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A Drought in the Everglades? It's a Good News-Bad News Scenario

With little to no rain in May and very little in April, "spring showers" never quite happened this spring...yet.

May has been unseasonably dry. What has made matters worse are strong winds that exacerbate the already parched area.

Local weather forecasters are predicting two more weeks of dry weather stretching the period well into June.

In addition to parched lawns, the extended dry spell is worrisome to The dry conditions have prompted warnings to homeowners urging them to clear debris from around homes and to take precautions against sparking any wildfires. Some have already sparked up in the Golden Gate Estates area of eastern Collier County.

The "good news" is that the extended dry period has dropped levels at Lake Okeechobee several feet. This is helpful because when rains do kick in, it will not be necessary to immediately release water from the lake, which also flushes the bluegreen algae in the lake into the Caloosahatchee River and the Miami

NOAA has the current drought status southern Collier County labeled as "severe drought". One thing is certain...the rains will come and our plants will once again be happy.

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Artist & Longtime Resident Dick Jay Passes Away



Longtime resident of Plantation Island and local artist Dick Jay has passed away at the age of 90. This photo was taken in October 2020 at a reception held for Mr. Jay at the Museum of the Everglades where he met and chatted with those who attended the reception in his honor.

When asked to describe his art to museum curator, Thomas Lockyear, he responded with one word, "Americana." Dick loved the area for its unique culture and history. The rich history is what compelled him to capture the stories as he envisioned them on canvas.

Born and raised in Michigan, Mr. Jay – a Korean War Veteran who flew with the Flying Tigers 74th Fighter Squadron, Jay caught his first glimpse of the Everglades City area from above while flying training missions from Eglin Air Force Base in Florida's panhandle. He began visiting the region in the mid-1950s and would eventually retire to a home on Plantation Island in the late 1980s.

In late 2020, Jay returned to Michigan to live with his daughter in his final months. Dick Jay was an area icon. He was essentially a self-taught artist with one exception...a drawing class he took at Wayne State University.

Dick Jay's intricate paintings showed scenes from everyday life in the 10,000 Islands, both past and present-day. As the scenes changed around him Dick Jay stayed true to his style. He was friendly and approachable and loved the area as much as we loved him.

We are thankful that Dick Jay chose the 10,000 islands as his home. We have had decades to enjoy his art here and his art, and memories of him, will forever be a part of 10,000 Island history. Rest in Peace Dick Jay. We will keep your art and memory alive in the Everglades Area.

As of this writing no services have been announced.

MAY 30, 2021 — JULY 3, 2021 CALENDAR									
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY			
May 30	31	June 1	2	3	4	5			
	Memorial Day	Seafood Fest	Food Bank		Museum Event,				
	Holiday	Wkshp, 6 p	ECC, 10:30-1pm		See p. 8				
		See p. 11							
		Council Mtg, 7 p							
6	7	8	9	10-New Moon	11	June 12—Rapper			
	ESHP Mtg		Food Bank	Museum Event,					
			ECC, 10:30-1pm	See p. 8					
13	14	15	16	17	18	19			
	Dock Workshop		Food Bank	Museum Talk,					
	6 pm, see p. 11		ECC, 10:30-1pm	See p. 8					
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20	21	22	23	24-Full Moon	25	June 26—Rapper			
Father's Day			Food Bank			Bank Tour, p. 3			
			ECC, 10:30-1pm			Independence			
						Celebration!			
27	20	20	20	T 1 1		See p. 9			
27	28	29	30 Food Bank	July 1	2	3			
			ECC, 10:30-1pm						
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July 4: Independence Day September 1: Snook Season Reopens September 6: Labor Day

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., closed until further notice

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SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm

SMALLWOOD STORE: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 11 am to 5 pm, 239-695-2989

THRIFT SHOP: Open Thursday. 11 am to 3 pm, more info on p. 3

VETERANS SUPPORT: Closed until further notice

VISITOR CENTER: (239)-232-4037 Fri-Sun, 10 am to 2 pm

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Book an exclusive tour of the Bank of Everglades Building! This informative event, hosted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, features an presentation about the history of the Bank of Everglades Building, some details about the future plans for the building, lunch at the historic Rod & Gun Club, and a tour of the building. Each tour is limited to 10 There are only a few spots remaining for June 26, so make your reservation today. Other dates available..

