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Florida Sales Tax Holidays



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

◆ **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>

CONGRATULATIONS EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL CLASS OF 2022!



The class of 2022 completes another successful school year at Everglades City School. This year's class received \$77,500 in grants and scholarships to help them on their next journey.

2022 Awards and Honors winners are as follows:

Taylor Dahlke, class valedictorian, winner of the Presidents Excellence Award, Winged Foot Athletic Scholarship, Bright Futures Medallion Award, and a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Morgan Herrin, class salutatorian, winner of the Principal's Award, Presidents Achievement Award, and a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Brady Bowen received a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Tyler Bruscini received a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Reyvan Cifuentes received a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Austin Fussell received the Presidents Excellence Award, and a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Alycia Kibodeaux-Aranda received a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Ivan Kibodeaux-Aranda received a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Trenton Mayberry received the Gene Doyle Scholarship (the first EVG recipient in 25 years!), PAL Scholarship (in memory of Carol Foss), the Leader in Me Leadership Award, and a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

Kenneth Smallwood received the Patricia A Merritt Memorial Scholarship, Naples Yacht Club Blue Gavel Scholarship, and a FL Stone Crabbers Association Graduation Grant.

We are very proud of our 2022 graduating class, and all students at Everglades City School. Good luck on your next journey. Dream big, work hard, and good things will happen for you all.

Please turn to page 5 to see each student's graduation photo!

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~ EVENT CALENDAR - May 29, 2022 - July 2, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
29 1st Baptist Church event, p.3	30 New Moon Memorial Day	31	June 1 Ladies Coffee Isl Café, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	2	3	4 Thrift, 10a-2p
5	6 ESHP Mtg. 9:00 am	7 Public Hearing City Hall, 7pm	8 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	9	10	Rapper-11 Thrift, 10a-2p
12	13	14 Full Moon	15 Ladies Coffee Isl Café, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	16 Museum Talk, See p. 9	17	18 Thrift, 10a-2p
19 Father's Day!	20	21	22 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	23	24	Rapper-25 Thrift, 10a-2p
26	27	28 New Moon	29 Ladies Coffee Isl Café, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	30	July 1	2 Independence Celebration! Thrift, 10a-2p

July 4: Independence Day

August 10: First Day of School

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
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 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: flordastonecrabbers@gmail.com, www.flordastonecrabbers.org
 MOBILE PET VET: Check Dates and make appointments online: https://hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic/

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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/registerWN_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!



**Saturday, May 29, 2022
6:30 pm, 1st Baptist Church
Praise, Music, and Supper!**

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.

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Taylor Dahlke Chosen as a Finalist for the Winged Foot Scholar-Athlete Award

The Winged Foot Scholar-Athlete Award is designed to recognize the top scholar athletes in Collier County's high schools, public and private. The Winged Foot Scholarship is created in the spirit of the Downtown Athletic Club's Heisman Trophy.

There are 13 finalists for this year's award and our own Taylor Dahlke is one of them!

Each of the 13 nominees will receive a \$5000 scholarship and a plaque. The winner will receive a \$10,000 scholarship and the Winged Foot Trophy!

Congratulations Taylor!



More EVG Awards

Seniors Taylor Dahlke (4.93 GPA) and Morgan Herrin (4.02 GPA) each earned the FACA (Florida Athletic Coaches Association) All Academic Award this year.

Seniors who were selected as the CCPS District All-Star of the month this year are Taylor Dahlke, Morgan Herrin, Alycia Kibodeaux, Kenny Smallwood, and Tyler Bruscini.

Congratulations to our Gator athletes and seniors! Your commitment and competitive spirit make us very proud!

We wish you all continued success as you embark on the next phase of your journey.

