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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table



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Blessing of the Fleet
October 1, 2022

The annual Blessing of the Fleet, the day we celebrate our hard working stone crab fleet, will take place this year on October 1st.

The crab boats will arrive at the docks along the beautiful historic Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City at 10:30 am, with the blessing by the local clergy taking place immediately thereafter.

If you are one of the best bakers around, now is the time to show off your skills by entering your best coconut guava cake.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest should drop their cake off by 10 am so that the judges can select the tastiest coconut guava cake.

Coming out is a great way to thank the captains and crew who work so hard to provide us with one of the ocean's best delicacies. We hope to see you there!

What: Blessing of the Fleet

When: October 1, 2022

Where: Rod & Gun Club

Why: Because We Love Stone Crabs!

For more information, please contact Tod Dahlke at toddahlke@aol.com or by phone at 239-695-4444.

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As tourism grew in the 1970s, the camp gradually transitioned into a roadside campground and gift shop that travelers stopped at on their way to and from the Keys and other southeast Florida attractions.

Today, the southwest coast of Florida's tourism industry is booming and so is the demand for eco-tourism. The campgrounds are still operated by Jack Shealy, but that would be Jack Shealy III, the grandson of the original founder. Jack is a 4th generation of Shealy's who have made their life in the Big Cypress Swamp for over 50 years.

In the last decade, the Trail Lakes Campground has evolved into a camper's destination. The grounds offer high end, boutique camping accommodations including cabins, adorable chickee huts, and 50 amp hookups for RVs.

Excursions offered include Pole Boat Guiding (above), kayaking tours, swamp hikes, photography tours, and more.

On site you can visit the Official Skunk Ape Headquarters, campground gift shop, and browse around the site.

Visitors can also book excursions like a guided tour, fishing guides, and even commercial filming sessions are now a part of the complete portfolio of Everglades adventures made possible thanks to these Gladesmen.

Check them out online! Visit their website at www.EvergladesAdventureTours.net.

To see photos of Trail Lakes Campground, turn to page 9!

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~ EVENT CALENDAR - June 12, 2022 - July 16, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12	13 ESHP, 9 am	14 Full Moon	15 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 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	25 Praise Night, See p. 3 Thrift, 10a-2p
26	27	28 New Moon	29 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	30	July 1 Happy Anniversary TB	2 Independence Celebration! Thrift Closed
3	4 ESHP, 9 am	5 City Council Mtg 7 pm	6 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	7	8	Rapper-9 Thrift Closed
10	11	12	13-Full Moon Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	14	15	16 Thrift Closed

August 10: First Day of School

September 5: Labor Day

October 1: Blessing of the Fleet

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
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 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Open daily 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Closed July & August
 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
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 https://hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic/

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*What's
Happening!*

**Praise Night
Saturday, June 25
1st Baptist Church**

On the last Saturday of each month, First Baptist Church of Everglades City will have a "Praise Night" with a light supper at 6:30 pm, followed by praise music and fellowship. Come and See!

**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.

**Back to School & Tool Tax Holiday,
July 25 - August 7, Sept 3-9**

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

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
& INFORMATION**

THE FOOD BANK NEW HOURS!

Wed. 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

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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 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 July 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 remaining 2022 Meeting Schedule:

- ◆ **July 13, 2022, 7:00 pm**
- ◆ **August 10, 2022, 7:00 pm**
- ◆ **September 14, 2022, 7:00 pm**
- ◆ **October 12, 2022, 7:00 pm**

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

Thank you!



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**Fire Ants Are Designed to Survive
 by Kathy Brock**



If you have spent time in Florida more than likely you have encountered fire ants. Native to South America, the fire ant is considered an invasive species.

Fire ant mounds are easy to find popping up in lawns, medians, fields and meadows. However, they also will build a nest in rotting logs, around trees and stumps, under buildings and concrete slabs, indoors, and inside electrical boxes.

