

The MULLET RAPPER



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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table

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Happy 4th of July!



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Independence Day Celebration!
Saturday, June 26, 2021
Starting at 10:00 am



Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend the annual Independence Day celebration!

The day kicks off with a “boom” and gets even better from there...all culminating with the fireworks at 9 pm.

Here is the day's schedule:

- 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony**
- 10:30 a.m. Parade, 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 and games for the kids. Food (hotdogs, chips and a beverage) will be provided by the Everglades Lions Club.

If you are coming from out of town, the parades and festivities will be located in and around McLeod Park in Everglades City.

We hope to see you there!
Make sure to bring folding chairs, sunscreen, and insect repellent!

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Meet the New Owners of Parkway Motel & Marina!



Aaron Tabor (left) grew up in Chokoloskee, his grandfather was Ernest Hamilton. When Everglades City School was being rebuilt, Aaron started helping the plumbing contractor onsite. A few years later Aaron became a licensed plumber in Naples, and eventually relocated to Ft. Lauderdale where he founded “Honest Plumbers”.

When Aaron met David (top left on right) a few years ago, they developed an immediate connection. Then, when the Covid-19 pandemic hit, they came to Chokoloskee to be closer to family. That is when they met up with Bill & Geri Shelburne, former owners of Parkway. It was then that the couple learned that the Motel & Marina was for sale...and the rest is now history.

Aaron & David took over the Parkway Motel & Marina on January 1st. Since that time they have been very busy putting their imprint on the park. There are upgrades and changes everywhere you look...and, it looks amazing.



They have upgraded the live bait tank and now carry shrimp, blue crab, and (when available) baitfish...all guaranteed to catch fish or die trying.

They have added a 24-hour keypad to the renovated fuel tank so Captains in the Captains Club have 24-hour access to fuel **any time they need it.**

The boatlift crane has been rehabbed it can easily lift boats up to 6400 pounds and slip them easily into the water. No need to back into a ramp, they will lift your boat right into the water.

Parkway has overnight docks, and docks for larger vessels too. They also have increased their offering inside the office including new fishing tackle, hats, shirts, maps, groceries, and new items

being added regularly.

The couple has worked day and night over the last six months to position Parkway as one of the County's most versatile marinas with complete boating and room accommodations.

Parkway has an array of room styles; standard rooms, rooms with kitchenettes, cottages, and a 3-bedroom trailer. Parkway Motel & Marina can accommodate a single overnight stay to larger groups, and families for a more lengthy stay.

July 3rd is the official Grand Opening of the Aaron & David era at Parkway Motel & Marina. Their grand-opening party will feature music, food, fun, games, and beverages.

This is a fantastic opportunity to support one of our local businesses and meet the new owners of Parkway Motel & Marina!

Parkway Motel & Marina is located at 1180 Chokoloskee Drive, Chokoloskee, Florida.

SWFL Coast tide predictions, maps, tours & more at www.visitevergladescity.com! Call us @ 954-662-7003

~ EVENT CALENDAR - JUNE 27, 2021 — JULY 31, 2021 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
June 27	28	29	30 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	July 1	2	3 Kids event At Museum, p. 8 Parkway Party, See P. 3
4 4th of July!	5 Independence Holiday Day ESHP, 9 am	6 City Council Mtg 7 pm	7 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	8	9-New Moon	June 10—Rapper
11	12	13	14 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	15 Museum Talk. 2pm, p. 8	16	17
18	19	20 P & Z Meeting	21 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	22	23-Full Moon	June 24—Rapper
25	26	27	28 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	29	30	31

August 7: Kids Event at Museum, page 8 September 1: Snook Season Reopens September 6: Labor Day

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., closed until further notice
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2:00p
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 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer
 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm
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 THRIFT SHOP: Open Thursday. 11 am to 3 pm, more info on p. 3
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**Independence Day Celebration
Saturday, June 26th, 10 am**

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 the front page, left column.

