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News, Stories, Classifieds, Tide Tables & More

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MusicFest Starts Season

Everglades City CENTENNIAL

MUSIC FESTIVAL

Saturday, November 4, 2023
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Start the winter season with great music at the Centennial Music Festival on Saturday, November 4, on the lawn overlooking the river behind the Rod & Gun Club in EC.

The line-up of performers includes Raiford Starke, Marie Nofsinger, Rita Youngman, Gator Nate, and local gal Charlie Pace.

Arts, crafts, and donated items for sale and auction, with lunch provided by the Lions Club offering hot dogs and soft drinks, or dining on the Club's porch near the outdoor stage. All proceeds benefit the non-profit Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, supporting the restoration of the old Bank building.

Reserved seating \$50 | General Admission \$20. To reserve your seat or for more info visit <https://eshp.org/> or call (239) 451-0265.

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New Land Acquisition in EC

The recent land acquisition of over 11,000 acres in the Green Heart of the Everglades area which encompass Everglades City raises both hopes and concerns in our community. While preserving this natural wonder is crucial, there are valid worries within our community about the potential impacts.

In the 1970s, Big Cypress and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuges (NWR) were established. However, the mineral rights were excluded from the original acquisition due to insufficient funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The Collier Companies retain the ability to extract oil from the land, and acquiring these mineral rights is essential to permanently safeguarding the Green Heart of the Greater Everglades, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. See Maps & Details: <https://wildlandscapes.org/green-heart-of-the-everglades>

This acquisition is crucial for preserving diverse wildlife, including the Florida Black Bear, Gopher Tortoise, American Crocodile, wading birds, and Florida Panthers, while also addressing urban development impacts and emphasizing our commitment to long-term sustainability.

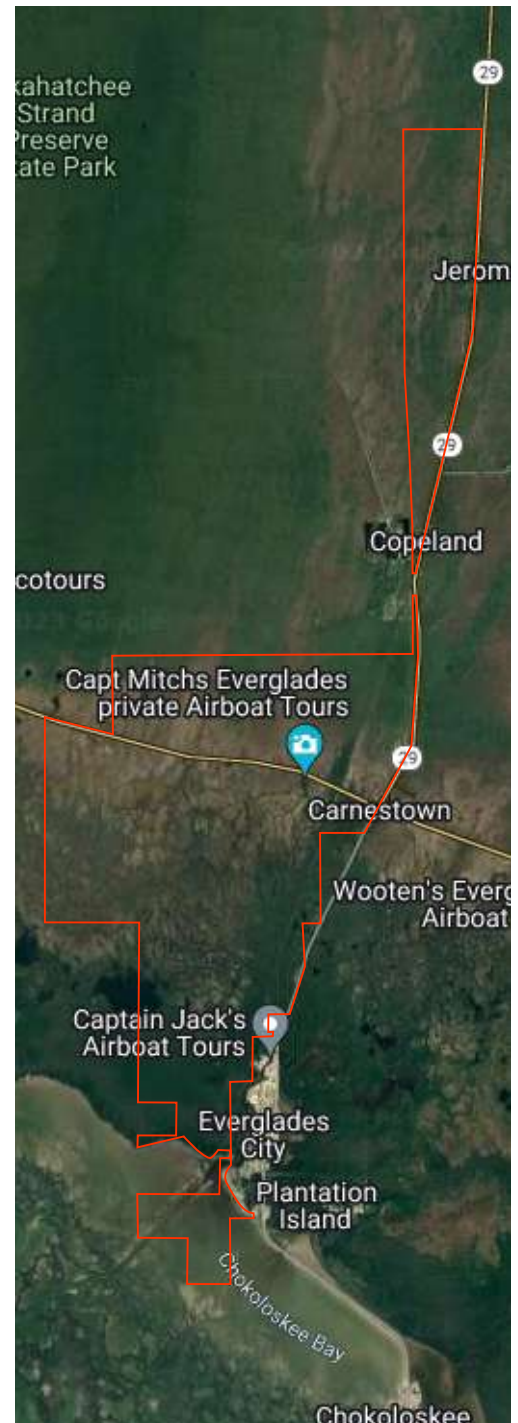
On one hand, there's a sense of relief that there will never be oil drilling in the preserve and preserving the Everglades ensures that our ecosystem remains intact for future generations.

However, some draw parallels to the past when Big Cypress became a preserve, leading to the cessation of tour company operations. They fear a potential repeat of history and the loss of livelihoods and their rich heritage passed down through generations.