Fire ants are now found in 13 States mostly in the southern part of the U.S.

After the flooding from Hurricane Irma, I was wondering if the ants would have all perished in the flood. But soon after everything dried out they were back. How? Well, today while we were walking our dogs after the 7 inches of rain we got from the tropical system, we found out!

The photo above was taken in the empty lot next to Island Café on the morning of June 4th. The edges of the lot were flooded and we could see brown clumps floating on top of the water. Upon closer inspection, we saw that the mounds were made up of thousands of red ants and their larvae. They were clinging together to form "rafts" that defy floods!

According to the Scientific American, these floating rafts that can hold together for weeks, if necessary, carrying the colony until waters recede. A fire ant's exoskeleton naturally repels water, and its rough texture traps air bubbles making them very buoyant.

Amazing! Read more at: <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/how-fire-ants-form-giant-rafts-to-survive-floods/>

Photo: Fire ant raft by Tim Brock

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak



Lubber Grasshopper (*Romalea guttata*) Other names: eastern lubber / Status: FL=thriving / Life span: n/a / Length: 1.5-4 in. (38-101 mm) / Reproduces in the under story of uplands habitat, the immature lubbers look much like crickets / Found: Throughout SW Florida

This large, unmistakable grasshopper is brightly colored for good reason. Like many other poisonous, venomous or toxic animals, the lubber grasshopper proudly displays its bright colors as a warning to birds, snakes and other predators that it is inedible. This is the reason why these large, flightless grasshoppers are so easy to spot. When threatened, they quickly raise their wings defiantly and bubble out a poisonous froth. They can also shunt poisons from the toxic plants they eat, making them anything but a tasty snack.



Lubbers are herbivores, dining on various leaves, berries and grasses. The immature lubber is black with yellow markings and looks very similar to an oversized cricket. The primary cause of lubber mortality does not come from the outside, but from within.

Lubbers appear to be especially vulnerable to parasites that consume the grasshopper from the inside out. The loggerhead shrike, a predatory passerine bird in Florida, has learned to impale lubbers on barbed wire fences or other spikes and wait until their poisons dry out before dining on them. Look for large lubbers in the late summer and fall in dry, inland habitats.

There are more than a dozen species of other grasshoppers on Sanibel and Captiva, scores of species in Florida, and more than 11,000 species worldwide. They are commonly eaten in Mexico, Africa and China. The most notorious of this species are locusts, whose massive swarms decimate crops in the Sahal of Africa as well as throughout Central and South America.

Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island, FL. You find his books on Amazon.com and other online booksellers.

Photo: Lubber by Hung V. Do

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



As June is here, we are in full summer mode. The mornings are still nice, but the heat comes on really good by the afternoon. The rains have started but are still mild at this time. They will get more intense as the summer progresses.

The fishing in and around the islands has been slower than normal for this time of year. Snook fishing in the islands is historically really

good in June but so far, we have not seen the numbers of big fish we normally see. There are still good fish in the rivers, passes and back country. Also, the offshore fish are still there. Hopefully we see this change as the month progresses. Jigs, lures and live baits are producing. The outgoing tide has been really good lately, but this can change. Depending on the bait movement the fishing may get better on the incoming real soon.

The Redfish bite is still a tough one with some good fish being caught in the islands but not in large numbers. Fishing the bottom with bait, jigs, or shrimp seems to be best on the incoming tide. Seatrout are still biting good. They are in good numbers when you find them. They are moving around on the flats so it may take a while to find them. But, once you do, they are in good numbers and aggressive as long as you have moving water. Jigs worked very slow or a popping cork with a DOA shrimp will do the trick. I am seeing lots a Permit moving into shallow water and there are some pretty good size schools moving around on the flats. On the calm days you can see them a long way off, but when the winds are blowing it's a tough bite.