**Exclusive Tour of the
Bank of Everglades Building
June 26, 11:30 am to 2 pm
(other dates available)**

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) is offering exclusive tours of the Bank of Everglades Building limited to groups of 10. If you would like to purchase tickets, visit www.SaveBoE.com and click on events!

There are several dates to choose from. If you would like us to consider a different date for your special group, please email or call Marya Repko at eshp@hotmail.com or 239-695-2905.

**Parkway Motel & Marina
Grand Opening Celebration
July 3, 2021, 6:00 pm to 10:00 pm**

Come and celebrate the "Grand Opening" of Parkway Motel & Marina which is now under new ownership and management!

New owners David and Aaron have made so many changes to the park and marina! Come and see them for yourself on Saturday, July 3.

The evening will feature great live music, great food, games and more.

Parkway is located on Chokoloskee Island, 1180 Chokoloskee Dr, Chokoloskee, FL

Volunteers Needed!

The Everglades Area Visitor Center needs volunteers to greet visitors at the center. If you have a great attitude and know a bit about the area and would like to work as a volunteer greeter, please call Kathy Brock at 954-662-7003. We offer flexible hours and a very happy place to be!

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
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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

There are two brochure racks at City Hall with information about local businesses. You can visit City Hall Monday—Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

You may also go to the area website www.VisitEvergladesCity.com. Here you can access our business directory by category. Each business listing provides a map and link to the business' website.

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:

239-695-3781

Obituary

Wallace Bennett Barton

Wallace (Wally) Bennett Barton passed away peacefully on June 21, 2021 in Naples, Florida. Wally was born on August 23, 1936 in Hamilton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife Jean Barton, and his loving children, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Wally proudly served as a member of the City of Miami Fire Department for 25 years and retired as Captain in 1986. Organizing and attending the annual firefighter reunions was a special part of Wally's life. After retirement, Wally and Jean traveled extensively across the United States, exploring many wonderful adventures together. Wally will be dearly missed by many and, until we meet him again one day, will always be in our hearts. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Salvation Army.

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voting information in Collier County**

The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office has updated their web address to CollierVotes.gov and is encouraging the public to visit, bookmark and share this change.

"With so much misinformation about elections and voting, this change sends a clear message that CollierVotes.gov is THE trusted source for finding accurate information about future elections." – Jennifer J. Edwards, Supervisor of Elections.

The Supervisor's website is a full-service resource for voters, candidates and the general public who are looking for pertinent information about upcoming elections, voter registration, voter statistics and so much more. Visit, bookmark and share – the Collier County Supervisor of Elections' website is now CollierVotes.gov!



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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation
To See a Sawfish in Public Aquariums: Making Conservation Connections
 by guest authors Paula Carlson, Stacia White, and Alan Henningsen

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, Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay, Shedd Aquarium, 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.

Tonya Wiley, President, Tonya@havenworth.org, 941-201-2685, www.havenworth.org
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~Adventures of the Saltwater Cowboy~ Hoot Owl by Jon Edward Edwards

Is this really happening, I wonder as the series of surreal events unfolded around me. From an airboat in a canal, deep within the Florida Everglades on the Miccosukee Indian Reservation, I watched Ronnie's airboat turn upside down and sink – in about the amount of time that it took to write this sentence. Jolted from my trance-like state by the alarm in his voice, I came around to the here and now. "Get over here!" Ronnie, my dad, yelled as he and his passengers' dog-paddled in the alligator-infested waterway.

A marvelous morning of largemouth bass angling it had been. Tossing and flipping mostly watermelon-colored soft plastic baits threaded on weedless hooks, we ripped lip after lip ... a saving grace after the previous night's series of surreal events left the trip in jeopardy of becoming a complete bust. Yet, at this point, the saving grace morphed into a diabolical and potentially Major League Baseball career-ending disaster.