So, we're in this "wait-and-see" mode, curious and hopeful about how all this will shake out for our community. Here's to hoping it's a win-win that keeps the Everglades and our community flourishing!

The South Florida Water Management

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Rough Sketch of Purchased Area. See reference map: <https://projectmaps.wildlandscapes.org/#/green-heart-of-the-everglades/map>

EVENT CALENDAR - October 15, 2023 to November 25, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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22	23	24	25 Food Pantry p3	26 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna Cafe 8:30a	27	28 - RAPPER Praise Night p3 Light Up Night p6 Full Moon
29	30	31 HALLOWEEN 	November 1 Food Pantry p3	2 Ladies' Coffee Island Cafe 8:30a	3 Hook'em p3	4 Hook'em p3 Music Festival p1 Win-Car BDay p3 Walk-Run p6
5	6	7 City Council 7p	8 Food Pantry p3	9 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a	10	11 - RAPPER
12	13 New Moon	14	15 Annual Dinner p3 Bio Blitz p4 Food Pantry p3	16 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna Cafe 8:30a Third Thurs p9	17	18 Art in Glades p3
19	20	21 P&Z p3	8 Food Pantry p3	23 	24	25 - RAPPER Praise Night p3

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
 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

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 Everglades City: (239) 695-2174
 (M-F: 10a-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
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What's Happening

October 15

Stone Crab Season Open

Stone crab markets in Everglades City are open for business. Check page 11 for contact information for our area markets.

October 28 & November 25 | 6:30 pm
Praise Night

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.

November 7 | 7 pm
City Council Meeting

City Council meetings are held every 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm in the City Council room, 2nd floor City Hall. The public is invited to attend.

November 3 & 4
Hook'em in the Glades

The 6th Annual Hook'em in the Glades fishing fundraiser supporting Everglades City Schools is scheduled for November 3-4, 2023! Teams will fish the 10,000 islands for a chance to catch the biggest Snook, Redfish, and Seatrout while supporting our school. Find out more: <https://hookemintheglades.com>

November 4 | Noon
EC Centennial Music Festival

Celebrate one of Collier County's last 2023 Centennial celebrations at this year's Centennial Music Festival, held on the lawn behind the historic Rod & Gun Club. Enjoy live entertainment, arts & crafts and an auction. Reserve your seat early by visiting www.eshp.org or call Marya at (239) 451-0265 or email ESHPI@hotmail.com.

November 4 | 11 am
Carolyn Thompson Celebration Win-Car
Come celebrate Carolyn Thompson's 90th year of life and love! Nov. 4 at Win-Car Hardware, 11 am - 2 pm. Spend a moment wishing her a Happy Birthday or how she has touched your life. Refreshments will be served.

November 15 | 6:30 pm
Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Chokoloskee Family Church will be having their Annual Church Family & Friends Thanksgiving Dinner November 15 at 6:30. All are welcome.



November 18 | 10 - 1 pm
Art in the Glades

McLeod Park November 18 from 10 am to 1 pm Art in the Glades Come along to McLeod Park for a relaxing saunter around the outdoor arts & crafts fair in this remote, rural town which was our first County seat. Well-behaved doggies are welcome. Admission is Free.

Community Services

Food Bank
Wednesdays | 9:30 - Noon

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."

Everglades Area Information
Daily | 10 - 2 pm

The Everglades Area Visitor Center is located at 207 Broadway W., Everglades City. The Visitor Center is open daily 10 am to 2 pm.

Planning & Zoning Meeting
3rd Tuesdays | 2 pm

P& Z Board meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. City Council room, 2nd floor City Hall. <https://www.cityofeverglades.org>

Save The Date

December 20 | 6:30 pm
Christmas Dessert & Contest

Join us for the Chokoloskee Family Church Annual Christmas Dessert & Ugly Sweater Contest on December 20 at 6:30 pm. Don your ugliest sweater for a chance to win prizes.

December 24 | 10 am
Christmas Blessing Service

Join us for the Chokoloskee Family Church Annual Christmas Blessing Service on December 24th at 10 AM. Worship with us and win great prizes as we celebrate the holiday!

February 2, 3, & 4
Annual Everglades Seafood Festival

Vendor applications are now open. Details: <https://evergladesseafoodfestival.org/>

February 24 | 11 - 3 pm
Rumble in the Glades

Chokoloskee Family Church is hosting a fundraiser that includes blessing of the bikes, music, a chili cook off, food trucks, vendors, old cars, and a silent auction in McLeod Park.