Of course, there are still Tarpon around in the islands and they will be here all summer. The water has become crystal clear in some places making it easier to see these fish, but it also makes it easier to spook them. This may change again as we seem to have a storm coming in across the Gulf as I write this. Let's all hope and pray it doesn't gain strength.

I've noticed more and more people come here to go fishing that don't have much experience and that's great to see. I spend a lot of time during my days teaching people basics and techniques to help them become better anglers.

As with anything you do, the better you are the more you enjoy it. So, I decided to do some teaching on **YouTube**. You can look me up at Capt. Mike Merritt's Fishing 101, or go to this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSn7r0IPAWClwykIDdyCmag>

I hope it helps! Good luck fishing! ~Capt. Mike Merritt

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Sawfish News by Tonya Wiley

To See a Sawfish in Public Aquariums: Making Conservation Connections

Since the early 1930's when the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago displayed a smalltooth sawfish for the first time, public aquariums have created connections between people and these incredibly unique, and now critically endangered, rays. Over the years, millions of visitors to zoos and aquariums around the world have enjoyed that experience, and for many it is the only opportunity they will ever have to see a living sawfish. Because of the decline of sawfish populations worldwide, public aquariums are in a unique position to build on these connections and help to create conservation solutions. Sawfish conservation requires a multi-faceted approach to be successful, and the public aquarium community shares common concerns with researchers, field biologists, and conservation and management agencies in terms of the need for continued and increased collaboration between stakeholders at all levels.



Many of the public aquariums in the United States are members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), which is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of accredited zoos and aquariums in the areas of animal care, husbandry, conservation, education, science, and recreation. With more than 183 million visitors to accredited institutions each year, AZA's focus on connecting people and animals provides a critical link to helping animals in their native habitats. For many years, members of the AZA Marine Fishes Taxon Advisory Group have worked with governmental and non-governmental conservation agencies to find solutions to protect sawfish in their natural environment.

In addition to their role in education, research, and conservation,

AZA member zoos and aquariums also play an important role in the preservation of species through population management programs and AZA Species Survival Plans® (SSP). The mission of an SSP is to cooperatively manage specific, and typically threatened or endangered, species populations within AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums, certified related facilities, and approved non-member participants.



Smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*), largetooth sawfish (*Pristis pristis*), and green sawfish (*Pristis zijsron*) are the three species most displayed in aquarium collections.

In the United States you can view sawfish with amazement at Dallas World Aquarium, Ripley's Aquarium Myrtle Beach, Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, National Aquarium in Baltimore, Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay, Georgia Aquarium, SeaLife Minnesota, Sea World Orlando, Landry's Downtown Aquarium Denver, and Landry's Downtown Aquarium Houston. These connections with sawfish in aquariums are important to the conservation of sawfish because *"In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught"* ~Baba Dioum. Photo by Tonya Wiley.

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Tropical System Dumps 7 Inches of Rain on the Area

In what forecasters are saying will be a busy hurricane season, the first tropical depression that threatened our area came only days after the official start of hurricane season.

This system started as a pacific hurricane that eventually crossed over Mexico and emerged into the Gulf of Mexico.

Meteorologists expected it to form into a tropical storm but did not expect it to strengthen because of upper level winds that would shear it on the east side.

Fortunately, it never developed into any type of wind event, but rain? Oh yes, it rained!

The system blew out of the Everglades area by 10 am on Saturday leaving behind a lot of water and little else.

On June 2, Colorado State University released an updated forecast for this Hurricane Season:

Note: (1991-2020 Climatological Average Forecast for 2022 in parentheses)

- Named Storms (14.4)* 20
- Named Storm Days (69.4) 95
- Hurricanes (7.2) 10
- Hurricane Days (27.0) 40
- Major Hurricanes (3.2) 5
- Major Hurricane Days (7.4) 11
- Accumulated Cyclone Energy (123) 180
- Net Tropical Cyclone Activity (135%) 195

* Numbers in () represent averages based on 1991-2020 data.