Our guests at The Hoot Owl that weekend were members of the Texas Rangers Baseball Organization. At that time, the Ranger's spring training facility was in Port Charlotte, and a life-long friend of mine, Ken Guthrie, happened to be the bullpen catcher.

An interesting anecdote is that Ken had made headline sports news during the prior baseball season; albeit news doused in controversy. As a joke among friends, Ken had thrown a ball to outfielder Rusty Greer in which he had written a profanity-laden message. This message included a term that may or may not have had certain racial undertones – "redneck." It depends on who you're asking. Those of us from the Deep South consider it a term of endearment. Rusty immediately began throwing the ball around the outfield without noticing said message. When the inning started, Juan Gonzales (another outfielder), unaware of the harmlessly intended sentiment, flipped the ball to an awaiting fan. The fan turned the ball into the San Diego Padres officials, claiming the message was intended for him or her - I can't remember which. This was odd considering the term was particularly associated with southern white males, of which the fan was not. Ken was forced to explain the story and was lightly reprimanded. The rest is history.

The weekend started interestingly enough with two madmen in fan boats wearing spelunker helmets outfitted with one-million candlepower headlamps racing through the Everglades approaching the boat landing. * The two madmen being Ronnie and his partner in the Hoot Owl camp, George Smith, R.I.P.

Another fact worth mentioning is that George invented the willow-leaf spinnerbait, according to Roland Martin in a 1969 edition of Bass Master Magazine. ** Also, I would be amiss not to mention that George taught me much of what I know about the 10,000 Islands.

I, Ken, an All-Star starting (left-handed) pitcher, a shortstop, and the bullpen coach loaded onto the two airboats and sped into the dark of night toward the famed Hoot Owl camp. Those who loaded onto Ronnie's "sled," as the type of airboats are called that are

designed to slide through the sawgrass, had unwittingly just reduced their life expectancy significantly. Not that Ronnie is a poor operator. On the contrary, his exceptional skills were the only reason there had been no loss of life.



Turning into an indistinguishable break in the foliage, we came to a narrow path overgrown with vines and limbs blocked by a chain that spanned from two cypress trees. Killing the engine, Ronnie stepped down and unhooked the chain. In a tree to his right was a stop sign that had to be as old as we were – an oddity amid the swamp. Grabbing


handfuls of branches, we pulled ourselves into the century's old cypress hammock that opened into a shallow lagoon. In the center of the lagoon was the two-story behemoth of a camp built out of pressure-treated lumber on pilings, all material being brought in little by little via airboat. Not your typical camp, the Hoot Owl had all the comforts of a reasonably modern home.

Excited was the only way to describe the vibe, which intensified when Ronnie asked if anyone wanted to go gator hunting. As the baseball players loaded onto Ronnie's airboat, Ken and mine's protests were drowned out over the deafening noise. We looked at each other as if to say, "This isn't going to be good for anybody." Several anxiety-laden hours later, the crew came limping (literally and figuratively) back to the camp. The mood was now somber as the pitcher was holding his elbow – the left one. Whether or not they were successful in their gator hunt, I can't say ... As such activities were forbidden on the reservation. However, what I can say is that Ronnie had hit a cypress knee, throwing the pitcher into the front of the airboat.

The next morning everyone was okay, including the pitcher, who seemed to have made it unscathed – pitching arm intact. We all breathed sighs of relief as we loaded up into the airboats and headed for the canal to fish. Unbeknownst to us, the encounter with the cypress knee had punctured a hole in Ronnie's airboat, which we couldn't see due to the airboat's surface being entirely decked over. And thus ensued the horror of witnessing the airboat flip upside down, sink, and professional baseball players swim in a canal crawling with gators.

I don't remember hearing much about the pitcher after that. I can only hope it wasn't because of our little adventure. But as we rode through the Everglades taking the crew back to the boat landing, I remember thinking, This is going to make one hell of a story.