Tickets are \$150 per person. You can book online at www.SaveBoE.com and click "events," and locate the event. There is a direct link to Eventbrite to select your date! Contact Marya about other possible dates at 239-695-2905. Proceeds go towards the Save BOE fund.

Residential City Dock Workshop June 14, 2021, 6 pm View in person or on Zoom. See page 11 for details

Independence Day Celebration Saturday, June 26th, 10 am

Save the date, the parade will be back this

After a one-year hiatus, Independence Day festivities will take place on June 26th in Everglades City.

The day starts off at City Hall where the now. almost famous, parade of golf carts will wow the crowd!

Later in the evening at 9 pm, the unbelievable fireworks display will light up our SWFL skies.

To learn more about the day's events and to see the full schedule, see the article on page 9 in the center column.

Before you leave on vacation please consider donating any unused food to a community food bank or a family in need.

If you will be gone an extended period, ask the water department to shut your water off at the meter to avoid any

COMMUNITY SERVICES & INFORMATION

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN! Wed. 10:30 am to 1:00 pm

Food is distributed from the rear of Everglades Community Church located at 101 S. Copeland Ave., Everglades City. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Thrift Store Open Thursday. 11 am to 3 pm 205 Buckner Ave, Everglades City

Please do not leave items on the porch when we are not open. They get wet from moisture overnight and get ruined. Thank you!

Everglades Area Visitor Center Open Fri., Sat., & Sunday 10 am to 2 pm

Stop in the Everglades Area Visitor Center to learn about all of the things to do around the area. At the center we also have maps, brochures, art and crafts by area artists, photography and more. We hope to see you there! We are located at 207 Broadway West in **Everglades City, FL.**

Yard Debris Pick Up

Yard debris is picked up on Thursdays. Debris must be cut into pieces 4 ft or less and tied together, or put into paper bags (not plastic). Set them in the same area as your trash bins. If you put out unbound debris, they will not pick it up.

Everglades City Hall Contact Info:

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ATF, National Park Service, and Florida Department of Financial Services offer \$10,000 Reward on **Information Related to Fires at Everglades National Park**

HOMESTEAD, Fla. - The Bureau of Tobacco, Firearms Alcohol, Explosives (ATF), Everglades National Park, and the Florida Department of



Financial Services Bureau of Fire, Arson. Explosives offering a reward up to \$10,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person/persons responsible for the

that have occurred in Everglades National Park. Within the last three months, there have been numerous fires intentionally set in the vicinity of the main park road (State Road 9336) and adjacent roads of Everglades National Park. These areas are easily accessed through the Homestead entrance of the park.

In addition to potentially damaging park resources and endangering park visitors and staff, these fires have cost the park hundreds of thousands of dollars for suppression. As south Florida enters into the driest part of the year, the risk of damaging wildfire increases.

Anyone with any information about these crimes should contact any of the following:

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Taxing Things by Mike the Tax Guy Families of Children in the U.S. to Automatically Receive Monthly Payment

The Internal Revenue Service and the U.S. Department of the Treasury announced that the first monthly payment of the expanded Child Tax Credit from the American Rescue Plan will be made on July 15. Roughly 39 million households—covering 88% of children in the United States—are slated to begin receiving monthly payments without any further action required.

Payments will be made on the 15th of each month unless the 15th falls on a weekend or holiday. Families who receive the credit by direct deposit can plan their budgets around receipt of the benefit. Eligible families will receive a payment of up to \$300 per month for each child under age 6 and up to \$250 per month for each child age 6 and above.

Households will receive the monthly CTC payments through direct deposit, paper check, or debit cards, and IRS and Treasury are committed to maximizing the use of direct deposit to ensure fast and secure delivery.

While most taxpayers will not be required to take any action to receive their payments, Treasury and the IRS will continue outreach efforts to make more families aware of their eligibility.

What If You Do Not Have A Permanent Address or Bank Account?

