

The MULLET RAPPER



What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands!
News, Stories, Classifieds, Tide Tables & More

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100 Years of History Independence Day Event

What a perfect day for a 100 year celebration!

Pastor Bob opened with a prayer. The officers raised the flag with a salute, how beautiful!!

Next was the "100 Years of History" themed parade with all shapes and sizes of participants. Treats were being tossed



from the floats into the crowd and judging from their smiles, they all had a great time.



The winner this years parade entry was Bruce Minton of Everglades City. Wow, nice!



After the parade, the crowd migrated to McLeod Park where there were games, prizes, hot dogs, & drinks provided by the Everglades Lions Club, raffles and a Little Miss & Mister FireCracker best-dressed contest.

As usual, the fireworks were awesome and it provided a perfect ending to a great day.

Thank you to everyone who made this day happen!

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Helen Bryan & Charity Wilson*



August In the 10,000 Islands

by Captain Mike Merritt



This has been one hot Summer! We have had some good action on big Snook. The main issue I have had is the over abundance of big Sharks. It seems every year that number grows and so do the Sharks.

We basically can land a fish and release it and a shark shows up immediately. When I see them I simply move on rather than sacrifice these big Snook. These are the future of our fishery so we want to make sure we don't kill them simply for a picture. It's a bummer when you know you can hook more big fish but you know they will just get eaten by sharks so you leave. This means lots of moves so we are covering lots of area.

These water temps are also hard on the fish so we try to land them fast and release quick. I remember fishing at night years ago and the water temps were in the 90's. We would net a fish and their scales would come off really easy so we quit using a net. Of course you better be real careful when doing this that a Shark doesn't get you or the fish. Bottom line is that there are still some big fish to be caught just be aware of what's going on in the water.

The Redfish bite is still off and we don't expect any major changes in that till late August, even early September. Shrimp and shrimp tipped jigs is still the best bet.

Seatrout continue to be caught in a variety of places. We are catching some on the flats and in rivers and bays. We are catching some decent size fish which is surprising as the usual summer Trout are small.

The nice thing about fishing the flats is there have been some Permit showing up on the edges of these same flats so keep a Pompano jig handy or better yet some live crabs. Deeper holes tend to hold fish as the water is slightly cooler down deep so try jig fishing these or drop shrimp or live baits down to the

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Fran Mainella Named Chair of The Alliance for Florida's National Parks

Fran Mainella, the 16th Director and the First Woman Director of the National Park Service, as well as the first woman Director of the Florida State Parks, has been appointed as the first woman Chair of the Alliance Board. [Learn More](#)



EVENT CALENDAR - July 30, 2023 to September 9, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31	August 1	2 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	3 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna Cafe 8:30a	4	5
6 Lobster Season Opens p3	7	8 Full Moon	9 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	10 Ladies' Coffee Island Cafe 8:30a Back To School	11	12
13	14	15	16 New Moon Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	17 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a Third Thurs. p9	18	19
20	21	22	23 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	24 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna Cafe 8:30a	25	26 - RAPPER Praise Night p3
27 Python Fest p5	28	29	30 Full Moon Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	31 Ladies' Coffee Island Cafe 8:30a	September 1 Snook Season Opens p4	2
3	4 Labor Day 	5	6 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	7 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a	8	9

AREA BUSINESS & CLUB HOURS & NUMBERS

AA: Wed., 5p, 1st Baptist Church, 416 School Dr., Everglades City
 Carnestown Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2p
 Everglades City Visitor Center: Open Daily except Wed., 10a-2p
 Lions Club: 2nd Thurs. of month, 6p (No Meetings: Jun.-Aug.)
 Museum: Open Tues.-Sat., 9a-4p (239) 252-5026
 Smallwood Store: Open daily 11a-4p (239) 695-2989
 Everglades Community Church Food Pantry: Wed., 9:30a-Noon
 Mobile Pet Vet: hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Chokoloskee: (239) 695-4468
 Everglades City: (239) 695-2174
 (M-F: 10a-12p, 1p-3:30p, closed Sat. & Sun.)
 Ochopee (239) 695-2099
 (M-F: 8a-10a, Noon-4p; Sat.10a-11:30a)