*Credit Ken Guthrie
**Not entirely certain of the facts



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*A Message from the Principal,
Dr. Cherie Allison*

As I walk the halls devoid of noise, filled with chairs and empty desks waiting for floors to be waxed, I reflect on what an amazing year our students have had under very difficult circumstances. I think about their joyful spirits and their resilience. These children of the global pandemic have already faced a major hurricane and yet they still smile. Some of our students fluctuated between virtual school, home school and our brick and mortar school since March 2020, but in August, the majority will return.



Everglades will be losing some of our teachers to out of state moves and some to retirement, we are so sad to see them go. However, we are extremely excited about those that have chosen to join us, a few who live right in Everglades City! This school is strong and it will continue to be the most wonderful school in Collier County.

As I look back on our wonderful graduation and the incredible young men and women we have had to say goodbye to, I think of the new little ones, excited this summer to be starting Pre-K in the fall. Both sets of students starting on new journeys. We are so excited for them all!

Many of the struggles our students have had will be lifted for next year and we are looking forward to more normalcy. We will be starting a parent PTO in the fall and would love any input. We welcome anyone interested to our SAC meetings next year, as your voices are important. We cannot wait to plan on campus events for even more parent involvement. This is a hard time of year. It is a time to reflect on what has occurred, to hope for what is to come and to plan for all that will be.

I hope all families get some time to relax and enjoy each other's company, that our teachers take a moment to rejuvenate themselves and that our kids get an opportunity to just be kids and have fun! Even after a tough year, I know our EVG students will come back stronger and more excited. Everglades students, families and community are strong and resilient. I look forward to 2021-2022, I think it is going to be an amazing year!

**Have a great summer
EVG Students!**

**We will see you on
August 10th!**

*School is Out. Now, What Can We Do?
Great Ideas from VeryWellFamily.com*

Now that school is out kids have extra time on their hands. It's great to have some downtime, but watching TV all summer is not a good recipe to keep kids motivated and moving.

Here are some excellent ideas for things you can do at home to keep kids engaged all summer long:

Enjoy Nature: Take advantage of long sunny days by exploring the natural world (just don't forget the sunscreen).

Go bird watching: Take photos and keep track of your sightings. Use an app or guidebook to identify feathered friends, or create an account with e-bird.

Grow fresh herbs in containers: Use old coffee cans, milk jugs, mason jars, plastic cups, or anything else you have around the house. Keep your herb garden on a patio or windowsill.

Look for shapes in the clouds: Put a blanket in the grass and stare up at the sky. Take turns talking about what you see in the clouds.

Make a bird feeder: Watch birds visit your yard and add to your list of bird sightings.

Make fairy houses: Use moss, bark, and leaves to create a dwelling fit for Thumbelina.

Plant a butterfly or hummingbird garden: or create a backyard wildlife habitat by selecting plants that attract native (and visiting) birds and butterflies to your backyard.

Here are some things to do on rainy days:

Break out your movie collection or use Netflix or Amazon: Have a movie marathon complete with popcorn.

Build a fort: Put pillows in the living room or cardboard boxes in the yard.

Build a Lego castle: Clear off a table and make it a family project. Work on it all summer.

Camp in: Put the sleeping bags on the floor and have a family slumber party.

Experiment with new hairdos: Let the kids try out non-permanent colors, braids, or a spiked, gelled look.

Get an origami book and fun paper: Create fun animals and shapes. Give them to friends or family members as gifts.

Have breakfast in bed.: Take turns being the server and the served.

Hold marble races: Use an old pool noodle as the track. Simply cut it in half, making two tracks of equal length. Then, race the marbles down the tracks to see who has the fastest one.

Make a time capsule: Have each family member write down something they are grateful for and include a special item in the time capsule. Then, store it away until a designated date. You can open it as early as Thanksgiving or as far off as high school graduation.

Play charades: Turn all the summer drama into a game.

Rearrange the furniture: Give the kids graph paper and have them draw out a plan first.

Set a goal and complete a home project: Whether it is cleaning the garage, organizing the basement, or redecorating the spare bedroom, find ways to let the kids help.