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Every once in a while, something happens to brighten your day

By Pastor Bob Wallace



It's not planned. It just happens! You may not think it's significant at the time. But when it does happen, everything around you appears a little brighter. And whatever you're doing at the time melts into insignificance. What could that possibly be, you ask?

Well, it's when someone says how nice you look. Or, how pleasant it is to be with you. Or, how wonderful it would be if you could meet my friend because you would be a perfect fit

for each other. It doesn't happen all of the time. But when it does – Wow! Sometimes it can just change another person's outlook on life! The gentle sound of a voice. A soft look. A glance. The way we act.

Like the other day, I was waiting for my wife to pass through the checkout line in a store. A woman was following her husband out the door. She was carrying the packages! He went through the door first. He never even held the door for his wife to pass through. He just kept going to the car and never looked back! In that little scene, chivalry died!

Since 1978, Judith Martin's Miss Manners column—carried in more than 200 newspapers and digital outlets—has chronicled the rise and fall of American manners. It's the little courtesies which often make a difference. Holding the door for another to pass through before you. Opening the car door for a lady. Instead, what happens so often is, the man goes around to his side of the car and gets in, first. Or rushes through a door – first! Yes, there are times when a little courtesy and thoughtfulness really help. A little handwritten note, instead of a text on your I-phone, to say "Thank you." It's not much. But it sure can brighten a day!

There's not much "hat wearing" today. In fact, I can't remember the last time I observed a man tipping his hat to a lady. It was done all of the time when I was a little boy. Times change, don't they? It used to be when men and women were on a crowded bus with no seats left, the man would give up his seat and let the lady take his. But, have you ridden public transportation lately? You'd be surprised what's happening! There are situations which are just plain embarrassing.

People force their way into lines at the grocery store! The other day an elderly woman battered a younger woman so badly she had to be taken to the hospital. Why? The young woman pushed into the line ahead of her!

Driving's just as bad! Rules of the Road don't seem to apply anymore. People are making up their own rules! They cut in and out of traffic. Don't use turn signals when changing lanes or turning corners. How nice it would be if none of these things happened so that when you finally returned home after driving to the store you could say, "That was a nice relaxing drive."

Forget it!

How about talking on the phone? Salespeople. Business representatives. Robo calls. They all start before you even have a chance to listen to who they are, or what they represent! No, it doesn't take much effort to make someone unhappy.

So, how about using that same effort to make someone happy? How about saying, "Thank you." That sure can give a person a boost! Let someone get in front of you at the checkout who has only one or two things and you have a whole cart full. That can really make their day. And yours as well.

Then, there's the little thing of temperament. It's really nice to be around someone who is nice and considerate. It can make someone's day! As well as yours.

Now, I'm not being too optimistic in all of this. In fact, I'm trying to do these things myself! So, how about joining me? Help brighten each one of your days, as well as another's?

Try it. You'll be glad you did!

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

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Florida Friendly Angler course is now live!



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), UF/IFAS Extension and Florida Sea Grant have teamed up to develop the Florida Friendly Angler course. This **free online course** is for both new and experienced anglers looking to educate themselves on fisheries management and up their fishing game by learning skills and practices that help ensure fishing opportunities for the future.

The course is comprised of three self-paced modules that cover environmental ethics, best fishing practices and fisheries management. These narrated presentations can be accessed any time after registration. Upon finishing the course, you will receive an electronic certificate of completion and will be mailed a Florida Friendly Angler decal by providing your contact information. Register for the course at ifas-seagrant.catalog.instructure.com/courses/florida-friendly-angler.

For information about the course, contact the course administrator, Savanna Barry, savanna.barry@ufl.edu or Mike Sipos, sipos624@ufl.edu.

Are you a for-hire fishing guide? Check out the Florida Friendly Fishing Guide course to gain multiple benefits for your business. Visit flseagrant.org/florida-friendly-fishing-guide-certification to register today!