The Internal Revenue Service today continued an ongoing effort to help those experiencing homelessness by reminding people who don't have a permanent address or a bank account that they may still qualify for stimulus payments and other credits, including the advance **Child Tax Credit.**

While the third round of Economic Impact Payments continue to be made automatically to most eligible people, the IRS can't issue a payment to eligible Americans when information about them isn't available in the tax agency's systems.

To help people experiencing homelessness, the rural poor and other historically underserved groups, the IRS urges community groups, employers and others to share information about Economic Impact Payments, the upcoming advance Child Tax Credit and other tax details to help more eligible people file a tax return so they can receive everything for which they're eligible.

Economic Impact Payments, also known as stimulus payments, are different from most other tax benefits; people are eligible for the payments even if they have little or no income and even if they don't usually file a tax return. This is true as long as they have a Social Security number and are not being supported by someone else who can claim them as a dependent. For anyone who missed out on the first two rounds of payments, it's not too late.

Permanent Address Not Required

For example, someone experiencing homelessness may list the address of a friend, relative or trusted service provider, such as a shelter, drop-in day center or transitional housing program, on the return filed with the IRS. If they are unable to choose direct deposit, a check or debit card for the tax refund and the third Economic Impact Payment can then be mailed to this address.

Mike Klein provides tax advice to local businesses and residents. You can reach Mike by email nfn19842@naples.net.



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Adventures of the Saltwater Cowboy - "Spring Tide Rock Pile" by Jon Edward Edwards



Since the late 2000s, postmyself reminiscing about conservationist. my beloved Rock Pile eating up the seas, slicing sandblasted the

water beneath me, timing them, it was an exercise in serenity.

replaced by fear and anxiety, for Florida Bay can become some kind of sick joke. Occasionally they will let go. I've seen treacherous without any warning. Any of my saltwater brethren who snook brought in deader than a doornail, mangled and slimy from have become intimate with lightning know what I mean. One must being crushed by those massive jowls. pay attention, watch for the omens, and be prepared to call the dogs

Coast Guard beats hypothermia. Having confidence in yourself as a legs - mandatory.

numbers - I'll suffer torturous acts and not divulge - reeds under the fingernails, public floggings with ten-foot bamboo shafts – none the

offshore guide and dear friend, Captain Glenn Andrews. Glenn was the retrieve evenly, as not to get any slack. Bounce... bounce ... a champion, and the world is a little bit dimmer without him in it, like a fluorescent bulb that doesn't entirely burn as bright as it once did. Rest in peace, my friend.

Rock Pile a few hours before dusk, giving us just enough time to get set up before a time I call "Magic Hour." The residents of this South Florida luxury water condominium consist mainly of the upper After the bait was gone and the crew tired from wrangling, we class. During the summer months, the most prominent being clan secured the gear and ensured the catch was iced. Lastly, I engaged snook. Some other high-society types being snapper, grouper, cobia, the electric windlass, pulled the anchor from the Rock Pile, pointed

During the summer months, many of the big Labradors (snook – look at them between the eyes, and you'll see it) have either moved offshore to spawn or have spawned. The fertile Rock Pile is like a males circling, protecting the hatch.

Of course, this time of year is catch and release and release only. financial challenges when Anyone kind enough to follow the Saltwater Cowboy knows my afforded an offshore propensity for opposing authority. It must be the 80's skateboarder in vessel, I find me. Rule-bending ways aside, I am a sportsman. Thus, by default, a

Blessed be the anonymous and remarkable individual, or every summer spring tide. individuals, who created the reef. I would like to clarify that the I visualize being at the individual was not myself. A permit is required from the state and helm of my 26' Edgewater, approved by the USCG for artificial reefs.

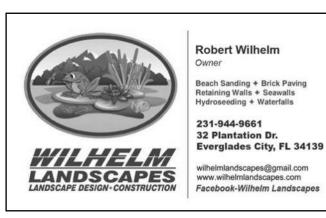
The Rock Pile does have a dark side, having been taken over in a and deflecting any spray hostile manner by the greedy and gluttonous Goliath Grouper. They that may have otherwise are the big kid that smacks you in the back of the head and takes facial your lunch money. As anglers, they aggravate us due to their region. Legs bending with the rhythm of the waves, feeling the larcenous ways and cheap shots. They are grossly unsportsmanlike; they wait and take advantage by rushing out from their rocky lair Many times - offshore in general - the peace and serenity are and eating the disabled captive - sometimes leaving the head as