American Pickers Are Coming



The American Pickers are making their way back to the Sunshine State! In January 2024, they'll be venturing into the heart of Florida, including the charming Everglades City, to film new episodes for their captivating documentary series. But they can't do it without your help!

American Pickers, featured on The History Channel, is on the lookout for exceptional individuals with intriguing items that embody the essence of history. They're on a quest to unearth historically significant, rare, and utterly unique treasures, all while meeting unforgettable characters who own these remarkable collections.

So, if you're a collector with an extraordinary assortment of items and stories to share, this is your moment to shine! Reach out to them by phone at (646) 493-2184 or via email at AmericanPickers@cineflix.com. When you get in touch, please provide your full name, city/state, contact details, and a brief description of your one-of-a-kind collection.

It's important to note that the American Pickers exclusively seek out private collections, so no stores, malls, flea markets, museums, auctions, businesses, or anything open to the public will be considered.



Join the adventure and help the American Pickers discover the treasures of Everglades City and the entire state of Florida! Don't miss this unique opportunity to be a part of television history.

Land

Continued from p1

District (SFWMD) is having a meeting to receive public input regarding the project. **Tuesday, Oct. 17, at 9am at the Rookery Bay Environmental Center.**

Meeting Details: <https://www.sfwmd.gov/news-events/news/save-date-green-heart-everglades-public-meeting>

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2023-24 Fakahatchee Strand Bio Blitz



Park Volunteer Coordinator, Alex Gobel, would like to invite all interested persons to visit the beautiful Fakahatchee Strand to participate in the 2023-24 Fakahatchee Strand Bio Blitz! The Bio Blitz takes place on a series of seven different dates. Those interested in volunteering may participate in as many, or as few, Blitzes as they would like. If interested in participating, please contact Alex Gobel by Emailing alex.gobel@floridadep.gov or office phone at 239-961-1925.

What is a Bio Blitz, you ask? Great question! A tradition that began nearly a decade ago, with retired biologist, Mike Owen, the Bio Blitz is an important activity which assists the park staff with understanding the wildlife trends within the park, and subsequently aids in the planning and management of the park. During the two-hour session, volunteers are stationed along Janes Scenic Drive, and record their wildlife observations.

This interesting opportunity occurs one Wednesday per month, beginning November 2023, through May 2024. Each month, on the designated Wednesday, volunteers meet at the Park Office at 7:45AM and then proceed to Blitz from 8:30-10:30AM. After the Bio Blitz



concludes, you are encouraged to remain and enjoy the park at your leisure.

The upcoming Bio Blitz series will take place on the following Wednesdays:

- November 15th.
- December 13th.
- January 10th.
- February 7th.
- March 13th.
- April 10th.
- May 8th.

More Info
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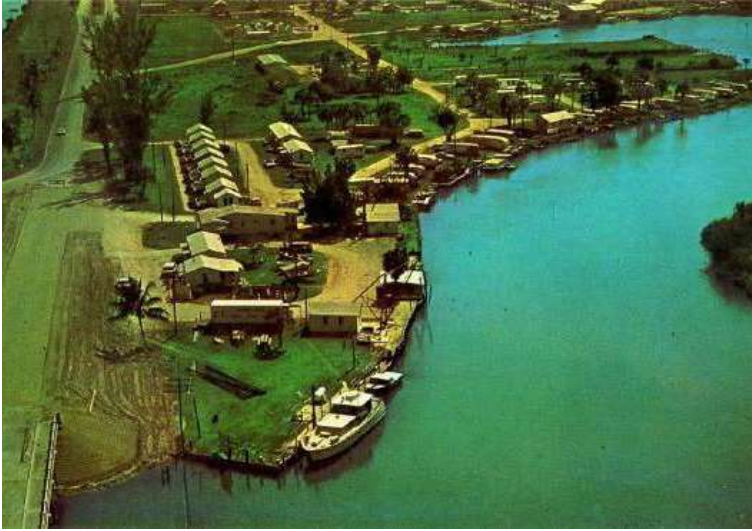
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Just look for the Lighthouse!

Port Dupont

by Lila Zuck



Port DuPont wasn't just a turnaround in the road in 1927, it was known to be "a model industry city of Florida," the base of operations for the construction of an engineering wonder ... the Tamiami Trail.

