It doesn't have to be that way when you realize everyone doesn't have to see it your way. There is always room for another opinion, or version, of a certain remembrance. Many people add to their memories through wishes, dreams or emotions and really believe things happened the way they recall them. Or a person may add part of one memory to another and have something entirely different and new in their memory.

This should not be criticized or condemned. It just means another person's recall is different from yours. Don't scold or fuss at another person if their memory is different from yours. More fights have started from this than there probably stars in the heavens. It embarrasses people to be corrected. Children most often do this with older parents. Perhaps people you see sitting, staring off into space, or just watching people walk by, are searching their memories for faces and names of people in their past. The way a person walks, smiles, swings their arms or sways may be reminiscent of a person once known or loved many years ago.

Remembering can be a very intimate time. Memories are wonderful mechanisms. They may slow down. Or become a little confused. But given time, they usually sort things out. Learn to trust your memory. It still works! You probably need only a little more time to sort things out for yourself. Remember, with some it may be important to verbalize a memory more than once. A fella' I know, when reminded he had already verbalized a memory of his said, "Well, I just needed to tell it again!"

The Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace was called to be Pastor of Everglades Community Church on March 19, 2006

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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>.

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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.

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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 Penney’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,
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The Island Life Recipes

Amish Broccoli & Cauliflower Salad by Joyce Scott

Ingredients:

- 1 head broccoli, chopped
- 1 head cauliflower, chopped
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 lb. bacon fried & crumbled
- 1 cup cheddar cheese, shredded



Directions:

Cut broccoli and cauliflower into small pieces. Combine broccoli and cauliflower and mix well.

Cook 1/2 pound of bacon until crisp. Cool, and then crumble and set aside.

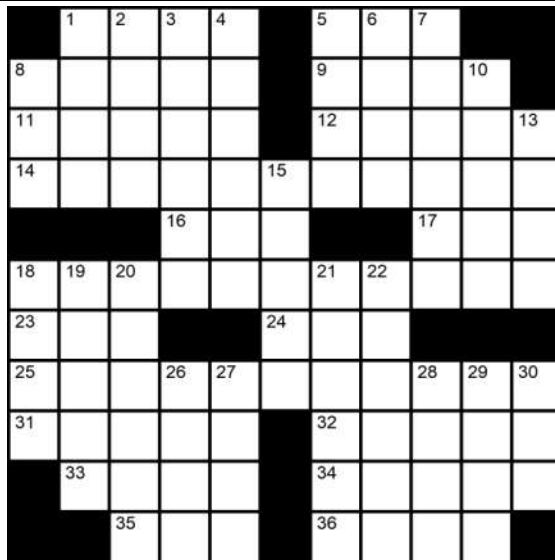
In a separate bowl, combine mayonnaise, sour cream, sugar, salt, and shredded cheese. Mix well together.

Combine all ingredients, toss to mix and sprinkle the bacon on top. YUMMY!

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Across

- 1 Hit a fly
- 5 Globe
- 8 Hotdog go with
- 9 Yeats or Keats
- 11 Sweet, to Pavarotti
- 12 Early anesthetic
- 14 Decorator's suggestion
- 16 Old soldier
- 17 "Me" day locale
- 18 It shows the MPH
- 23 Bewitch
- 24 Succeeded
- 25 So, no third-rate mix-up
- 31 Low point
- 32 Italian design house
- 33 With a rift, it won't sound so good
- 34 Bryan, Mullet Rapper photojournalist
- 35 Wood cutter
- 36 Observed



Down

- 1 "Beat it!"
- 2 Executor's concern
- 3 Summerhouse
- 4 Layered, like a wedding cake
- 5 Oil producers' cartel
- 6 --- I R A
- 7 Command
- 8 Government health agency
- 10 Arizona city
- 13 Raise
- 15 Author Harriet Beecher ---
- 18 Often nicked bone
- 19 Disciplinary panel beaten up
- 20 General escape
- 21 Changes shape
- 22 Diner's pick
- 26 "The Love Goddess" --- Hayworth
- 27 Pulled a gun
- 28 Robust
- 29 Yemeni port
- 30 Convert into leather

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My Little Slice of Paradise By Kathy Brock

With another Mother's Day in the books, I found myself thinking about my mother, Catherine.