At one time, an endangered species, a moratorium was placed on them, making it illegal to take one of any size. The Goliath made for Ignorance and a lack of respect for Mother Nature is an excellent an easy target due to their size and lackadaisical attitude. A way to find yourself searching for floating flotsam and praying the spearfisherman could swim right up to one, and "Bang!" Although, this is usually not a good idea considering some of them are the size captain and in your vessel is imperative; water coordination - sea of Volkswagens and could take a diver on a tremendous ride. However, in my opinion, recreational fishing and spearfishing took a The Rock Pile, a site unknown to other saltwater anglers, is small percentage of the blame for their decline. Some say they have sacred to me and a select few trusted fishing compadres. The GPS made a complete recovery as they are plentiful in this region of the

A jig fisherman, me, I would bounce a heavy two-to-three-ounce jig head with a soft plastic around the edges of the pile. That's where The coordinates were shared in confidence by an accomplished the big snook liked to loiter. The trick is to bounce the line but time bounce

The curiousness of a cobia is their Achilles heel, cruising along, eager to accept a flipped pinfish or other lively bait. A notorious My crew and I (they will remain nameless) would arrive at the screamer of reel drags, permit would make frequent appearances and are addicted to small blue crabs. Of course, many were lost to the Goliath. Once the sun dipped, the snapper bite would turn on. the bow due north, and navigated home in the dark – my beloved Rock Pile in the rearview – its anonymity preserved.

Jon Edward Edwards is a regional author, fishing guide, and avid giant maternity ward for big sow snook and the smaller yet strapping sportsman. His stories often recount his adventures in and around the 10,000 Islands. Email Jon at jedmls@mac.com.





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Congratulations to the graduating class of 2021! You are a very special group.

You watched your town slowly recover as it rebounded from Hurricane Irma. Then in 2020, the pandemic upended your school year and you had switch to online learning, and then hybrid learning...all while the world around you was in chaos.

You watched the senior class of 2020 graduate without a ceremony, and you missed out on many of the outings that typically would happen during a normal school year.

You have worn facemasks, practiced social distancing, and been separated from some of your family for far too long...but you pressed on...the EVG way. *Congratulations and good luck*.

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You'd Better Have a Checkup When Your Yellow Light Comes On By Pastor Bob Wallace



The other day I was driving my car which has 145,000 miles on it, when a warning yellow light flashed on the instrument panel. I stared at it in dismay. A quick look in the owner's manual confirmed the little yellow light meant that I should have an auto mechanic look at the engine right away. The mechanic hooked my engine up to a computer and ran a lot of diagnostic checks on it. Finally, the mechanic told me he would have to do some more tests on my car and that I would have to make another appointment to come back in a few days. It was

déjà vu, all over again!

I had just been to see my doctor who had hooked me up to some electronic instruments and told me the same thing – "Make another appointment and come back for some more tests."

Those are the times you hold your breath because you want to know what's wrong, but you also know you're going to be in for some big bucks. But what's a body to do? You can't ignore warning signals, or you might find yourself in a heap of trouble.

Take for instance, my car. Please, take it! My imagination has been running wild since I just spent over \$1,000 on two new axles, four new tires and one new motor mount. After all that, you'd think my car would be running perfectly, but it isn't.



Human bodies are the same way once you reach a certain age. When you begin to feel something's wrong, it's time to have a checkup. Irregular heartbeats, high body temperature, a feeling of tiredness all of the time, dizziness, blurred vision and depression are often a body's "yellow light". Those symptoms are indicators that you need a physical checkup. Often though, people ignore warning signals that something may be developing within a body that needs attention. Don't wait to have it checked. It's easier to fix something that's chronic rather than fixing something that's critical. It's also easier on the pocketbook. When you take proper care of your car, like

having the oil changed every 3,000 miles and rotating the tires every other oil change, it's an indication that you, the owner, really care about your car.

Sadly though, some people take better care of their cars than their bodies. Some people ignore early warning signals about their bodies and soon discover themselves confronted with a fatal illness. It's often been said after some funerals that if the deceased had just gotten help sooner, death would never have occurred. What has to be realized is that life can't be taken for granted. Neither can good health.