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Airport: (239) 695-2778
 Big Cypress: (239) 695-2000
 City Hall: (239) 695-3781
 Curbside Trash Pickup: (239) 252-2380
 Dr. Demartino, Marco Island: (239) 642-5552
 EVG National Park: (239) 695-3311
 Fakahatchee Preserve Office: (239) 961-1925
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What's Happening

**August 2023 at 6:30 pm
First 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.

**August 27, Noon
Python Festival
Gator Hole Bar**

The Python Festival at Gator Hole Bar on August 27 includes an opening ceremony at 12 noon, food, music and various contests (snake, rig, and best-dressed) see details on page 5.

**September 29 & 30
Romp in the Swamp**

The 20th Annual Romp In The Swamp Naples is September 29 & 30 at the Port Of The Islands Resort. Registration is Open at <http://www.rompintheswampnaples.com>.

Community Services

**Food Bank
Wednesdays 9:30 am to 12 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."

Registration Now Open!

Romp in the Swamp Naples 2023
September 29-30, 2023
Port of the Island Resort

Registration is now open for the 20th Annual Romp In The Swamp Naples. The event is Sept 29/30 at the Port Of The Islands Resort.

It is an inshore catch-and-release fishing tournament benefiting local families in need. Target species are redfish, snook, and trout. There is a fly fishing division as well as an open division.

This year's event kicks off with a Captain's Meeting, Friday, September 29, 2023, at 7 pm in Port of the Islands Resort where there will be a raffle, food, and music. The event ends Sept 30th with the winners being announced.

Port of the Island Resort has slip & room group discount rates for participants! Chokoloskee RV Park is also offering a 10% discount.

This event is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3)C and is run by local firefighters and volunteers.

Registration

<https://www.rompintheswampnaples.com/registration>

Spiny Lobster Seasons Starts Soon

The 2023 Spiny Lobster Season opens for regular commercial and recreational lobster on Aug. 6 and runs through March 31, 2024.

Learn more

<https://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/lobster>

Fishing

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bottom. You might catch Snapper, Grouper, Snook, Trout, or any other species. It's always worth a try. Jewfish aka Goliath Grouper are everywhere. If you want a big fight and don't mind getting busted off every once in a while then these guys are a fun target. They are in the rivers and offshore. Live or dead baits work. Just bring some big gear and hold on! Have a great summer! Capt. Mike Merritt ~

Mike Merritt, Fishing Guide
(561) 252-4324
SnookFishing1@juno.com

Update from City Hall

by Michael McComas
Everglades City Council



Last month the update was about the Wastewater Treatment plant and this month I would like to bring you up to speed on the rehabilitation and upgrade projects needed to support the operation of the new plant and the work being done by your city staff members to keep us functioning and in compliance with FDEP in the interim.

Lloyd Beaty, the Utilities Director has worked tirelessly to keep our existing plant functioning during construction and kept FDEP up to speed on all of the measures we have taken when the plant was not performing up to standards.

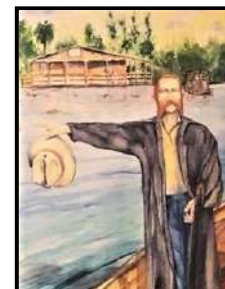
Finance Administrator Tammie Pernas has become very proficient at writing grant applications which is best demonstrated by the successful approval of the following 100% grants from FDEP. Rehabilitation of the Carnestown/Copeland Pump Station \$1 million, Gravity System improvements Project \$2 million, and Rehabilitation of City Pump Projects \$1.5 million. All of these grants are necessary to make the new plant function at optimum performance and all are fully funded.

Additionally, with the strong support of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart we are receiving \$2 million for the Chokoloskee Master Pump Station through the Department of Housing and Urban Development to continue the process of bringing all of Chokoloskee off Septic.

These projects as well as the new plant bring us closer to solving some long standing issues with our infrastructure.



I'm sure some of you have driven by the water tower and seen the artwork which Wes Narin and Councilman Tony Pernas have painted on its sides, very nice. Thank you gentlemen!