No matter what you choose to do, have fun and do it together as a family. You are not only "passing time" you are creating memories that you and your kids will remember their entire lives.

For more visit www.VeryWellFamily.com.

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As We Grow Older Our Motto Should Be 'Safety First'

By Pastor Bob Wallace

When I was a young boy in Tulsa, Oklahoma, I never liked going to the doctor or the dentist. The only pleasant thing I can remember about those visits was the office directory in the lobby of the Medical Arts Building. I was fascinated to find listed there on the Directory a physician by the name of Dr. Safety First. No kidding! I've never forgotten Dr. Safety First. Maybe the point in having such a name was to impress upon the public the importance of living a safe and accident-free life.

An inventory should be taken frequently of your living conditions and surroundings and an effort made to make them as safe as possible. The elimination of safety hazards around the home certainly makes life more pleasurable. According to a report given by the National Safety Council, 89,300 deaths occurred in 2018 from preventable injuries or injury-related deaths in homes. At least 25,000,000 injuries occurred in homes in 2018, with an estimated total economic toll of more than \$320 billion. And there are more than 4 million home accidents every year. More than 27,000 of them are fatal! That number is growing every year.

If you would look around your house, or apartment, you will probably find there are more safety hazards which endanger you than you realize. A quick inventory of your living space will help you correct some of those problems before they endanger your well-being. Maybe some suggestions will help.

Are all of your rooms well-ventilated, well-heated and free of dampness? Since your home, or apartment will probably serve as a place for your convalescence, it's imperative that the atmosphere and temperature be conducive to a patient's well-being and comfort.

Matches and smoking have always been, and still are, safety hazards in the home. If anyone in your household still smokes, make sure there's always an ashtray handy. Never smoke in bed, or while reclining on a sofa or chair, or even lying on a bed. Thousands of tragedies occur every year from people who persist in doing those things.

Make sure you use electricity properly in your home. Never overload your electrical circuits with the excessive use of electrical extension cords. If you must use an extension cord, be sure it's heavy enough for the power it will carry. Never overload your wall outlets with too many appliances. If you don't have enough outlets, have an

electrician install more for your use.

Keep an air space around your television set. A TV generates a lot of heat and poses a potential fire hazard.

Make sure all of your flammable liquids are tightly closed. Never use kerosene or cleaning fluid to start a fire or ignite charcoal on your outdoor grill.

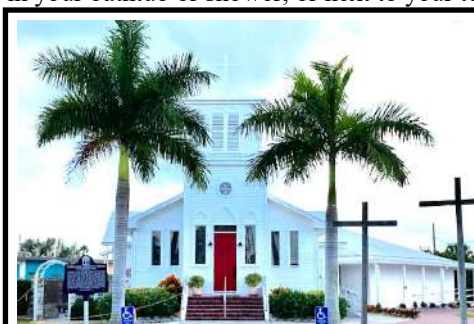
Kitchens pose a special safety hazard because of the dangers from heat and fire. Remember, it takes a long time for heat to dissipate, so never place any flammable object in, or on, an oven that is hot or cooling.

Bathrooms have become especially dangerous to older people. If you don't have a grab rail in your bathtub or shower, or next to your toilet, make sure you have them installed. A grab rail helps minimize the danger of a person falling. Most home accidents happen from a fall in the bathroom.

A rubber mat in the bathtub is another safety measure you can take to help guard against a fall. If you use electrical appliances in your bathroom, make sure the wires are in good repair and not frayed. Water is an excellent conductor of electricity and can cause shock, or even electrocution. Never use an electrical appliance when your hands are wet or while bathing.

When you come right down to it, safety in the home is just good, common sense. And though I never was a patient of Dr. Safety First, I think his name instilled in me an awareness of using good, common sense when it comes to personal safety. 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.