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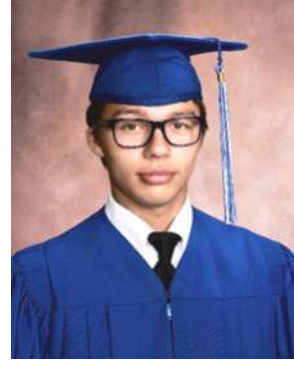
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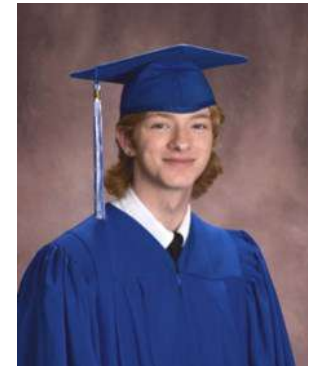
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SHARE THE ROAD

By Patty Huff



On Mother's Day a cyclist, who owns a home in Chokoloskee, suffered serious injuries when a dark-colored pickup truck veered off the road onto his bike lane, about a mile north of Everglades City along CR29. This experienced bicyclist was training for an Ironman competition and was forced off the road when he crashed. Things could have been much worse if he hadn't swerved into the grass and the truck had actually hit him. Fortunately, someone driving out of town found him lying on the side of the road and incoherent. He was taken to the hospital and in his own words he said -

"As far as myself, my clavicle was broken and at a 90-degree angle but fortunately it was in the dead middle, so the surgeon was able to put it back in perfect alignment with the assistance to two metal plates. That combined with a completely fractured scapula, something the

doctors had not seen before, caused me to have a "floating" shoulder as there was nothing structurally holding it up. The CT also revealed ribs 2 - 7 were broken but only a couple "real bad".

Accidents do happen and cyclists are at a disadvantage; however, the driver should have stopped and assisted; that is, if the driver had even seen the cyclist. Texting and driving can be fatal. Maybe this was the case, and the driver was distracted and didn't even realize what had happened. So, what are the written, and unwritten, "rules of the road"?

In Florida the bicycle is legally defined as a vehicle, and bicyclists have the same rights to the roadways and must obey the same traffic laws as the drivers of other vehicles. See <https://floridabicycle.org/bicycle-traffic-law> for more information.

In the past 23 years my husband and I have cycled approximately 75,000 miles on back roads and busy highways all around the United States and in Europe, and I remember only one incident when a driver

purposely tried to run us off the road. We have rear-view mirrors but always hear cars or trucks even before seeing them coming from behind. We were on a county road on our first trip across the U.S. and I saw the truck coming towards me, then heard two boys yell to scare me off the road. Fortunately, I could see what was coming and moved quickly into the grass, prepared for their behavior. I was worried, however, that Steve would not see him since he was quite a distance in front of me. I tried to warn him; he didn't hear me, but he also saw the truck coming.

All of this is a total lack of respect for others on the road. We try to be courteous when cycling, riding as far as possible to the right-hand side of the road or in the shoulder when there is one. In turn, we expect the same respect from drivers of cars/trucks. As often as possible we like to bike early in the morning to Chokoloskee and back around town, a good 10-mile ride; it's beautiful cycling along the causeway and quiet roads where we live. In general, although many vehicles ride faster than the speed limit, they do give us room and adhere to the 3-foot rule or even pull over to the far lane if possible. That's being courteous; doesn't take much to be kind when sharing the road. Only occasionally does a car or truck pass us too closely. We will never know, on Mother's Day, who veered into the bike lane causing the Chokoloskee man to crash, but it is a warning to all of us to take care whether you're the one riding the bicycle or driving the car. Share the Road and prevent accidents.

Editors Note:

The photo in this article is a picture taken of the actual sportswear the rider was wearing the day of his accident. He should have been very visible!

Even though the rider was not hit by the vehicle, contact was only avoided by the rider swerving out of the way to avoid being hit. His quick reaction may have saved his life, but it also caused his serious injuries.

According to the Department of Transportation, distracted driving is responsible for even more accidents than drunk driving. Approximately 7% of all fatal crashes involved a distracted driver.

Approximately 1 out of 5 people killed by distracted drivers were either walking, jogging or riding a bike.

Distracted driving is the cause of 58% of all crashes involving teenaged drivers.

Paying attention to the road, even those in less congested areas, is the one way to avoid such accidents. Be safe. Pay attention!

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**Meet New Everglades City
Councilmember Mike McComas
By Kathy Brock**

In Everglades City when there is a resignation (or other cause) for a person not to be able to serve out their elected term as a council member, the Mayor of the town makes a recommendation, and the remaining City Council members must vote to approve of the appointment.

When Tim Smith resigned, Mayor Howie Grimm recommended Mike McComas as his replacement. By unanimous vote, the council approved.