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Tour will be the same as the 2-hour eco tour but will include a 1-hour island stop where guests can swim, shell, and explore the beach!
Adults (Ages 16 and up)... \$150
Youth (Ages 7 to 15)... \$110
Children (Ages 6 and under)... Free

3.5-Hour Shelling Tour
This tour will include a 2.5-hour island stop for shelling along the beach and if desired another island can be explored! *
Adult (Ages 16 and up)... \$150
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Wednesday Worship: 6:00 p.m.

416 School Drive / P.O. Box 550, Everglades City, FL 34139, Call Us:(239) 695-3871

Snook Season Opens Sept 1

Hey there, fellow fishing enthusiasts! Snook Season is just around the corner, opening on September 1st! Mark your calendars, renew your license and check the map to get ready for an exciting time in Everglades National Park.

Before you hit the waters, remember a few essential details. Snook Season is closed from December 1st to the end of February, as well as from May 1st to August 31st. But once September rolls in, it's game on!

To stay in the slot, the Snook you catch should be no less than 28 inches and no more than 33 inches in total length. This rule helps us protect the Snook population and allows them to grow and thrive.

Keep in mind that the daily bag limit is one fish per harvester per day. This measure helps maintain a healthy balance and supports the future of Snook fishing.

So gear up and get ready to reel in some fantastic catches and create unforgettable memories on the water. See you out there!

RESOURCES

Florida Fish & Wildlife | Snook
<https://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/snook/>

Snook Regions Map:
<https://myfwc.com/media/1345/snook-map-sm.pdf>

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Just look for the Lighthouse!

The Everglades Inn, A Gem in the County's Crown



The Everglades Inn, hand colored postcard, late 1920s.

by Lila Zuck

Completed in 1923 in the newly established seat of Collier County, the Everglades Inn was surrounded by breathtaking landscaping laid

out under the direction of botanist Dr. Henry Nehrling, who perfected the gardens at the Fort Myers winter estate of Thomas Edison.

The welcome which guests received at the 45-room Everglades Inn was reported to have been comparable to that at any fine hotel in New York City.

A total of 1,100 guests registered at the Inn in 1924, close to the population of Collier County in 1925, which was 1,256 persons.

In 1928, after a record 1,800 guests stayed at the Inn the previous year, two stories were added and the lobby was enlarged. Shops were featured on the ground floor and a screened porch on the second level, where guests enjoyed socializing and reading as gentle breezes meandered through the room.

Besides Thomas Edison and Henry Ford who were regular guests the Inn, dignitaries from other states were guests, arriving by boat before the Tamiami Trail opened in 1928.

In the 200 seat dining room, guests dined American-style on food prepared by Chef Claus Senghaas, a native of Gondelsheim, Germany, first recruited by Barron G. Collier to prepare meals at the Rod and Gun Club.

Meals at the Everglades Inn were the finest. In 1914, Claus Senghaas enlisted as Chef de Cuisine in the German Army and was immediately placed in charge of one of the largest officers' mess halls behind the lines. The meals he prepared for dignitaries, including Paul Von Hindenberg, Commander-in-Chief of the German Armies in the East, Erich Ludendorf, Senior Army Commander, and German Crown Prince Rupprecht, earned him royal decoration.



Chef Claus Senghaas at the Rod & Gun Club in 1947.

The Everglades Inn was truly a gem in Collier County's crown.

GATOR HOLE BAR

Python Festival

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A NOTE FROM
Dr. Leslie C. Ricciardelli
Superintendent of Schools

We are just a few weeks away from welcoming our students back for the 2023-24 school year! Staff and administrators have been working hard to prepare our campuses and curriculum for another year of academic excellence.

As we open our doors on August 10, we will also usher in our school district's centennial. Did you know that the first Superintendent of Schools, Mrs. Tommie C. Barfield, facilitated the first organizational meeting of what was then called The Board of Public Instruction of Collier County on July 9, 1923, in Everglades, Florida (now known as Everglades City)? This year we will mark 100 years since our school district has been in operation and I am honored to celebrate our centennial year as your Superintendent. Stay tuned throughout the school year as we share more about our 100 years.