There are exceptions to the rule, however. I've occasionally heard of some people who never have their car serviced. They run the oil for 30,000 miles before having it changed. They never have a tune-up and they never clean out the inside of the car, yet when they trade it in,

they get top dollars for it. That's the exception rather than the rule.



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A person who drinks and smokes and never exercises and doesn't get the right amount of sleep each night and who eats all the wrong food may live to be 100 years old. But again, that's the exception rather than the rule. It's like I heard from an old wag many years ago, "After you reach 60, life just becomes one maintenance problem after another." That's like my car after it reached 100,000 miles.

So, if your yellow light comes on, either in your car or your body, it's best to have a checkup right away. Otherwise, you risk running up a repair bill or having a total breakdown, both in your car and in your body. A car you can fix, or trade. Bodies are altogether different. Think about it.

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

Museum of Everglades Events

Exhibit Reception & Student Contribution Award Ceremony June 4, 2021 5 pm to 7 pm

An early evening opening reception for the Bank of Everglades exhibit that will include complimentary refreshments and a brief **award ceremony** for winners of the creative response contest from students at the Everglades City School.

Stories of a Sportsmen's Paradise: A Folk Art Experience June 10, 2021, 5 pm to 7 pm

Step back in time at the Museum of the Everglades, where you'll hear rich stories of how the Ten Thousand Islands became a magnet for avid anglers and enthusiastic adventurers—including why Everglades City just might be the birthplace of the modern fishing lure. But this experience offers much more than fanciful fish tales. Step behind the scenes with the museum's curator, and explore an exclusive archive of previously unseen works of local folk art.

To complete the adventure, each participant will receive their own personal rustic masterpiece as a souvenir of the experience. This immersive encounter redefines how stories are told and will leave every guest wanting more – ready to explore. This a ticketed event and requires registration and payment through the event section of CollierMuseums.com.

Bank of Everglades: An Investment in Local History June 17, 2021, 2 pm to 3 pm

This talk explores the storied history of the bank building as well as some of the folklore surrounding it.

The presentation will include a discussion of efforts currently underway to preserve the building by the local historical society as well as the role Museum of the Everglades might play in the community's future and what those in attendance can do to help if they so desire.

Seating is limited so early arrival is recommended for those planning on attending in person. Masks are encouraged. To attend the lecture in person, please follow the directions below to secure your space.

Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com OR by calling the museum at 239-252-5026 during museum hours, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm. Thank You!

Update FWC Continues Ongoing Goliath Grouper Efforts, Explores Adding Access Opportunities Via Limited Harvest



At its May meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) listened to a presentation and stakeholder input on goliath grouper in Florida state waters.

The Commission directed staff to continue ongoing efforts that recognize goliath's role in the ecosystem and promote stock rebuilding while allowing access to goliath through catch-and-release, ecotourism and dive viewing opportunities.

They also directed staff to develop a proposed draft rule for consideration by the Commission at a future meeting that would build on existing access opportunities for goliath by considering a limited, highly regulated harvest.

"We should applaud our successes," said FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto. "I'm in favor of coming back with a very delineated list of line items for a limited take that wouldn't disturb the dive industry and would provide additional access to this fishery. Just because we've been doing something for 30 years doesn't mean we need to keep doing it the same way."

"I'm not suggesting we do this at the end of the day but I am saying we should direct staff today to move forward, continue to gather input on this and see if we can't come up with a winwin for all stakeholder groups," said FWC Commissioner Robert Spottswood.

The FWC will continue to monitor the status of the stock using alternative metrics approved by the Commission in 2018.

Learn more about goliath grouper at MyFWC.com/Marine by clicking on "Recreational Regulations" and "Goliath Grouper" under the "Reef Fish" tab.

View the Commission meeting presentation at MyFWC.com/Commission by clicking on "Commission Meetings" and the agenda under "May 12-13, 2021."

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Mark Your Calendar! Join the Parade

Independence Day Celebration June 26, 2021, 10 a.m.. Everglades City



It is official! This year's Independence Day celebration will be held on **June 26th**.