Mike McComas has been coming to Everglades City to fish since the late 1970s. He immediately fell in love with the area because of its natural beauty and its history. As a history buff, Mike has always been fascinated with the rich history of the area as the original county seat of Collier County and the location of the very first bank in the County.

In the mid-1980s Captain Mike McComas began guiding here.

About 12 years ago, Mike bought a home in Everglades City and he became a permanent resident here.

He has many great fish stories but on this day we discussed his vision of the future for Everglades City and what he hopes to accomplish as a council member.

Mike believes that we must balance growth while staying true to our history. He sees the importance of making sure our land development code (LDC) helps protect the character of the town while guiding the growth that is inevitable to come here.

We congratulate Mike McComas on his appointment and look forward to working with him throughout the rest of his term.



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Driving with fresh air in your face is really invigorating By Pastor Bob Wallace



Years ago, I had a really neat silver painted car! It was a Buick. And it received looks of admiration and appreciation wherever I went. It was the sportiest "flivver" I had ever owned. That baby had two curved gull-wing tinted glass panels in the roof over the driver and passenger. They could be removed and let you drive with the wind blowing your hair and letting the sun shine on your face. I put a CB radio in her and named her Silver Cloud. I would tune into the different channels and loved listening to the truckers talk.

"Hey, big Red. Where are you?"

"I'm at mile marker 179 and rollin' with the hammer down!"

"Better watch it. Smokey's at 183."

"That's okay. I got a fella' in my rocking chair. He'll get it."



That Silver Cloud was really something to drive. She was more of an outdoor experience than transportation. You could hear everything around you! No more being couped up inside an air-conditioned box. No Sirree. Now, you could breathe fresh air!

Then, one sad day, I traded Silver Cloud in for another car. That led to a long line of successors. None of them ever had that open roof I loved. They didn't have that elegant feel of that silver beauty. Driving after Cloud was rather boring. I couldn't hear anything outside the cars that followed. Never got to enjoy the aroma of the great outdoors. Let alone feel the breeze blowing in my face and hair – until the day I traded what was a station wagon in for a car that had a sunroof. Once again, the delightful driving experience came back into my life.

But it wasn't like it was when I was driving the Silver Cloud!

It was noisier!

At almost every stop another car with all the windows down would pull up alongside with its radio going full blast blaring out deafening rap music. It was enough to make the bones in your body vibrate!

And smellier!

Cars, buses and trucks made more exhaust fumes and smoke than I remembered when I was driving Cloud. And all their exhaust pipes seem to be pointed right at me. Sticking directly into my face! Especially school busses. Boy, do they stink!

It was even hotter!

I can't remember the sun beating down on my head when I was in the Cloud, as it did then. I don't think it had to do with hair loss. But it does make you stop and think if there's something true about Earth having a hole in its ozone layer. Or maybe it's global warming.

Still, a car with a sunroof is a great driving experience.

In a way, it makes you feel years younger. It makes you remember what it was like riding in the rumble seat of a 1932 Model-B Ford Coupe on a cold, starry night. That was really something. Especially with your arm around your date trying to convince her how much fun it was riding in the cool evening air.

Yet today, in spite of all the distractions of noise, smell and heat, if you want to really feel young, get into a car with a sunroof and open it. Better yet, a convertible. You'll start grinning and laughing and having fun, just like yesterday in the back seat of that old Model-B Ford. Or one like the Silver Cloud.

That's when you can say, "Boy, don't you just love this car!"

*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:
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Fishing in the 10,000 Islands With Capt. Mike Merritt



May has brought us some really nice conditions. The mornings have started out cool. But the afternoons are showing signs of summer heat! Soon it will be everyday afternoon rains. We will be glad for that afternoon cool down when it happens.

Snook fishing has definitely been different this year. I am catching some big Snook, but not in the usual places yet. Still having to search for them every day. I am normally throwing top water lures and getting a good bite in the AM but so far it has been slow for this. Looking forward to more of it in June. Still catching good Snook in the back country and rivers. And it seems there are still plenty of big fish offshore. It's in the islands that we are struggling to find good numbers of fish. This should change as the month progresses.

Redfish have been the toughest catch. I found fish in a couple areas but not large numbers. I guess we will have to see what the fall brings us this year.