Earlier this year, the Florida Legislature passed House Bill 1, which included a requirement that the Florida Department of Education (FDOE) develop and submit to the Governor and Legislature a set of recommendations to reduce regulation of public schools. If you are interested in submitting input to the FDOE, please click here to complete their survey prior to August 15, 2023.

We hope our CCPS family is enjoying the summer. Remember, take time to pick up a book and read! Visit our Summer Learning webpage for our CCPS Classics book lists, virtual field trips, and other resources.

~ Dr. Leslie C. Ricciardelli

Back to School Sales Tax Holiday
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July 24 - August 6, 2023
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For a list of qualifying items, visit floridarevenue.com/backtoschool

Free Breakfast & Lunch for Everglades City Schools

Collier County Public Schools has recently announced a revised meal policy for the upcoming 2023-2024 school year. Under the National School Lunch/School Breakfast Programs, all Collier County Public School students will now be provided with complimentary breakfast and lunch. For additional information, please contact: Jennifer Devlin, Meal Applications & Compliance Specialist with CCPS Nutrition Services at (239) 377-0718 or email at devlij@collierschools.com

Academic School Calendar 2023 – 2024
Board approved on March 7, 2023

August

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
	1	2	3 ^A	4		2
7	8	9	10~	11	2	7
14	15	16	17	18	7	12
21	22	23	24	25	12	17
28	29	30	31		16	21

3^A-Teacher Start
10~--Student Start

September

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
				1	17	22
4*	5	6	7	8+	21	27
11	12	13	14=	15	26	32
18	19	20	21	22	31	37
25	26	27	28	29	34	41

4- Labor Day [paid holiday] No School for Teachers and Students
8+ MS/HS only Interim Period Ends
14= MS/HS Interim Published
15- No CCPS School Events After Sundown
24- No CCPS events after sundown
25- No school for Students and Teachers
26 No School for Students; Teacher Professional Development Day

October

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
2	3	4	5	6	39	46
9	10	11	12	13*	44	51
16	17	18	19	20	4	56
23=	24	25	26	27	9	61
30	31				11	63

5- Professional Learning Teachers / Early Dismissal
13*- End of Quarter 1 (44 days)
FTE Week 9-13
16- Teacher Plan Day/No School Students
23= Report Card Published

November

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
		1	2	3	13	66
6	7	8	9	10+	18	71
13	14	15	16=	17	23	76
20	21	22	23*	24	23	77
27	28	29	30		27	81

1- No School for Students; Teacher Professional Development Day
10+ Interim Period Ends
16= Interims Published
20- 21 Hurricane Makeup Days
22 No School for Teachers and Students
23* - Thanksgiving Day [paid holiday] No School for Teachers or Students

December

M	T	W	T	F	S	T
				1	28	82
4	5	6	7	8	33	87
11	12	13	14	15	38	92
18	19	20	21	22		
25	26	27	28	29		


18-29 Winter Break

See The Complete Calendar

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Healthcare Network Receives \$600K Gift for New Mobile Unit

The Bill and Julia Van Domelen Foundation has awarded Healthcare Network a \$600k gift for a new mobile health unit to provide medical care to patients in hard-to-reach and underserved communities.

The unit will consist of three distinct medical exam rooms, two of which will have the ability to be used for dental procedures. Caring for pediatric, adult and senior patients, the unit will also serve as a mobile base of operation during hurricane and natural disaster periods, providing flexibility and versatility to the organization during times of crisis.

“With transportation being a huge barrier to care for many of our patients, this new mobile unit allows us to more effectively address the needs of our most at-risk patients,” said Healthcare Network President and CEO Jamie Ulmer. “Support from the Bill and Julia Van Domelen Foundation is critical to our mission, the health of our patients and overall community. We are extremely grateful for this generous gift and know this new mobile unit will make a big difference in eliminating significant health disparities.”

The unit will visit medically underserved communities like Everglades City as well as migrant farmworker camps throughout Collier County. The new mobile medical unit will be the organization’s third, which currently include the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile© for pediatric dental care and the Health and Smiles mobile for families.