A mandatory boater education certificate program is in effect for Everglades National Park

In 2015, a mandatory boater education course became a requirement to obtain a park pass to enter Everglades National Park. A park pass is required at all national parks, Everglades National Park is no different.

If you are visiting and intend to go boating and fishing in ENP, take the free online class and purchase your park pass online. Use the links below:

Course: <https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/Pboater-education-program.htm>.

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

—————→ **Exhibit**
 Now—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 environments 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.

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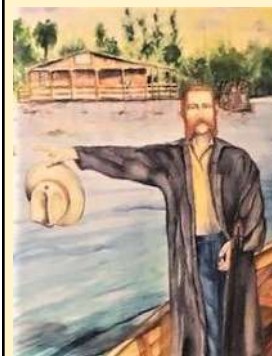
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The Island Life Recipes

Eggplant Parmesan by Kathy Brock

Ingredients:

- 2 medium eggplant
- 2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese
- Spaghetti Sauce, approximately 4 cups
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups cracker crumbs (I use Ritz)
- 3/4 cup Parmesan Cheese
- 1/2 teaspoon granulated garlic
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- Cooking oil



Directions: Prepare cracker crumbs by using a food processor to pulverize crackers or use cracker meal. Add in parmesan cheese, garlic, and pepper, and set aside.

Slice eggplant into 3/4 thick slices leaving skin on. Beat 3 eggs in a bowl. Dip slices of eggplant in the egg and then into the cracker meal blend. Shake off excess.

In a large skillet or electric fry pan, pour oil into pan until it's about 1/2 inch deep. Fry eggplant slices until golden, then remove and pat with a paper towel.

Put the cooked eggplant in a 13 x 9 x 2 baking pan in one layer. Pinch a bit of mozzarella cheese on each slice, and add a tablespoon of spaghetti sauce on top of the cheese. If you have more, stack them on top and do the same. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes. Serve with spaghetti (use the remaining sauce). YUM.



My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

Snowbirds

The snowbirds have left us. In a span of two to three weeks most of the birds and humans that winter here are gone!

Our human friends drive or fly home guided by someone else or a good GPS. Our feathered friends do not have that help (or maybe they do?).

It really is amazing that any bird, especially a bird as tiny as a ruby throated hummingbird, can navigate its way from as far north as Canada and return to the same location each winter to avoid the cold. Many migratory songbirds return to the exact same territory each year...without a GPS!

The ruby throated hummingbird is common in the Everglades area during the winter. We get some of them, however the majority of them winter in the Caribbean and Panama. Some, like ours, settle in south Florida and others on the very southern point of the Texas gulf coast.

On their migration trip from their winter homes, hummers will fly 500 to 600 miles non-stop over the Gulf of Mexico before making landfall and starting their trek to tropics. To survive it, the birds almost double their body weight prior to migrations.

However, in the summer all of our hummers are not gone! Ruby throated hummingbirds nest in south Florida, including southwest Florida.

I have seen them in Everglades City each summer, and I once found a hummingbird nest on the ground next to one of our trees. It was tiny and only the size of a quarter (the ruby throated is the only hummer that breeds in Florida!)

By far, the easiest way to attract them is to plant what they like to feed on. Red tubular flowers. Hummers love the firecracker plant. It is easy to grow and blooms year around. Even if you are not here during the summer, it will survive on its own. Find a spot where you can plant it and watch them. They are fun to watch.

We also have honeysuckle, both cape honeysuckle and coral honeysuckle planted in our yard. I prefer the coral as it grows as a vine and has beautiful red flowers all over it. It is a plant they fight over in our yard. You can find honeysuckle at a good Naples nursery. These are easy to care for plants that will survive super wet and dry times of the year. Plant it in a location you can observe and they will come!

This is a special note to our human snowbirds... Did you realize that right after you leave, only a matter of weeks, that the Royal Poinciana trees go into full bloom and the frogs start singing after drenching rains?