Selected a century ago by Barron G. Collier for its proximity to the Tamiami Trail and accessibility to the Barron River, Port DuPont was the well-oiled engine that kept eleven dredges operational at all times as they inched forward through a stratus of limestone conglomerate laid down during the Pleistocene era after Florida emerged from the ocean.

Beneath the swampy surface, this layer became so hard, nearing the texture of granite in places and flint in others, that the only way to break through was by blasting. The dredge moved the blasted material, some pieces weighing over a ton, onto a spoil bank, where crews broke it up and compacted it to form the roadbed.

"Sufficient money, excellent men and superb machinery," as noted by Chief Engineer D. Graham Copeland, "made it possible to complete the portion of the Tamiami Trail through Collier County. This stupendous undertaking may be summed up in the words Quick, Quiet, Quality."

Before 1922, when the first few shops were built, a sugar mill at Port DuPont produced from nine to ten thousand gallons of syrup each winter from Everglades-grown cane. It was also the site of a packing house for citrus brought by supply train from the Deep Lake groves.

After the old shops were destroyed by fire in 1926, new shops were built in 1927 and equipped with the most modern equipment available.

The men running the machine shops were the best in their trade. They were dedicated, innovative and driven. Some parts of the walking dredge had to be replaced every two days. When replacement parts were needed sooner than they could be delivered from Tampa, the men made them on site.

In charge of the shipyard and two boat-ways, for large and small boats, was J.T. "Dode" Russell who, it was said, "knows the waters of Southern Florida as any ordinary mortal knows his own home." He came to Florida in 1893.

Only of a Swiss could it be said that "he puts as much time and exercise and as much care in the making of a large drill as a watchmaker does in building a watch." He was 75-year old John Brandt, "Uncle John," who came to the United States from Switzerland in 1888, and to Port DuPont from California in 1923.

Succeeding G.C. Wilson in charge of all the work at Port DuPont in 1927 was H.W. Bristol, an industrial and mechanical engineer who had built highways in North Carolina.

A physician by trade, Dr. J.C. Edmundoze was a mechanic at heart. He served in the Spanish American War and World War I before coming to Florida to work on the Tamiami Trail and to Collier County in 1924 to manage the machine shop at Port DuPont.

A power plant across the river from Port DuPont, consisting of a 155 VA alternator powered by a 240 horsepower Fairbanks-Morse diesel engine supplied both Port DuPont and the Town of Everglades with 24-hour electrical service. A 15-ton ice plant supplied those cities as well as Caxambas, Deep Lake and the Trail.

Fourteen miles away, the Deep Lake Railroad supplied the Port DuPont wood-working shop with logs three times a day. They were cut into lumber at the shop.

Eight to ten thousand gallons of gasoline a week to run the machinery and supply neighboring communities were brought to Port DuPont from Fort Myers by a fleet of Collier Company boats.

A year before the Tamiami Trail opened in 1928, of Collier County it was said "The pioneer days in this section are rapidly coming to an end."

The men who built the Tamiami Trail, supported by the men who
See **Dupont** p8



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Our first grade class celebrated their patriotism and US Symbols celebrating the Statue of Liberty.



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White Ibis - The Clean Up Crew
by Denise Waiters



I affectionately dub these guys “the clean-up crew.” Every morning, like clockwork, this White Ibis gang parades through my yard, diligently scouring the ground for their bug-filled breakfast. The adults, adorned with white feathers, black wingtips, red legs, and curved bills, take the lead. Meanwhile, the younger members sport brown plumage with streaked necks and vibrant orange legs, tag-along.

These daily visitors aren’t just a visual delight; they play a vital role in our ecosystem. Their yard-cleaning routine keeps the insect population in check, earning them the title of the ultimate clean-up crew.

Sporting a wingspan of 3.1 to 3.5 feet and a weight ranging from 1.5 to 2.3 pounds, the White Ibis favors wetland, expertly foraging in shallow waters and congregating in large groups. Egrets especially love tagging along with White Ibises because the Ibises stir up the waters and allow egrets to catch prey without much effort.

Alongside my morning coffee, I eagerly await their daily visits. It’s fun watching them squabble over dining territory.

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SAWFISH NEWS

by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

Respect-Release-Report: Guidelines for Interactions with Endangered Sawfish in the United States

Sawfish are majestic marine animals that were once found in coastal waters of the United States from Texas to North Carolina. Unfortunately, decades of mortality in fisheries and the loss of important nursery habitats led to dramatic reductions in both their numbers and range. Now they are generally only found in Florida and most commonly in southwest Florida around Everglades National Park. Sawfish are federally protected as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act and need your help to survive and avoid extinction.