“Healthy families are the key to a thriving community, and we are excited to be supporting Healthcare Network in providing patients quality care regardless of where they live.”

To learn more about Healthcare Network, visit HealthcareSWFL.org.

July 1, 2023 Puzzle Solution

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Holidays Don't Seem The Same Anymore

by Rev. Bob Wallace



When I was a little boy about four growing up out in Oklahoma, I remember my father placing a sparkler up on the telephone pole in front of our house and lighting it. It was the most exciting thing for me to see! No fireworks. No big booms. Just a little sparkler. As time progressed, so did fireworks. They became spectacles for the whole world to see. Whether a football victory, a graduation ceremony, New Years, or Disney World, no act of celebration was complete without the magical effects of fireworks.

But it was different this year. Hurricane Ian destroyed Naples Pier where the Fourth of July has been celebrated in past years. The event was cancelled. There weren't as many fireworks tents alongside the roadside this year. Probably the economy had an effect on that!

But we celebrated the Fourth of July with fireworks in Everglades City. And what a display it was. Multi-break shells fired up into the air bursting into vibrant strings of color. And the end of those strings burst into even more strings to create an echo effect heard out across the Everglades. Crossette fireworks broke apart going in different directions creating a unique effect. Brocade fireworks produced a spider-like effect in the sky exploding into a series of long silver tails that looked like dandelions.

Then, there was the Fourth of July Celebration on the Mall in Washington, D.C. Perhaps you saw it on TV. Lots of music and fireworks over the Potomac River.

Everglades City had a parade the Saturday before the Fourth, which happened to be on Tuesday this year. The Shriners, lots of motorcycles, candy being thrown to the kids from swamp buggies. Hot dogs and soft drinks provided by the Lions Club under the Pavilion across the street from City Hall. Kids playing on the slides and swings alongside the Pavilion.

Yes, we had a celebration. But it just didn't seem like the ones in the past. The excitement seemed to be missing. So were the people. There weren't as many as years past. It's kind of like the song "Where Have All the People Gone?" made famous by Peter, Paul, and Mary which celebrated the meaning of "time" and its impact upon society during that period of war in the 60's. Political and social unrest was in our country. The words of that song spoke to the value of time, and how time was understood. Those simple lyrics inspired many to protect time in a society driven by the next fad or event so that loneliness, and in many cases pain, was forgotten.

Yes, I guess the holidays just aren't the same anymore. When you lose someone you love, it's normal to face the holidays with sadness and wonder how you're going to get through them. Many people worry they'll never enjoy the holidays again. Never look forward to them again. They just want to go away to be alone, until the season is over.

Well, these feelings are perfectly natural. It's true some holidays will never be the same. Especially Christmas! But you can make the holidays different in a meaningful and helpful way. Don't run away from your feelings. Instead, use them to have your holiday celebrations meet your own needs. Who says holiday traditions must be the same year after year? Try putting new ones in their place. Include your loved one in your new traditions. It can help the way you remember them. And it will guarantee they will be a part of your holidays to come.

Who says holidays have to be the same anymore?

Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace
Pastor of Everglades Community Church
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Shark Valley Site Plan Decision

by National Park Services



"Not only will this effort address a major safety concern, these improvements will make it more convenient for the public to enter and visit Everglades National Park," said Superintendent Pedro Ramos of Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks. "We appreciate all the public input we received to ensure the planned projects deliver a high-quality visitor experience at Shark Valley."

The purpose of the Shark Valley Site Plan is to enhance visitor safety and experience as well as park operations at Shark Valley. The site plan is expected to make the Shark Valley roads and facilities more resilient to flooding impacts from intensity or frequency of tropical storm events. The proposed improvements will also minimize congestion along the Entrance Road and in the parking lot.

In accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, the park considered two alternatives and one "no action" alternative in the Environmental Assessment, which was available for a 30-day public comment period from Feb. 9 to March 11, 2023.