Seatrout are still around in good numbers and good size fish are being caught. Jigs, DOA's. and live baits are catching them on the flats. Our grasses have never recovered but there are fish hanging where other types of grass have grown in place of the turtle grass.

Tarpon are still around and will be around all summer. They may not be in large numbers but enough fish to make it exciting. With the warmer water temps there are of course more Sharks than ever. They can ruin some good fishing. If I have a large Shark come after a big fish or even hit one then I leave that spot. No sense in feeding these great fish to the Sharks. Use a little self control and move on. It's not worth killing these big female Snook when you know the Sharks are there. My clients always understand.

Enjoy the weather, hydrate, and catch the big ones! Good luck fishing! ~Capt. Mike Merritt

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

→ **Exhibit**
May 31—October 1, 2022

Legendary Gladesmen, Museum of the Everglades

A collaborative effort with the Gladesmen Heritage Foundation, the exhibit celebrates the lives and contributions of seminal figures like Cal Stone and Glenn Simmons alongside local access advocates Frank Deninger and Franklin Adams. The legendary Totch Brown and his brother Peg are also featured along with several other proponents of the Gladesman Culture. A collection of artifacts ranging from skiffs to skinning knives rounds out the display, offering a unique window into the world of those who have traditionally lived and worked in the Everglades.

→ **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>.

→ **Event**
See You Later Alligator: Poachers, Promoters, & Protectors of the Everglades' Keystone Species
July 21, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

This presentation explores the alligator as not just the keystone species of the Everglades, but its role in the evolution of the culture, economy, and cuisine of that region and as an iconic symbol of the state of Florida.

This is an in-person lecture. If you cannot join us in the Museum of the Everglades Lecture Hall, you may sign up to watch the discussion via zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W95DqNZPS76nUnEzYGNAZw

→ **Event**
Totch Brown — Teller of Tales in the Ten Thousand Islands
August 1, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

The life and legacy of local legend Loren “Totch” Brown will be discussed in this companion talk to the museum’s current “Legendary Gladesmen” exhibit. Totch’s many faceted career spanning everything from gator poaching to pot hauling will be discussed along with his colorful autobiography and the storytelling video series that made him an Everglades icon.

Sign up to watch on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mWu0ws2DTEqLLjO2yFv0jw

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.

Everglades City School Kids Honored
“Food for Thought” Exhibit at Museum Comes to a Close



Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear held a contest for Everglades City School Students. They were asked to submit family recipes with historical significance in writing, by video, or sound.

The exhibit wrapped up with a closing ceremony on May 20th and Thomas recognized the winners (they are all winners!) at the ceremony.

The Friends of the Museum of Everglades hosted the event and served beverages and snacks for those in attendance.

Congratulations to all of the kids who entered and had their work on display at the Museum of the Everglades.

Above, Thomas Lockyear (standing behind the children) presents the students with their certificates!

Congratulations to all of the students who had their art on display at the Museum of the Everglades. What a great honor!

From left to right, in the photo above: Kevin Calmo Cruz, Zackery McGarey, Melinda Cruz, Kaiya Kidder, Ruth Cifuentes, Turner Shealy, Ace Mitchell, and Aria Mitchell.

Thank you to the Museum of the Everglades for providing this opportunity to our area’s children!

Chokoloskee Family Church
Baccalaureate Program Honors Grads



CFC honored grads with a special ceremony, refreshments, and snacks. Thank you to all who participated in this celebration!

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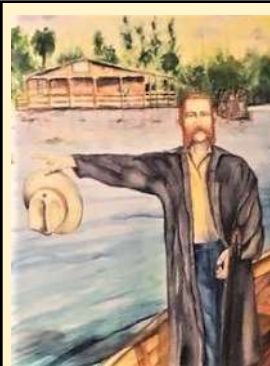


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The Island Life Recipes

Shrimp ala King by Janet Hamm

Ingredients:

- 18 Shrimp, cooked (steam or boil)
- 1/2 Cup mushrooms, chopped
- 1/2 Cup onions, chopped
- 1 tablespoon parsley
- 1/2 teaspoon chives
- 1 can cheddar & broccoli soup
- 1/2 cup mild cheddar, shredded
- Parmesan cheese
- Pasta of your choice, spaghetti or noodles (rice OK, too)



Directions:

In a skillet, sauté mushrooms, onions and parsley in olive oil until soft. Add in the rest of the ingredients and cook over medium heat until well blended. Stir often so the cheese does not burn on the bottom. Add in a bit of parmesan cheese to taste. While you are cooking the shrimp dish, prepare your pasta so it is ready to serve immediately.