RESPECT | Divers

The most important thing to remember when viewing a sawfish is to not disrupt its natural behavior. If a sawfish swims away because of your presence, then you are too close. So, if you are lucky enough to see a sawfish while diving, please keep your distance and don't chase, feed, or touch any sawfish you encounter.

RELEASE | Anglers

While it is technically illegal to catch a sawfish, captures do occur while fishing for other species. If you catch a sawfish, leave the sawfish, especially the gills in the water at all times. Do not lift it out of the water onto your boat or a pier, and do not drag it ashore. Only if it can be done safely and with the sawfish in the water, untangle any fishing line wrapped around the rostrum or saw. Always cut the line as close to the hook as is safely possible. Release as quickly as possible. Don't use a gaff or ropes to secure or handle a sawfish. It is illegal to remove a sawfish's rostrum; sawfish use their rostrum for detecting and catching food so removing the rostrum ultimately leads to starvation.

REPORT | Everyone

If you see or catch a sawfish, note its estimated total length, and the date, time, and your location with GPS coordinates if available. Please share the information by visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, emailing sawfish@myfwc.com, or entering the details in the FWC Reporter App.

The ultimate goal is to recover the United States population of smalltooth sawfish to the point that it no longer needs the protections of the act.

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How To Research Retirement Communities

by Rev. Bob Wallace



Thinking of a retirement community or nursing home? If you are, there are several things you need to think about and do a little research on before you decide. Maybe these few suggestions will help.

Start researching early. Don't wait until you must begin your search. Many good places have a waiting list, so it's important you get your name on the list of the place you have decided upon.

Review promotional material before visiting. Write down various questions you may have. Look beyond the marketing information. You need to visit each one you are thinking about to get an accurate picture.

Schedule an appointment to visit various places. A tour should last about one to two hours. Never visit more than two in one day. You need to be fresh and alert.

Get detailed answers to all your questions. Review with the representative your specific needs and concerns. Write the answers down for your later review.

Try to notice everything when visiting. How do the grounds look? Do residents seem active? Is the community clean and well maintained. Can you imagine yourself living there?

Carefully look at the Health Care component. This is not easy for some people, but it is probably the main reason you are considering moving. Every health care center must be routinely examined by the Florida State Health Department.

Obtain a copy of recent activity calendars. Maybe you could attend a resident function. Is it an active community?

Get a copy of the most recent financial statement. It will tell you about the solvency and competency of the company managing the retirement community and health care facility.

Find out who owns the community and manages it. Many times they are different companies with various types of relationships.

Discover how much voice you have as a resident. Is there a Resident Council and what does it do? Is there resident involvement?

Get detailed answers to health-related questions. What can, and cannot, be provided medically? What type of licensing does the community have? What is the community contractually obligated to provide? What extra charges are there? Go through many "What if . . ." scenarios to make sure all your concerns are addressed. Remember, if it is not in writing, don't believe it!

Find out about monthly increases. What controls are in place to keep increases at a minimum?

Talk to residents. Find out if they are happy with their decision to reside there. Residents are your best source of information.

Have dinner with other residents. Don't eat with the marketing staff. Try to be observant. How is the menu selection? How is the service? How is the meal presentation. Do the residents seem happy and content?

Get your children involved. Maybe they can visit a few of the places with you.

Don't be pressured, but don't procrastinate. If it is a good thing, it will be there tomorrow. But don't wait too long. Try to have a time frame established in your mind.

This type of careful research will be needed more and more by more than half our population in the next few years. So, it's never too soon to get started. Good Luck!

Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace
Pastor of Everglades Community Church
 Learn More: Ever-Community-Church.com

Fall Fishing is Heating Up

by Captain Mike Merritt



As I sit here in my lodge on Rio Urubu in Brazil's Amazon I am thinking about my last week fishing in the Ten Thousand Islands. The Fall fishing has started to get better. There are more Reds around now but still not as good as it will be in October. I won't be there to enjoy it but October usually gives us some great Redfishing.

The Snook bite has been the tough bite inshore. There are some big fish around but not in the numbers we normally have. Hopefully this changes in October also. It seems most of our big fish continue to stay offshore. Not sure why this is happening but hopefully they survived all those Sharks out there and managed a good spawn this year.