The creativity was at an all time high in 2019, and 2020 was expected to be the best ever...but Covid had a different idea.

We can only imagine what a year's worth of pent up creativity will bring out! We expect to see some pretty amazing carts and trailers....so start creating now!

The theme for this year's parade is "founding fathers". From that, create what you will to represent that notion and stick it on a golf cart, swamp buggy or whatever else you can come up with to add to the fun.

The opening ceremony will take place at 10 am on the steps of City Hall with the parade following immediately afterwards.. The day's schedule is as follows:

10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony 10:30 a.m. Theme: "Founding Fathers" 11:00 a.m. Booths Open, Food, Contests 11:30 a.m. Parade Winners Announced 11:30 a.m. Kiddies' Contests 12:30 p.m. Raffle Winners Announced 9:00 p.m. Fireworks Display

There will be prizes, games, hotdogs, beverages & raffles. We hope to see you there! For more information: evergladeskmc@gmail.com or call 239-695-4558.

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Fishing the 10,000 Islands With Captain Mike Merritt



Well, at the time of writing this article the winds are still blowing. We have had some heavy N.E. winds for the last couple weeks and it looks like they may be finally shifting. These winds have blown more

water out of the backcountry and the fish have moved around looking for food. They should be moving out towards the rivers to the islands as the winds shift S.E. Bait should move back into the islands in better numbers as this happens also.

All this means that the fishing should pick back up on the outside. It has been a below average bite these past 2 months, and I am personally looking forward to better fishing.



The Snook bite will be good on the rising tide along the edge of the islands as they wait for the rising tide to

bring the food. You can do some site casting this time of year just running the trolling motor along the shorelines. Top water will get plenty of action early in the day and then sub surface or jigs will be best after that. Of course live bait works every time.

The Reds are still scarce and this may continue but I do expect more to show back up outside also. Jigs are best but lures will produce and of course shrimp are hard to beat.

There will be Tarpon all summer and these should be mainly bigger fish on the outside. They will also be seen offshore. Speaking of offshore maybe the winds will slow enough for those that like to chase the Permit offshore too.

Whatever your after the summer bite is on and big fish should be the norm. Good luck fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt

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The Island Life Recipes

Quick & Easy Meatloaf

Ingredients:

2 lbs. ground meat (beef, turkey or a combo)

4 stalks of celery diced

1 onion diced

2 eggs

1/2 cup uncooked oats

1 packet brown gravy mix



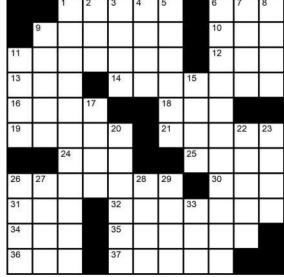
Directions: Heat oven to 350°. In a small mixing bowl, add celery, onion, oats and gravy mix. Blend well and set aside. In a large bowl, add the ground meat, two eggs and contents of the smaller bowl. Blend well. You may want to do this with your (clean) hands to make sure it is all blended well together.

Dump burger mixture into a large baking pan (9 x 13 x 2) and form into a loaf. Cover and bake for 90 minutes. Uncover and cook for an additional 10 minutes (to brown). Insert a meat thermometer to make sure the loaf is well done.

Serve with any sides you like. Meatloaf is especially tasty with mashed potatoes and a green vegetable. If you are a gravy family, you can top with the brown gravy of your choice. The leftovers make fantastic sandwiches...or you can freeze 1/2 the loaf for a dinner at another time.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

- 1 World's gambling center
- 6 Check
- 9 Local river
- 10 Lawyers' league
- 11 Homilies
- 12 Barbie's beau
- 13 "--- a stupid question ..."
- 14 Ferret-like animals
- **16** Brainy sort
- 18 Monogram for Jesus
- 19 Loft
- 21 "Unleaded" coffee
- **24** Soup ingredient
- 25 Battle of --- Alto, 1846
- 26 Polls
- **30** "Blame It on ---" (1984 Michael Caine movie)
- 31 "Market basket" cost measure
- 32 Sushi wrap
- **34** AMEX alternative
- 35 "Darkness ---" (Koestler novel)
- **36** Bath water tester
- 37 No longer stuck with