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What's Happening At The Museum of Everglades

Event

**Stories of a Sportsmen's Paradise:
A Folk Art Experience**

July 8, 5:00 PM - 7:00 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.

Exhibit

**BANKING ON THE PAST,
SAVING FOR THE FUTURE: THE
LEGACY OF BARRON
COLLIER'S BANK OF
EVERGLADES**

**June 1- August 27, 2021
Museum of the Everglades**

This new exhibit celebrates the Bank of Everglades building—a grand neo-classical structure erected by Barron Collier in 1926. It was the only bank in Collier County for almost 40 years. The exhibit details the history of the institution, including its two previous (and far less impressive) homes and the bank's 1962 relocation to Immokalee, as well as the businesses that later occupied the space. The local effort to save and restore the structure by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation and the possible ways the preserved structure might serve the community in the future will also be explored.

**FREE SUMMER EVENTS
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July 3: Museum of the Everglades "Tamiami Trailblazing" 10 am to 2 pm

August 7: Museum of the Everglades "Florida Fishin'" 10 am to 2 pm

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!

*Living Gulf Coast
By Charles Sobczak*



Florida Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina bauri*) Other names: box turtle / Status: FL=species of special concern, IUCN=LC / Length: 6.5 in. (16.5 cm) / Weight: 5 lb (2.3 kg) / Life span: to more than 100 years / Reproduces: lays up to 3 clutches of 4-6 eggs each on land / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, inland / Months found: JFMAMJJASOND

The Florida box turtle is semi-aquatic, at home in both terrestrial and aquatic habitats. In freshwater it prefers to remain in the shallows and does not appear to be a good swimmer. It has a life expectancy of more than 100 years, making it the longest-living organism in The Living Gulf Coast.

Easily identified by its high, arching domed carapace with bright orange-yellow markings, the box turtle is commonly kept as a pet. Collecting this turtle for the pet industry was recently outlawed, however, and the species is now protected in Florida. Because of the box turtle's popularity, Florida has imposed a two-turtle possession limit.

The box turtle's diet consists of insects, carrion, dung, and toxic fungi. The box turtle cannot be eaten by humans or other mammals because of the build-up of toxicity in its flesh from eating poisonous mushrooms and other fungi. Because of that, the box turtle is seldom preyed upon as an adult. That may be why it is so brightly patterned, much like other toxic and poisonous species. Some juveniles and hatchlings are taken by fire ants, herons, and skunks.

Charles Sobczak is a nature photographer and writer from Sanibel Island. You can find his publications on www.indigopress.net



Preserving History One Lecture at a Time

The Museum of the Everglades, one of Collier's most visited museums, is more than a museum. It is an integral part of the community's past and present.

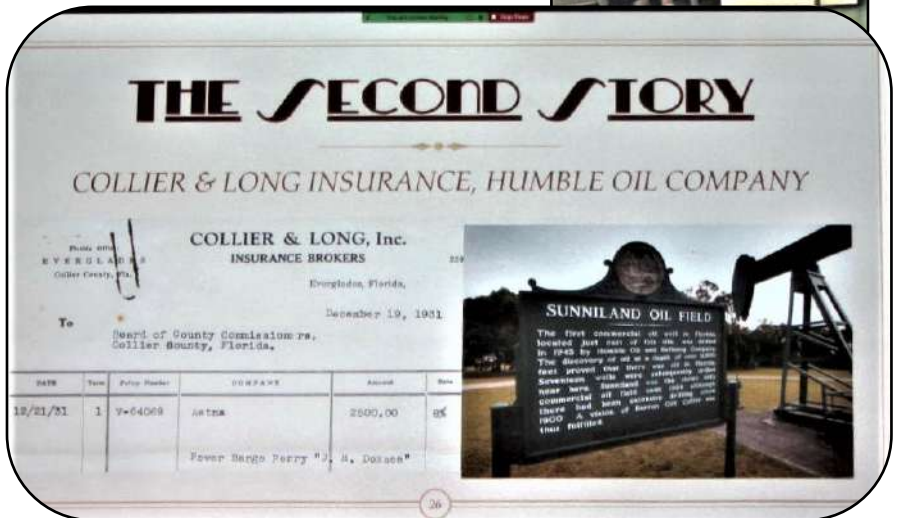
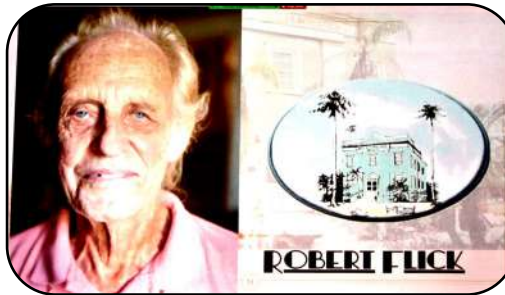
Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear, spends his days enthusiastically educating visitors about history of our area, but he does not stop there. Lockyear also uses his platform to talk about the future and how history is woven in our past, present and future.