Trout have been really good lately and there seem to be plenty of big fish around. Getting a 3 fish limit has been easy and should continue.

Other species should also start showing up, like the Black Drum, Sheepshead, and Snapper. Of course live shrimp is the way to find these guys.

Tarpon are here and will be fairly plentiful till the water gets cold. Even the offshore bite is good this month. So, whatever you decide, it's a great time to go! Good Luck Fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt

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Dupont

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kept the machinery running at Port DuPont, gave the best of themselves to Collier County.

To them we shall forever be grateful.

The Bay City Walking Dredge was moved to the site which became



the Collier-Seminole State Park in 1947. It was designated the 108th National Historic Mechanical Engineering Landmark in 1994. ~

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

Ebbets in the Everglades: The Unusual Story of the World-Famous Photographer You Never Heard Of
September 12th – January 20th

Charles C. Ebbets, a versatile



1920s photojournalist, blended his diverse interests like outdoor pursuits, aviation stunts, racing, and wrestling with photography, elevating his craft. His iconic "Lunch atop a Skyscraper" photo earned a spot in TIME magazine's "100 Greatest Images." Ebbets explored the Tamiami Trail early, capturing wildlife and landscapes, and developed a close bond with Seminole tribal leader Ingraham Billie. On January 18th for a lecture by Ebbets' daughter, Tami Ebbets Hahn, who will share personal insights into her father and his work.

Third Thursdays Talks

10/19 at 2pm – Logging the Swamp: A Brief History of the Lumber Industry in the Big Cypress

As the depression loomed in the wake of the Tamiami Trail's completion, a new industry arose in the hardwood hammocks of the Everglades City area. Sawmills sprang up throughout the swamp and lumber companies became the region's primary employers — logging thousands of acres of massive mature bald cypress trees. Museum



Manager Thomas Lockyear will discuss the rise and fall of the local lumber industry and how it affected the local economy and environment.

11/16 at 2pm – Roadside Reservations: Seminole Tourist Camps Along the Tamiami Trail

To honor Native American Heritage Month, Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear will delve into the growth of Seminole and Miccosukee communities along the Tamiami Trail after its 1928 completion. They transitioned from tourist camps to residential areas, shifting from traditional lifestyles to tourism-driven economies. This transformation reshaped their culture and continues to evolve. Additionally, the changing perception of Native American handicrafts, from souvenirs to art, will be explored.

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



Florida Wildlife Corridor Summit

by Patty Huff

In 2021 the Florida Wildlife Corridor Act was signed into law after decades of work from conservationists, scientists, politicians, and many others. The Corridor is a statewide network of connected lands and waters that supports wildlife and people.

Last month I attended the Florida Wildlife Corridor Summit in Orlando to give a presentation about Everglades City as part of the breakout session entitled "Trail Towns: Connecting Communities to the Corridor." Everglades City was designated a State Trail Town in 2019 by the Office of Greenways & Trails, and each year we have provided annual updates on the progress of the specific objectives of our Action Plan. Visit <https://floridadep.gov/parks/ogt/content/trail-town-program> to learn more about Trail Towns.

Senator Kathleen Passidomo spoke to the attendees via video and mentioned connectivity between the Trail Towns. Visit Florida announced that they will start marketing the 18 designated Trail Towns this month, especially the Trail Towns in rural communities. Everglades City will certainly benefit from these initiatives.

The Summit was extremely informative and provided everyone the opportunity to connect and network with environmentalists, elected officials, FDOT, university consultants, non-profits, researchers, conservationists, and many more like-minded people interested in preserving wild Florida. For more information about the Florida Wildlife Corridor, visit their website <https://floridawildlifecorridor.org>. And, you can watch and listen to the primary speakers on youtube at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLpoywk3uRc7FrAHQxIllixBUooZJ6rK5J>. It's a new vision for Florida, staying true to our roots and wild Florida.

During the final day of the Summit, a film was shown featuring John Francis, the Planet Walker, who stopped talking for 17 years just to listen to others, and for 22 years did not travel in any motorized vehicle. He walked across the US, earning three university degrees along the way.

It's a fascinating story about a man who never planned on making a difference in this world, but he did. After the film, John spoke to us about his life's adventures. He said he decided to talk on Earth Day in 1980 after arriving in Washington, D.C., when he believed he finally had something to say after listening to people during his long journey. John's story has been published many times over the past 40 years, but if you haven't heard about him or it's been a while, check out his website: <https://planetwalk.org/about-john>, or watch the film. I think you will enjoy it: <https://planetwalk.org/2016/01/02/walking-man-cbs-story>.