Serve hot over prepared pasta. Use parmesan cheese as a garnish. You can also serve this over potatoes, biscuits or toast!



My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

Just after all of our winter residents leave, many of our beautiful flowering trees and plants put on quite a display.

One of the most spectacular sights when it is in full bloom is the night-blooming Cyrus.

On its own, the plant, a climbing cactus, is not particularly beautiful. But, on a handful of evenings in May, the flowers open and it is quite a sight to see.

On one of the tall palm trees at the Huff house, there is a mature plant that has grown almost to the top and wrapped around the entire trunk of the palm. On May 18th we took a ride at about 10 pm to see the blooms...it was spectacular!



The blooms are open for only one evening. Each flower is 6 inches across, and if they are pollinated by hand they produce an edible fruit!

Another sight that summer brings is the blooming of the Royal Poinciana trees. This year they are absolutely beautiful. The homes that are lucky to have mature trees have a "red carpet" of flower petals on the ground underneath the canopy as they fall off the trees. They are truly a sight to behold!

The other trees that are blooming this time of year here are the Geiger Trees, Mother's Tongue, Florida Fiddlewood and countless other bushes and shrubs. The blooms attract insects that provide much needed food for our nesting birds and other wildlife that feeds on them this time of year.

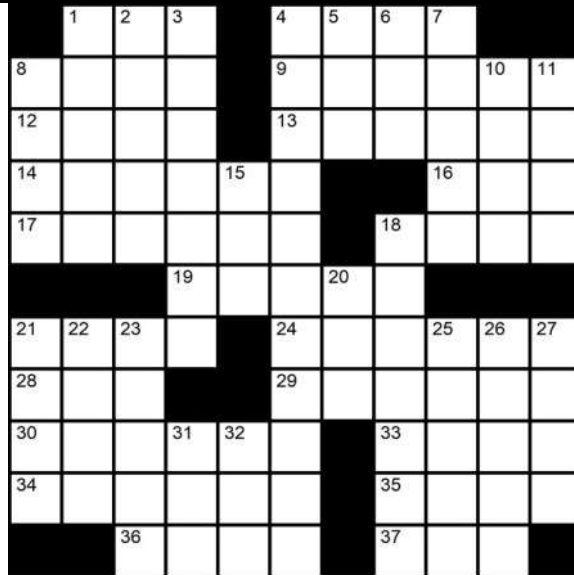
Yes, it is a bit warmer and a tad muggier, but it is all worth it when you take a ride around town.

Those of us who "brave" the summers here are rewarded by the never-ending beauty that is produced by our rain, heat and sunshine.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Part of formerly Portuguese India
- 4 "Boy, it's hot!"
- 8 Ireland's --- Fein
- 9 Funeral speech
- 12 "--- calling!"
- 13 Texas border town
- 14 Bucks back
- 16 Like some humor
- 17 African expedition
- 18 In Norway, it used to be Christiania
- 19 Pressure-washer maker
- 21 Swear
- 24 Batman City
- 28 Exclamation of disgust
- 29 End of existence
- 30 It's in the blood
- 33 Omar --- of "House"
- 34 Sweet
- 35 Imitates
- 36 Dorm party sight



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Down

- 1 "--- man a fish and you feed him for a day ..."
- 2 Kind of switch
- 3 Certain flowers
- 4 When single lives come to an end
- 5 Tint
- 6 90° bend
- 7 What's in this puzzle
- 8 COVID-19 predecessor
- 10 Madonna, the Material _ _ _ _
- 15 Gun group
- 18 Breakfast cereal
- 20 She may be fawning
- 21 Stanley and Ryder
- 22 Unattractive
- 23 Black tip or hammerhead
- 25 River dweller in Africa
- 26 Trembling poplar
- 27 Kids may make one
- 31 Not a good boy's name, according to Johnny Cash
- 32 Car economy statistic