When it became known that the historic Bank of Everglades Building had been donated to the local charitable organization the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHPP), he saw an opportunity to thread history into the present to shed additional light on the big task ahead, renovating the building that once served as the **only bank in Collier County**.

Can you imagine that there was one bank in the entire county? Today, there are three or more banks at every intersection in the County!

The series of "third Thursday" lectures touch on numerous subjects of interest about the area. To learn more about this series and other Museum of Everglades events visit their website www.colliermuseums.com and click on "events". Be sure to verify the location as all museum events are noted on this calendar. Also be aware that you will need to register for events (even free events) since seating is limited.

Here are some photos from the most recent "third Thursday" lecture about the Bank of Everglades.



Photos: Top Left: Mr. Robert Flick, former owner of the Bank of Everglades building. Mr. Flick donated the bank to ESHPP in March 2021 so it can be restored and used as a public space.

Top Right: Thomas Lockyear, Museum Manager delivers a presentation about the Bank of Everglades and its storied history. Lockyear offers educational lectures on the "Third Thursday" of each month.

Bottom Center: A receipt for insurance by Collier & Long Insurance Brokers underwritten by Aetna in 1931 addressed to the Collier Board of Commissioners. Humble Oil once occupied offices in the Bank of Everglades building in the 1940's. Humble Oil, chartered in 1911 in Humble, Texas, is today known as Exxon.

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INGREDIENTS

- 1 cup heavy cream
 - 1 1/2 tbs. granulated sugar
 - 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
 - pinch of salt
 - 1/2 pint mason jars
- (Recipe yield is for one mason jar)

Topping: Fruit or fruit compote of your choice



DIRECTIONS: Pour cream, sugar, vanilla and salt into the mason jar and secure tightly with a lid. Shake the mason jar until the cream thickens and almost doubles in size, about 4 to 5 minutes. It should be opaque and easily coat the back of a wooden spoon.

Freeze for 3 to 4 hours. Scoop out and top with your favorite topping. The perfect topping at this time of year is mangoes! Mangoes are ripe right now and plentiful!

For different flavors, try mixing in 1/4 cup crushed Oreo cookies for cookies and cream. Mix in a teaspoon of unsweetened cocoa for chocolate. Add peppermint extract and mini chocolate chips for mint chocolate chip, or just the chips for chocolate chip. This is a great project to do with your kids. Let them choose their own variations, and mark the jars with your kids names.



My Little Slice of Paradise By Kathy Brock

This summer we have been very busy working on our new lot (next door to our home), incorporating it into our landscape.

Because we are in such a low, wet area our goal was to provide a space for water to collect, and then slowly filter out.

Our home sat next to this vacant lot since it was built in 1979. Since we have been here (1993) that lot would fill with water after big rains signaling to the resident frogs and toads that it is time to breed.

The idea of just filling the lot in and displacing all of the frogs, didn't work for us so we decided to create a pond. Here the water could collect away from our house and other landscaping, and provide a haven for the frogs to breed and sing.