Nominate A Veteran

Give hometown heroes the recognition they deserve. Join ESHP in honoring Veterans and Active-Duty members during Everglades City's 100-year celebration.

Nominate a veteran for personalized streetlight banners.

Get the form at <http://eshp.org> or from local spots, fill it out, and mail to P.O. Box 46, Everglades City, FL 34139.



Adult Mocha Milkshake

Ingredients

- 1 Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream
- 1 Scoop of Chocolate Ice Cream
- 1 Cup of Milk
- 1 Shot of Kahlua
- 1 Shot of Coffee Liquor
- Whipped Cream
- Maraschino or Fresh Cherry
- Tall Glass
- Straw

Directions

Put Vanilla and Chocolate ice cream, milk and both shots of liquors in the blender and mix until Fluffy. Do not over blend.

Pour into tall glass, top with whipped cream and cherry, add a straw and enjoy.

by Kathy Brock



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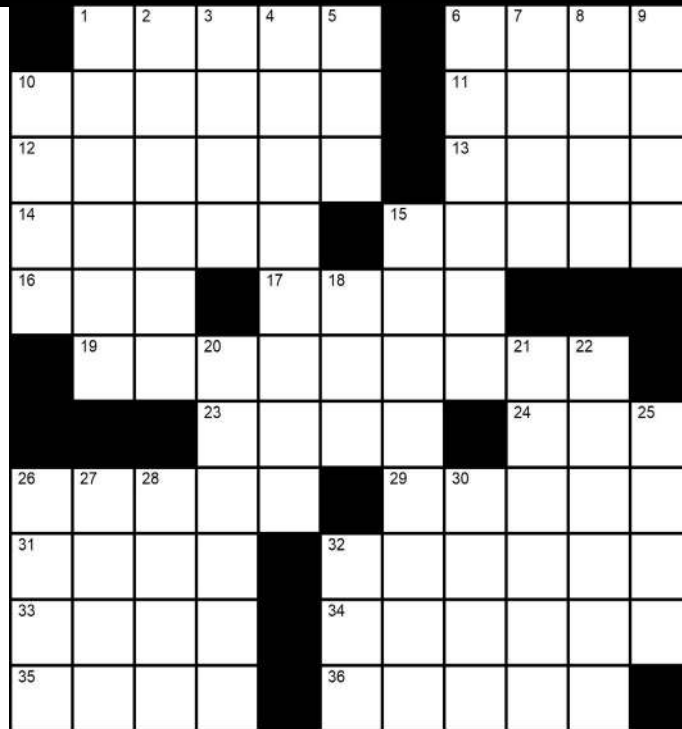
- Sunday Worship** 10:00 am
- Sun. Kids Church** 10:00 am
- Sunday Renewal** 6:00 pm
- Wed. Youth Renewal** 6:00 pm
- Thur. Bible Study** 7:00 pm

Doing Life Together

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. Beasts of burden
- 6. "That was a close one!"
- 10. "Ain't that ___"
- 11. Son of Ramses I
- 12. Lays eggs in carrion or dung or wounds
- 13. Ab follower on the Hebrew calendar
- 14. Brings home
- 15. Trainee
- 16. Atlanta-based station
- 17. Lentil, e.g.
- 19. Arbitrary or despotic
- 23. Language of Lahore
- 24. Center
- 26. Bloated
- 29. Gran's daughter, humorously
- 31. Amazes
- 32. Blunt
- 33. Ending with hard or soft
- 34. Jalopies
- 35. Burmese currency
- 36. Exclaimed in pleasure



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Down

- 1. Cockeyed
- 2. "Get ___" (1995 film)
- 3. Cut, as a log
- 4. Go-between
- 5. "Comprende?"
- 6. False start?
- 7. "S.O.S.!"
- 8. Decorative case
- 9. Heir lines?
- 10. "Not on ___!" ("No way!")
- 15. Shadowy area
- 18. Armageddon
- 20. Brown shade
- 21. Turn your mic on in a meeting
- 22. Figured (out)
- 25. Parting words
- 26. Rubberneck
- 27. "Shoo!"
- 28. Evening... in Italy
- 30. Its motto is "Industry"
- 32. Mozart's "L___ del Cairo"