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
City Seafood (239-695-4700): Open All Year 8 am to 3 pm
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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
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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
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Holy Family Catholic Church Closed for Summer, see San Marco below.
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES

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
5/29/2022	Sun	3:19 AM	2.26	H
5/29/2022	Sun	9:40 AM	0.77	L
5/29/2022	Sun	2:17 PM	2.94	H
5/29/2022	Sun	10:23 PM	-0.18	L
5/30/2022	Mon	3:56 AM	2.21	H
5/30/2022	Mon	10:14 AM	0.82	L
5/30/2022	Mon	2:43 PM	2.94	H
5/30/2022	Mon	11:02 PM	-0.21	L
5/31/2022	Tue	4:37 AM	2.17	H
5/31/2022	Tue	10:47 AM	0.87	L
5/31/2022	Tue	3:09 PM	2.92	H
5/31/2022	Tue	11:42 PM	-0.21	L
6/1/2022	Wed	5:21 AM	2.13	H
6/1/2022	Wed	11:18 AM	0.91	L
6/1/2022	Wed	3:35 PM	2.87	H
6/2/2022	Thu	12:22 AM	-0.18	L
6/2/2022	Thu	6:08 AM	2.11	H
6/2/2022	Thu	11:48 AM	0.95	L
6/2/2022	Thu	4:03 PM	2.79	H
6/3/2022	Fri	1:03 AM	-0.12	L
6/3/2022	Fri	6:57 AM	2.11	H
6/3/2022	Fri	12:21 PM	0.98	L
6/3/2022	Fri	4:39 PM	2.7	H
6/4/2022	Sat	1:45 AM	-0.04	L
6/4/2022	Sat	7:48 AM	2.14	H
6/4/2022	Sat	1:01 PM	1	L
6/4/2022	Sat	5:25 PM	2.58	H
6/5/2022	Sun	2:31 AM	0.07	L
6/5/2022	Sun	8:39 AM	2.2	H
6/5/2022	Sun	2:03 PM	1.01	L
6/5/2022	Sun	6:25 PM	2.44	H
6/6/2022	Mon	3:23 AM	0.17	L
6/6/2022	Mon	9:25 AM	2.28	H
6/6/2022	Mon	3:40 PM	0.96	L
6/6/2022	Mon	7:55 PM	2.31	H
6/7/2022	Tue	4:18 AM	0.28	L
6/7/2022	Tue	10:07 AM	2.37	H
6/7/2022	Tue	4:59 PM	0.83	L
6/7/2022	Tue	9:32 PM	2.23	H
6/8/2022	Wed	5:10 AM	0.38	L
6/8/2022	Wed	10:45 AM	2.47	H
6/8/2022	Wed	5:57 PM	0.63	L
6/8/2022	Wed	10:49 PM	2.22	H
6/9/2022	Thu	6:00 AM	0.47	L
6/9/2022	Thu	11:20 AM	2.59	H
6/9/2022	Thu	6:50 PM	0.4	L
6/10/2022	Fri	12:03 AM	2.25	H
6/10/2022	Fri	6:49 AM	0.57	L
6/10/2022	Fri	11:55 AM	2.73	H
6/10/2022	Fri	7:41 PM	0.14	L
6/11/2022	Sat	1:11 AM	2.32	H
6/11/2022	Sat	7:38 AM	0.67	L
6/11/2022	Sat	12:29 PM	2.9	H
6/11/2022	Sat	8:30 PM	-0.12	L

FWC STATEWIDE REDFISH WORKSHOPS SCHEDULED IN AREA



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is holding a series of public workshops to gather public input on proposed rules for redfish that include nine new management regions and modified recreational bag, vessel, and off-the-water transport limits.

The FWC developed these proposed changes using a new management approach to better capture regional differences in the fishery. The public is encouraged to attend one of FWC's in-person workshops that are being held throughout the state.

Below is the location for the meeting in Naples. For all meeting locations, click on the link: <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/FLFFWCC/bulletins/31932c9>

Naples Meeting:

June 8, 6–8 p.m.
Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Ctr
300 Tower Road
Naples, FL 34413

Port Charlotte Meeting:

June 6, 6–8 p.m.
Charlotte County Administration Center
Commissioner Chambers
18500 Murdock Circle, Room 119
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

Cannot attend in person?

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