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Down

- 1 Going rate
- 2 Upper limb
- Common bird
- Jim-dandy 4
- 5 Tacit
- Handles
- 7 First murder victim
- **Prohibits**
- Assailed on all sides
- 11 Narrative of heroic exploits
- 15 Loyal Fort Benton dog

- 17 "The Great Gate of ---" (Modest
 - Mussorgsky)
- 20 Type of salad
- 22 Not from here
- 23 What you eat
- **26** Caber tosser 27
- "He's --- no good" **28** Abominable snowman
- 29 Quartz grains
- 33 Solicit



My Little Slice of Paradise by Kathy Brock

We have had a running joke in our family that seemed more real than funny...until now. We always have said, "if you want it to rain schedule a fishing trip or water the lawn." Well, I can say with certainty, this does not work as it once seemed to!

We recently made some changes to our landscape which required new sod. The sod farm tells you to water twice a day if there is no rain. Knowing the family "history" I figured since it is the "rainy season" as soon as we started watering the rains would come. Not this time!

I cannot remember a time when I wanted the dry, lower-than-normal humidity days to end. When you wake up in late May and can still open the windows...something is a bit weird, albeit nice.

It has been in the 60's with low humidity in the mornings...in southwest Florida in May? On Wednesday this past week, there was one day that was below 50% humidity. That is not too unusual in January, but I cannot ever remember celebrating my birthday wearing a sweater in the morning and praying for rain. And, I will go on record stating that there have been quite a few birthdays, so the sample size of my "scientific study" is significant.

Ordinarily, this strange weather phenomena would be a woo-hoo moment for me. But with each passing hour, another blade of grass shows signs of distress, gets brownish, and the watering must begin again.

I just cannot figure out what is bothering me more about all of this. Am I distressed because of the lack of rain that we need so badly to bolster the new lawn, or am I feeling the sting of knowing that we were really never in control of the weather at all?

Of course, with all likelihood, our theory will once again be proven right when we plan a family fishing excursion with out of town visitors. I will explain to them how beautiful it is here. I will brag about how nice it feels with the lower humidity. They will respond by accepting our invitation and taking a drive down.

We will plan a picnic and pack a lunch the night before. We will get the poles ready and get to bed early—only to be awakened by the thunder and lightening and torrential rains. disappointment will be tempered by knowledge that the family "joke" may be no joke after all.

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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):

8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast

Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner

Diving Pelican Restaurant (239) 232-0475

Open Sun-Thur 11 am to 8 pm, Fri & Sat till midnight

Everglades Fishing Co. / Nely's Corner

Open M-Th 5:30 am to 8pm, Sat Sun till 10 pm

203 Collier Avenue, (239-695-4222)
Havana Café (239-695-2214):

Closed for Summer.

Hole in the Wall Pizza (239-695-4444)

M-Th 11am-3pm, Fri & Sat 11 am-9 pm

Island Café (239-695-0003): 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily

Ivey House (239-695-3299) (Private)

7:00 am - 9:00 am; daily (for guests only)

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):

Closed for Summer

MARKETS

Right Choice Market (239-695-4535):

Open 7 days, 9 am to 7 pm

Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222):

Closed for Summer

Fresh Produce

Right Choice Supermarket

See listing under "markets"

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Family Church

Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship

Copeland Baptist Church

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 8

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City

9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study

Holy Family Catholic Church

Closed for Summer. Reopening Dec. 5, 2021

St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples

Phone: 239-417-2084

San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.