The Poincianas are gorgeous in May and June. Right now some of the yards look like they have a red carpet from all of the flower petals on the ground.

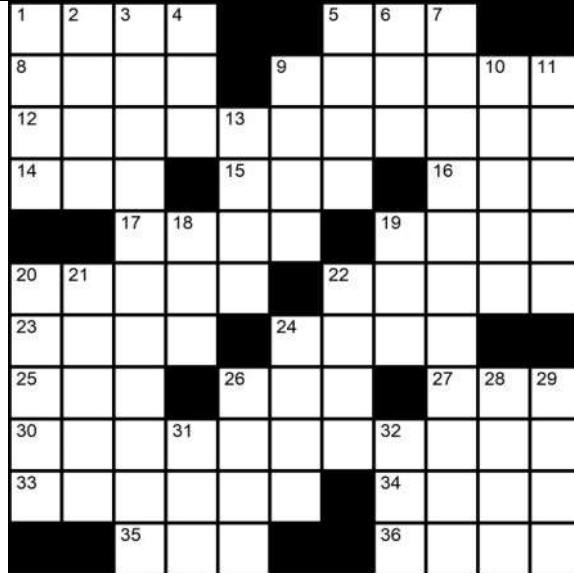
As I write, the frogs are singing...and it is so loud that I can hear it in my home with all hurricane-rated windows shut! It is truly a unique, Everglades experience.

These are a few of the things you miss while we miss all of you!

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Musical Mama, who died young
- 5 Feverish ailment
- 8 Not manual
- 9 Spanish rice dish
- 12 Troublesome
- 14 Anatomical pouch
- 15 "--- we there yet?"
- 16 Number of people brought home, briefly
- 17 Make sweaters
- 19 Such as Shakespeare
- 20 Garden entrance
- 22 Alexandre ---, author of the story behind "La Traviata"
- 23 Thin rope
- 24 Brush off, ___ / ___ life!
- 25 "All This, and Heaven ---" (1940 Bette Davis movie)
- 26 Abu Dhabi is its capital
- 27 UK aces?
- 30 Seller's hoped-for figure
- 33 Multi-hit Wonder
- 34 Comedic actress Faris
- 35 Latin king
- 36 Someone like you



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Down

- 1 Toy gun ammo
- 2 Migraine feature
- 3 Security dealer
- 4 Blubber
- 5 Renown
- 6 Meadow
- 7 Rural inmate turned blue
- 9 Sassy
- 10 Seventh sign of the zodiac
- 11 Some are amino
- 13 Den
- 18 Doze off
- 19 Nevertheless
- 20 Pretend to be
- 21 Perch
- 22 Obscure
- 24 Measuring instrument
- 26 AT&T computer operating system
- 28 Teenager's torment
- 29 Dread
- 31 "--- changed my mind"
- 32 Music genre



EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

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Loco's Fresh Produce Closed for Summer
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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

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6/11/2022	Sat	1:11 AM	2.32	H
6/11/2022	Sat	7:38 AM	0.67	L
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6/12/2022	Sun	2:10 AM	2.38	H
6/12/2022	Sun	8:24 AM	0.74	L
6/12/2022	Sun	1:04 PM	3.09	H
6/12/2022	Sun	9:19 PM	-0.34	L
6/13/2022	Mon	3:04 AM	2.4	H
6/13/2022	Mon	9:09 AM	0.81	L
6/13/2022	Mon	1:40 PM	3.27	H
6/13/2022	Mon	10:08 PM	-0.5	L
6/14/2022	Tue	4:00 AM	2.37	H
6/14/2022	Tue	9:54 AM	0.85	L
6/14/2022	Tue	2:20 PM	3.4	H
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6/15/2022	Wed	10:41 AM	0.88	L
6/15/2022	Wed	3:03 PM	3.45	H
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