A big test came the first week of June when we received at least 8 inches of rain (in our rain gauge). The frogs did not disappoint! Sing they did...and breed. Within a few days we saw tiny tadpoles, and then they got much bigger. Next, we got a surprise; wading birds, and there were many of them!

Our favorite is a juvenile little blue heron. He showed up first and immediately began gorging on tadpoles. We counted how many he was eating per minute to try to get a feel for how many he (or she) was consuming. We counted 4 per minute... and he would stay here several hours each day. Other birds joined in too. Tri-colored herons, great white herons, and snowy egrets started coming. For over a week, as the water slowly receded, the birds would come to munch on tadpoles, frogs and bugs in and around the pond.

After 5 dry-ish days, the pond has receded to the point where the water is concentrated in a smaller area, and very few tadpoles are left. We hope some survived to maturity.

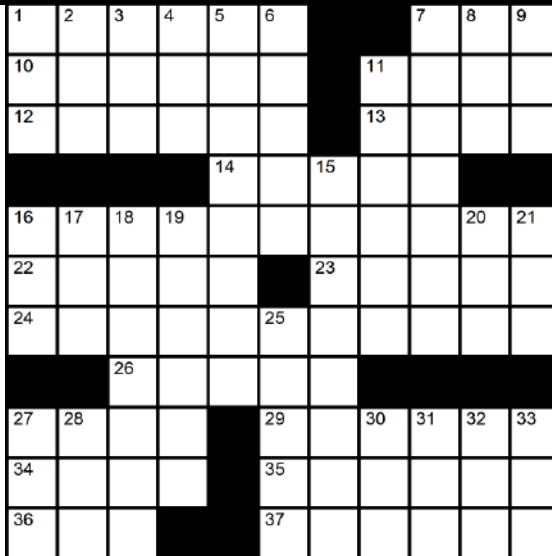
Today, little blue is still visiting, but the others have moved on to more fruitful territory. There are still some smaller tadpoles for him to chase around but his "catch per minute" count is down to about one per minute, but he doesn't seem to mind one bit. He stays here for hours at a time.

I am so happy that we decided to keep a wet place for the frogs. The noises they make are what the Everglades is all about. What I was not considering is how vital they are to the native birds, and how providing a place for the frogs would also provide a place for the native waders to collect, and eat...right in our own yard.

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- 13 "Good heavens!"
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6/26/2021	Sat	5:35 AM	2.29	H
6/26/2021	Sat	11:21 AM	0.84	L
6/26/2021	Sat	3:50 PM	3.34	H
6/27/2021	Sun	12:21 AM	-0.39	L
6/27/2021	Sun	6:22 AM	2.28	H
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**Huge BOOM off of East Coast of Florida
Reported by Residents**

Some thought it was an earthquake, others phoned in thinking an explosion may have happened nearby. However, on Friday, June 18th what they really heard was a scheduled Naval test about 100 miles off of the coast of Volusia County.

The USS Gerald R. Ford is the newest, state-of-the-art aircraft carrier in the US Navy.


Before it can be commissioned, it must pass a series of tests to make sure it is US Navy-worthy.

The vessel passed the first test with flying colors. According to the Navy's twitter feed, #Warship78 completes the 1st explosive event of Full Ship Shock Trials! The leadership and crew demonstrated #NavyReadiness fighting through the shock, proving our warship can "take a hit" and continue our mission on the cutting edge of #NavalAviation! "

The explosion, which registered 3.9 on the Richter Scale, sent a cloud of seawater upwards as the ship sat close by as seen in the photo below.



The first of what will be several tests, aims to demonstrate the ship's ability to withstand a shockwave. There will be several "Full Ship Shock Trials (FSSTs) in the coming months off the coast of Florida. The USS Gerald R Ford is the "the newest and most advanced aircraft carrier" in the Navy, and can be deployed once it has passed the series of action-ready tests.



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