Catherine passed away May 15, 1994, one week after her last Mother's Day, at the age of 70.

After watching her suffer for several years with cancer, at that time it was hard to "celebrate" almost anything.

My mom and I had our ups and downs like many mothers and daughters do. It was especially hard during my pre-teen years when my parents separated, and I moved out to live with my father.

Unlike the tense relationship I had with my mother, my father and I were always very close which seemed to make the relationship with my mother even more difficult.

Eventually, time and maturity changed things for the better. My parents found their way back together and Tim and I started our life together.

Soon, we would be enjoying holidays, birthdays, and many weekends with my folks playing cards. Our favorite game was Hearts. We played as teams, and we were competitive. So much so, that we'd find ourselves arguing if we blew a bid or muffed a play! Those were the days!

For about ten years we spent a good deal of our free time hanging out with my parents. During this time period I began to understand my mother more and figure out how I could make things better with her. This is an idea I did not consider when I was just a few years younger and less mature.

Funny how parents seem to get wiser the older you get.

Well, as fate would have it, much of my revelatory thinking came a bit too late. By the time I was less self-absorbed and more willing to understand my mother, she was already terminally ill, but there was still time.

My aha moment was figuring out that I had the power to change the dynamic in our relationship by eliminating one of the two it takes to have a confrontation (me). From that point forward, things improved and continued to improve until there was no time left.

This is not a sad story; it is a happy one because our relationship was solid at the time of her passing. As I look back, I just wish I was able to muster up the maturity a little earlier, but I am grateful I did it when I did, which vastly improved the time we had left together.

So, the moral to this story is that no matter who or why if you have the desire there is a very good chance you can make things better. It may not be perfect, and you may have to do the heavy lifting, but it's possible if you try.

I miss my mom. I even miss the mom I couldn't get along with...but I am glad we had those 14 years. Those were very good days. I wish I understood earlier Mom, but I eventually figured it out.

RIP Mom. 1/21/23-5/15/94

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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
5/15/2022	Sun	3:03 AM	2.62	H
5/15/2022	Sun	9:40 AM	0.59	L
5/15/2022	Sun	2:12 PM	3.1	H
5/15/2022	Sun	10:21 PM	-0.36	L
5/16/2022	Mon	3:55 AM	2.55	H
5/16/2022	Mon	10:19 AM	0.69	L
5/16/2022	Mon	2:40 PM	3.23	H
5/16/2022	Mon	11:09 PM	-0.48	L
5/17/2022	Tue	4:54 AM	2.43	H
5/17/2022	Tue	10:59 AM	0.78	L
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5/18/2022	Wed	12:00 AM	-0.52	L
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5/18/2022	Wed	11:42 AM	0.86	L
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5/27/2022	Fri	1:21 PM	2.83	H
5/27/2022	Fri	9:04 PM	0	L
5/28/2022	Sat	2:42 AM	2.3	H
5/28/2022	Sat	9:03 AM	0.71	L
5/28/2022	Sat	1:50 PM	2.9	H
5/28/2022	Sat	9:44 PM	-0.11	L

FWC Approves Cobia Rule Changes for State Waters



At its May meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved regulation changes for cobia in state waters.

Changes effective July 1, 2022, include:

- ◆ Increasing the minimum size limit from 33 inches to 36 inches fork length for all state waters.
- ◆ Reducing the commercial bag limit from two to one fish per harvester per day for Atlantic state waters.
- ◆ Reducing the recreational and commercial vessel limit from six to two fish per vessel per day for Atlantic state waters.

These changes are consistent with pending regulations in Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic federal waters.

A recent stock assessment determined the cobia stock is undergoing overfishing, and as a result, reductions in current harvest are needed. These changes for commercial and recreational harvesters in state and federal waters are necessary to end overfishing, improve stock abundance and ensure future cobia fishing opportunities.

For more information, including the May 2022 Commission meeting presentation, visit MyFWC.com/Commission and click on "Commission Meetings."

For current recreational cobia regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Marine and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Cobia." This page will be updated with the new regulations when they take effect.



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