239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES

5/29/2021	Sat	12:36 AM	-0.48	L
5/29/2021	Sat	6:44 AM	2.22	Н
5/29/2021	Sat	12:23 PM	0.88	L
5/29/2021	Sat	4:43 PM	3.13	Н
5/30/2021	Sun	1:28 AM	-0.34	L
5/30/2021	Sun	7:44 AM	2.17	Н
5/30/2021	Sun	1:18 PM	0.92	L
5/30/2021	Sun	5:49 PM	2.91	Н
5/31/2021	Mon	2:23 AM	-0.15	L
5/31/2021	Mon	8:44 AM	2.17	Η
5/31/2021	Mon	2:26 PM	0.93	L
5/31/2021	Mon	7:09 PM	2.66	Н
6/1/2021	Tue	3:23 AM	0.04	L
6/1/2021	Tue	9:37 AM	2.22	Η
6/1/2021	Tue	3:50 PM	0.89	L
6/1/2021	Tue	8:34 PM	2.44	Н
6/2/2021	Wed	4:25 AM	0.21	L
6/2/2021	Wed	10:23 AM	2.31	Н
6/2/2021	Wed	5:09 PM	0.77	L
6/2/2021	Wed	9:52 PM	2.28	Н
6/3/2021	Thu	5:23 AM	0.36	L
6/3/2021	Thu	11:03 AM	2.42	Η
6/3/2021	Thu	6:13 PM	0.61	L
6/3/2021	Thu	11:06 PM	2.19	Н
6/4/2021	Fri	6:16 AM	0.48	L
6/4/2021	Fri	11:42 AM	2.53	Н
6/4/2021	Fri	7:07 PM	0.44	L
6/5/2021	Sat	12:20 AM	2.16	Н
6/5/2021	Sat	7:06 AM	0.59	L
6/5/2021	Sat	12:18 PM	2.63	Н
6/5/2021	Sat	7:55 PM	0.28	L
6/6/2021	Sun	1:23 AM	2.17	Η
6/6/2021	Sun	7:51 AM	0.68	L
6/6/2021	Sun	12:53 PM	2.72	Η
6/6/2021	Sun	8:37 PM	0.14	L
6/7/2021	Mon	2:09 AM	2.19	Η
6/7/2021	Mon	8:33 AM	0.74	L
6/7/2021	Mon	1:25 PM	2.8	Н
6/7/2021	Mon	9:16 PM	0.01	L
6/8/2021	Tue	2:48 AM	2.2	Н
6/8/2021	Tue	9:10 AM	0.8	L
6/8/2021	Tue	1:54 PM	2.85	Н
6/8/2021	Tue	9:53 PM	-0.09	L
6/9/2021	Wed	3:25 AM	2.2	Н
6/9/2021	Wed Wed	9:43 AM	0.84	L
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6/10/2021		10:31 PM 4:05 AM	-0.16 2.18	L H
6/10/2021	Thu Thu	10:14 AM	0.87	L
6/10/2021	Thu	2:45 PM	2.91	Н
6/10/2021	Thu	11:09 PM	-0.2	L
6/11/2021	Fri	4:48 AM	2.17	Н
6/11/2021	Fri	10:44 AM	0.9	L
6/11/2021	Fri	3:07 PM	2.92	Н
6/11/2021	Fri	11:48 PM	-0.21	L
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OBITUARY

Mr. Darrell "Tadpole" Ellington September 23, 1977 – May 11, 2021



Darrell "Tadpole" Ellington, age 43, passed away on May 11, 2021. Tadpole was proud to be from Goodland, and was one of the best commercial fishermen almost since he could

throw a let-go and pull a crab trap. He loved the outdoors and being on the water. He was a hard-working man who would do anything for a friend in need.

Tadpole was preceded in death by his maternal grandparents, Clyde and Winnie Driggers, and his paternal grandparents, Harvey and Alease Ellington.

Tadpole is survived by his parents, Marty "Frog" Ellington and Norma Jean Ellington; daughters, Haleigh and Hannah; brothers, Travis and Kyle (Lory); loving companion, Caitlin; former wife, Holly Dudley (Shannon); a niece and nephew; numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins, and many friends, all of whom loved him dearly.

City Dock Workshop June 14, 2021, 6:00 pm

A dock workshop will be held on June 14 at 6:00 pm at Everglades City Hall.

Multiple topics will be discussed at the meeting regarding the **residential docks.** The City previously held workshops for the commercial dock leases.

If you are concerned about the residential city docks, please attend the workshop. The workshop is open to the public. The meeting can also be watched be on Zoom. Here is the link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2916297131? pwd=MTJMTlkzMGExUjN1Z2JwQmtn VkxRdz09



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Knowledge about the area and a pleasant attitude is essential! If you would like to volunteer at the center, please contact Kathy Brock at 954-662-7003. The center is currently open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 2 pm.

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