The selected action was Alternative C which places the overflow parking lot inside the entrance gate in the same general area as the current lot, north of the visitor center. The existing traffic pattern from the entrance road through the current parking area will remain. If parking in that lot is full, visitors will be able to proceed to the overflow parking lot. The selected alternative will provide the safest vehicular and pedestrian access to the visitor center and will be the least visually intrusive to the surrounding environment.

The other improvements for this project include raising sections of the tram road, adding shade structures and benches along the tram road, raising and widening the entrance road to two inbound lanes and one outbound lane, adding a second fee station and expanding the first to include an employee restroom, and rehabbing the onsite administrative complex for park operations.

This decision has been made after considering environmental impacts to resources including vegetation, wetlands and soils; wildlife and species of special concern; hydrology and water quality; visitor use and experience; human health and safety; and lightscares and viewsheds. The NPS will implement multiple mitigation measures and best management practices to protect the natural and cultural resources onsite.

The FONSI and related documents are available for viewing at [ParkPlanning - Shark Valley Site Plan \(nps.gov\)](http://ParkPlanning-SharkValleySitePlan(nps.gov))

For more information visit [Shark Valley Visitor Center - Everglades National Park \(nps.gov\)](http://SharkValleyVisitorCenter-EvergladesNationalPark(nps.gov))



Courtesy of NPS Photo: Visitors walk along the single-lane entrance road lined with cars at the entrance to Shark Valley.

Museum of the Everglades

105 West Broadway Avenue Everglades City, FL



The Museum of the Everglades is a historic building that was originally established as a commercial laundry service back in 1927. Today, it stands as a testament to the town's vibrant past as a bustling center of business and

the region's inaugural County seat. Open from Tuesday to Saturday, between 9 am and 4 pm, the museum welcomes visitors with free admission. Plan your visit today to explore the rich heritage of the Everglades.

Exhibits & Events

Third Thursday Lecture

Be Our Guest: How Collier's Chef Made Everglades

Synonymous with Hospitality

Thursday, August 17 | 2 pm

When Barron Collier lured gourmet chef Claus "Snooky" Senghaas to the 10,000 Islands, it is doubtful that he imagined he would end up as chef, maître d' and general manager of two fine hotels with upscale restaurants - serving sports stars, celebrities and presidents. Join us for this lecture about one of Everglades' most colorful characters and find out what powerful German political figure Snooky began his career with, who said he made the best cup of coffee in the world, and where he got his nickname (it's not what you think!).



Ebbets in the Everglades: The Unusual Story of the World-Famous Photographer You Never Heard Of

September 12th – January 20th

Charles C. Ebbets, a prominent photojournalist in the early 1920s, seamlessly combined his diverse interests as an outdoorsman, airplane wing-walker, racecar driver, and professional wrestler with his photography, enhancing his craft. His iconic work, "Lunch atop a Skyscraper," depicting construction workers dining on a high I-beam above New York City, earned a place among TIME magazine's "100 Greatest Images." Ebbets' pioneering spirit led him to be one of the first to traverse the yet-to-be-completed Tamiami Trail by car, capturing stunning shots of wildlife and landscapes. He also formed a close bond with Seminole tribal leader, Ingraham Billie, gaining unprecedented access to document the tribe's daily lives.



Ebbets' daughter, Tami Ebbets Hahn, will be the guest speaker at the Museum of the Everglades' Third Thursday lecture on January 18th. She will offer her personal insights into her father and his work.

Some events require reservations.

*Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com
or by calling the museum at
(239)252-5026 Tuesday – Saturday, 9am-4pm*

Genuine Smalltown Hospitality

By Thomas Lockyear

Museum Manager, Museum of the Everglades

Summer is here and we are all thrilled to finally see a return of international visitors to beautiful Everglades City. As we welcome guests from around the world here at Museum of the Everglades, one of the most common statements they make about the town is how nice everyone here is. Everyone enjoys their visit a little bit more when the people they meet are friendly and smiling. Food tastes better, airboat rides are more exciting, and the museums are more interesting if they are served up with a heaping helping of Everglades-style homespun hospitality.