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Fri-Sat 11:30 am – 8 pm
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AREA WORSHIP

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Sun: 10 am School & Worship, 6 pm Renewal
Wed: Youth Program 7 pm

Copeland Baptist Church
Sun: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church
Sun: 11 am Worship

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City
Sun: 9:45 am School, 11 am Worship & 6 pm Svc
Wed: 6 pm Bible Study

BARRON RIVER TIDES

10/14/2023	Sat	2:42 AM	3.08	H
10/14/2023	Sat	10:12 AM	0.33	L
10/14/2023	Sat	3:27 PM	3.08	H
10/14/2023	Sat	10:26 PM	0.71	L
10/15/2023	Sun	3:00 AM	3.13	H
10/15/2023	Sun	10:46 AM	0.21	L
10/15/2023	Sun	4:04 PM	2.99	H
10/15/2023	Sun	10:54 PM	0.79	L
10/16/2023	Mon	3:14 AM	3.16	H
10/16/2023	Mon	11:23 AM	0.13	L
10/16/2023	Mon	4:46 PM	2.85	H
10/16/2023	Mon	11:21 PM	0.88	L
10/17/2023	Tue	3:31 AM	3.19	H
10/17/2023	Tue	12:04 PM	0.07	L
10/17/2023	Tue	5:36 PM	2.7	H
10/17/2023	Tue	11:48 PM	0.98	L
10/18/2023	Wed	3:55 AM	3.19	H
10/18/2023	Wed	12:48 PM	0.06	L
10/18/2023	Wed	6:36 PM	2.53	H
10/19/2023	Thu	12:15 AM	1.07	L
10/19/2023	Thu	4:28 AM	3.17	H
10/19/2023	Thu	1:40 PM	0.09	L
10/19/2023	Thu	7:52 PM	2.4	H
10/20/2023	Fri	12:44 AM	1.16	L
10/20/2023	Fri	5:12 AM	3.1	H
10/20/2023	Fri	2:43 PM	0.15	L
10/20/2023	Fri	9:17 PM	2.34	H
10/21/2023	Sat	1:25 AM	1.24	L
10/21/2023	Sat	6:11 AM	2.99	H
10/21/2023	Sat	3:59 PM	0.2	L
10/21/2023	Sat	10:35 PM	2.38	H
10/22/2023	Sun	3:54 AM	1.27	L
10/22/2023	Sun	7:49 AM	2.86	H
10/22/2023	Sun	5:11 PM	0.22	L
10/22/2023	Sun	11:37 PM	2.48	H
10/23/2023	Mon	5:31 AM	1.15	L
10/23/2023	Mon	10:11 AM	2.88	H
10/23/2023	Mon	6:15 PM	0.25	L
10/24/2023	Tue	12:20 AM	2.61	H
10/24/2023	Tue	6:36 AM	0.93	L
10/24/2023	Tue	11:36 AM	3.01	H
10/24/2023	Tue	7:11 PM	0.3	L
10/25/2023	Wed	12:52 AM	2.76	H
10/25/2023	Wed	7:32 AM	0.66	L
10/25/2023	Wed	12:47 PM	3.14	H
10/25/2023	Wed	8:02 PM	0.38	L
10/26/2023	Thu	1:21 AM	2.92	H
10/26/2023	Thu	8:22 AM	0.39	L
10/26/2023	Thu	1:45 PM	3.23	H
10/26/2023	Thu	8:47 PM	0.49	L
10/27/2023	Fri	1:48 AM	3.09	H
10/27/2023	Fri	9:09 AM	0.14	L
10/27/2023	Fri	2:36 PM	3.22	H
10/27/2023	Fri	9:29 PM	0.6	L

Stone Crab Opens Oct 15th



Must be at least 2 7/8 inches

Daily Bag Limit: 1 gallon of claws per person or 2 gallons per vessel, whichever is less.

Harvest from egg-bearing crabs prohibited.

State Waters Harvest Seasons Closes: May 2

More Details: <https://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/stone-crab/>



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Children (Ages 6 and under)... Free

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Adult (Ages 16 and up)... \$150
Youth (Ages 7 to 15)... \$110
Children (Ages 6 and under)... Free

*Guests should consider travel time to another Island will deduct from total allotted shelling time.

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YARD SALE: Multi-person yard sale Saturday, October 28. Chokoloskee Drive & Mamie Street. Starts at 8 am. Lots of stuff. No early birds please.

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