This unique brand of hospitality is nothing new, in fact it's a longstanding tradition in this town. A lot of people think of Everglades City as a fishing village that turned to tourism as times changed, but this place has been a destination for tourists since before the turn of the last century.

When George Storter Jr. bought the Everglades townsite from William Smith Allen in 1889, he wasted no time building a grand home and opening a small general store on the river. The Storter family had been farming the land for nearly a decade, but in the 1890s they began to see a new breed of visitor to the region: wealthy tourists from northern states. It didn't take long for them to discover there was more money to be made as hunting and fishing guides for these visitors than from farming or running a store on the river.



Early sports tourism in Everglades City. George Storter Jr. (standing at stern) guides a boatful of hunters in the back country. Circa 1890s. Courtesy Collier County Museum.

When Barron Collier visited the town in the early 1920s, he saw the town's potential as a destination for international sports fishermen. He bought the Storter home and townsite – expanding the house and renaming it the "Rod & Gun Club" – and paid the Storters to stay on as guides for the next two years.

Collier was a world traveler and knew the value of good hospitality. He was determined that Everglades would offer the best in the world. On one of his visits to Germany, he recruited a chef named Claus Senghass to come work for him at the Rod & Gun Club. "Snooky" Senghass, as he became known, would soon be not only the head chef but the manager of both the Rod & Gun and the Everglades Inn (a 3-story 45-room hotel) across the street.

Snooky was known and loved by everyone who visited Everglades – from movie stars and sports figures to U.S. Presidents. With his help, Everglades City and top-notch hospitality (not to mention the fine cuisine!) became synonymous, setting the standard as the world-class destination we still offer visitors today.

We may be celebrating our Centennial this year, but we've been welcoming visitors from across the country and around the world with that unique, Everglades-style hospitality for well over a hundred years.

Southern-Style Tomato Sandwich

Ingredients

- 2 Slices of Fresh Bread
- 1 Large Perfectly Ripe **Garden** Tomato
- Dukes Mayo
- Fresh Ground Black Pepper
- Salt

Directions

- Thickly slice tomato
- Spread a generous amount of Dukes Mayo on one side of both slices of bread
- Bread can be toasted if you desire
- Place Tomato on one slice of bread.
- Grind a generous amount of black pepper over tomato
- Sprinkle with salt
- Place mayo side of bread on top of tomato

Enjoy!

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Doing Life Together

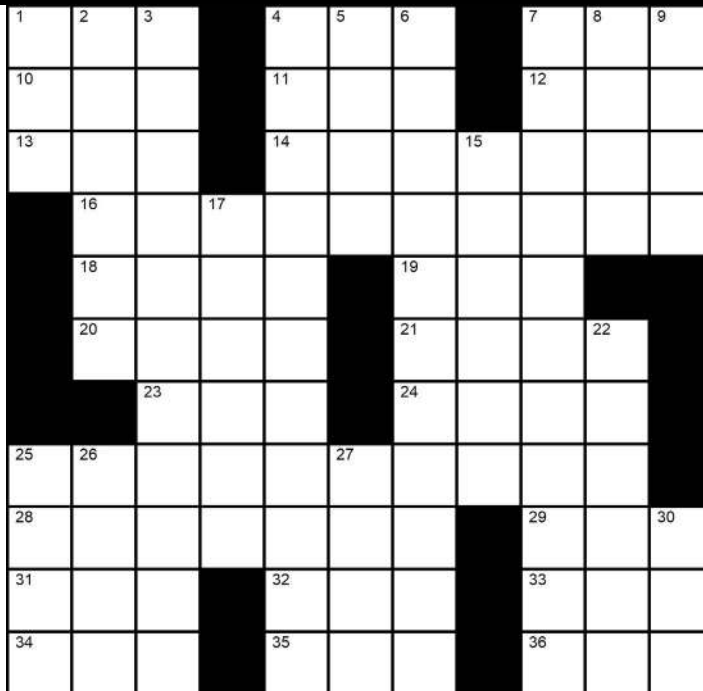
- Sunday Worship** 10:00 am
- Sun. Kids Church** 10:00 am
- Sunday Renewal** 6:00 pm
- Wed. Youth Program** 7:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study
NEW Location: Hole In The Wall Pizza
Free Coffee and Tea Served, 7:00 pm

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. Mason creator's initials
- 4. Doublemint, e.g.
- 7. Backstabber
- 10. Yellowfin tuna
- 11. "The Six Million Dollar Man" org.
- 12. "Come again?"
- 13. Atlas abbr.
- 14. Bawdy
- 16. Race starting phrase
- 18. David James Elliott's "JAG" role
- 19. "Am ___ believe ...?"
- 20. "Don't go!"
- 21. South Asian garment
- 23. "It's no ___!"



Down

- 1. Ring bearer, maybe
- 2. Bakes eggs
- 3. Frighten or shock somebody
- 4. Popular song from The Chicks
- 5. Joan Baez's "Time Is Passing ___"
- 6. Father of Waters
- 7. Impressive or persuasive orator
- 8. Burmese peace Nobelist, ___ San Suu Kyi
- 9. Huxtable boy
- 15. Petroleum ingredient
- 17. Puts down
- 22. Bible book after James
- 25. Comparative word
- 26. Aesop's also-ran
- 27. Before: Prefix
- 30. Victorian, for one

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Boatwreck BBQ & Seafood Food Truck Closed - Reopens September/October	
Camellia Street Grill Daily 11 am – 9 pm (239) 695-2003	
*Captain Morgan's Seafood Grill Corp. Wed-Sun 11 am – 8 pm (239) 232-0041	
*City Seafood Daily 8 am – 3 pm (239) 695-4700	
Diving Pelican Restaurant Sun-Thur 11 am – 8 pm Fri & Sat 11 am – 8:30 pm (Outside bar to 11 pm) (239) 232-0475	
The Hangout Thur-Mon 11 am – 3 pm Closed Tue & Wed (239) 232-0461	
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*Rod & Gun Daily 11:30 am – 4 pm (239) 695-2101	
Triad Seafood Market & Cafe Closed - Reopens October (239) 695-2662	
MARKETS	
Right Choice Market Daily 9 am – 7 pm (239) 695-4535	
Grimm's Stone Crab Closed - Reopens October 16th (239) 695-3222	
AREA WORSHIP	
Chokoloskee Family Church Sunday: 10 am School & Worship, 6 pm Renewal Wed: Youth Program 7 pm	
Copeland Baptist Church Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship	
Everglades Community Church Sunday: 11 am Worship	
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City Sunday: 9:45 am School, 11 am Worship & 6 pm Svc Wednesday: 6 pm Bible Study	

BARRON RIVER TIDES - July 29 to August 25, 2023										
7/29/2023	Sat	1:45 AM	2.15	H	8/12/2023	Sat	3:18 AM	2.28	H	
7/29/2023	Sat	6:58 AM	1.07	L	8/12/2023	Sat	7:43 AM	1.09	L	
7/29/2023	Sat	11:42 AM	3.04	H	8/12/2023	Sat	12:36 PM	2.96	H	
7/29/2023	Sat	8:21 PM	-0.14	L	8/12/2023	Sat	8:35 PM	0.09	L	
7/30/2023	Sun	2:37 AM	2.27	H	8/13/2023	Sun	3:39 AM	2.31	H	
7/30/2023	Sun	8:00 AM	1.06	L	8/13/2023	Sun	8:33 AM	1.04	L	
7/30/2023	Sun	12:45 PM	3.27	H	8/13/2023	Sun	1:26 PM	3.06	H	
7/30/2023	Sun	9:12 PM	-0.28	L	8/13/2023	Sun	9:18 PM	0.06	L	
7/31/2023	Mon	3:18 AM	2.37	H	8/14/2023	Mon	3:36 AM	2.34	H	
7/31/2023	Mon	8:54 AM	1	L	8/14/2023	Mon	9:15 AM	0.98	L	
7/31/2023	Mon	1:40 PM	3.49	H	8/14/2023	Mon	2:07 PM	3.16	H	
7/31/2023	Mon	10:01 PM	-0.36	L	8/14/2023	Mon	9:57 PM	0.05	L	
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