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

Did you know that you can make a meaningful impact on conservation right in your own backyard, no matter how small it is? Whether it's your yard, local neighborhood, school, parks, or even your whole community, you can transform these spaces into havens that support plants and animals. Even a tiny area can provide everything pollinators, birds, and other native wildlife need to thrive. It's your personal contribution that truly matters.

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Supporting native plants and animals requires tackling invasive species in gardens and parks, particularly in Florida where they threaten native flora. We can help by preventing their spread in our own spaces.

The Florida Wildlife Federation is all in for home gardening projects that give native species the food, water, and shelter they need. They've put together a fantastic, free guide to help you out. Grab your free copy here:

<https://floridawildlifefederation.org/gardening-in-florida/>

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ESHP Honors Local Vets

Hello Community!

The Everglades Society for Historical Preservation, Inc. hopes you have noticed the banners throughout town celebrating the 100-year anniversary of Everglades, currently known as Everglades City. Well, ESHP is not done celebrating. When we think of things to celebrate, our Veterans and those in Active-Duty rapidly take first place!

ESHP is enlisting help from the community to identify Veterans and those in Active-Duty who served or are serving our country proudly! The vision is to have banners throughout Everglades City celebrating them. Each Veteran and Active-Duty Soldier would have their own banner displayed, hanging on streetlights throughout EC. The service these brave men and women have given deserves to be celebrated.



Please join the ESHP in giving a shoutout to our community Veterans and those in Active-Duty. Step one is to download a form available online at www.eshp.org and mail it to ESHP, P.O. Box 46, Everglades City, FL 34139, or pick up one at the Visitor Center, City Hall, or Right Choice. Please pass along this information to any family members or veterans themselves..



This is where your help is needed. There are many things this area is known for, the Hometown, homegrown men and women who put their lives on the line can take front and center stage to the visitors coming into our town with this project We need your HELP to make this happen!

For more information, contact
 Patty at (239) 719-0020

End of Summer Fishing

by Captain Mike Merritt



As fall approaches the fishing should continue to get better. The hot water Temps have definitely hindered the inshore bite. The incoming tide has been decent as the movement of slightly cooler water moving in is

always good.

Snook have been scattered at best. There are fish in the Islands and rivers. Even the back country has been producing some decent fish. There are lots of small baits around and sometimes a smaller bait or lure will get the action better than the larger versions.

Redfish are not quite here yet but we hear about fish that have shown up to the north of us so hopefully they are moving south and will be here soon. We are catching a few and even some over slot fish, just not in any quantity.

Tarpon are still around and there have been lots of small fish in the back country and some of the rivers. Bigger fish are here but the main push of big fish should start next month. I have seen huge schools of Mullet showing up. These are younger fish that are bite size for the big Tarpon. So keep your eyes open for the big feed in these schools of Mullet.

Seatrout are around but that fishing is always slower during the summer time due to hot water. These fish don't like sitting on the flats when the water is over 90 degrees and will go to deeper water.

We look forward to some great fishing! I have always said that September is one of my favorite months. Snook are off the spawn and Reds show up, Tarpon start moving back thru. It's always a great month!

Enjoy the great fishing here in paradise!
 Capt. Mike Merritt

Mike Merritt, Fishing Guide
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EVENT CALENDAR - August 27, 2023 to October 7, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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 City Council 7p	6 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	7 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a	8	9
10	11	12	13 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	14 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna Cafe 8:30a New Moon	15	16
17	18	19 P&Z 7p	20 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	21 Ladies' Coffee Island Cafe 8:30a Third Thurs. p9	22	23
24	25	26	27 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	28 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a	29 Romp in the Swamp p3 Full Moon	30 - RAPPER Romp-Day 2 p3 Blessing of the Fleet p3 Praise Night p3
October 1	2	3 City Council 7p	4 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	5 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna Cafe 8:30a	6	7

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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September 30, 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).

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>.

September 30
Blessing of the Fleet

Mark your calendars for this years Blessing of the Fleet hosted by the Florida Stone Crabbers Association. at Camillia Street Grill. Get updates here: <https://www.facebook.com/events/143094152123574>

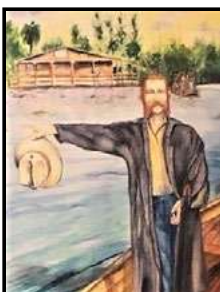
November 3-4
Hook'em in the Glades

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>

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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) and is run by local firefighters and volunteers.

Registration

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

Update from City Hall

by Michael McComas
 Everglades City Council



As most of you know we lost the Fire Station in the rising water from Hurricane Ian. Rather than just replace Station 60 Mayor Grimm asked the legislative delegation to request funding for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to be constructed on the site of Station 60 but to be built above flood plain to house both the fire and EMS crews and serve as our EOC for all of our first responders.

The budget request from Senator Kathleen Passidomo and Representative Lauren Melo was for \$13 million. After the conclusion of the Legislative session we received a call from Senator Passidomo on June 5th that the EOC was on the Governor's Veto List. Senator Passidomo explained that there were two issues, the first being some lingering concern about our performance by the previous administration and the second was the staff recommending no EOC's for municipalities. She also cautioned that we needed to act quickly since Governor DeSantis was likely to return at any time from his Presidential Campaign and sign the Veto List.

Dottie and I immediately got on the phone to Daniel Magro, the sub contractor with CPH who contacted FDEP to assure the Governor's staff that the current administration was performing well and meeting all our obligations. Next, I contacted Casey Cook, the chief lobbyist for the Florida League of Cities and asked him to contact Chris Spencer of the Governors staff and explain that while

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City Hall

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we will be the landlord for the EOC it will be completely staffed by County and Fire District employees. City Attorney Zach Lombardo reached out to County Manager Amy Donovan for the County's support and I contacted Chief Stephanie Spell to request Sheriff Rambosk's support. The Sheriff's department explained both our distance from the County EOC and reminded the staff that the first responders in Station 60 covered all the way to the Dade County line.

On June 15th Mayor Grimm received a call from Representative Melo and I received a text from Senator Passidomo that our EOC had been removed from the Veto List and we would be receiving the funds to construct our EOC. To put it in basketball terms, we put on a full court press and in 10 days managed to save this project which is so important not only to the residents of Everglades City but to all of our surrounding neighbors.

We owe a great deal of thanks to all the individuals mentioned above but particularly to Senator Passidomo for alerting us to the possibility that our project was at risk of the veto pen.

We are currently researching a design build approach and the Mayor and Dottie have already visited the recently built Immokalee station and planning on visiting the Fort Myer Shores station to gather recommendations for our project. ~

Chokoloskee Family Church Update



Much is changing at Chokoloskee Family Church! We are now doing our midweek Bible Study on Thursdays at 7 pm and our Youth & Boys/Girls Clubs on Wednesdays at 7 pm at the church. Woohoo!



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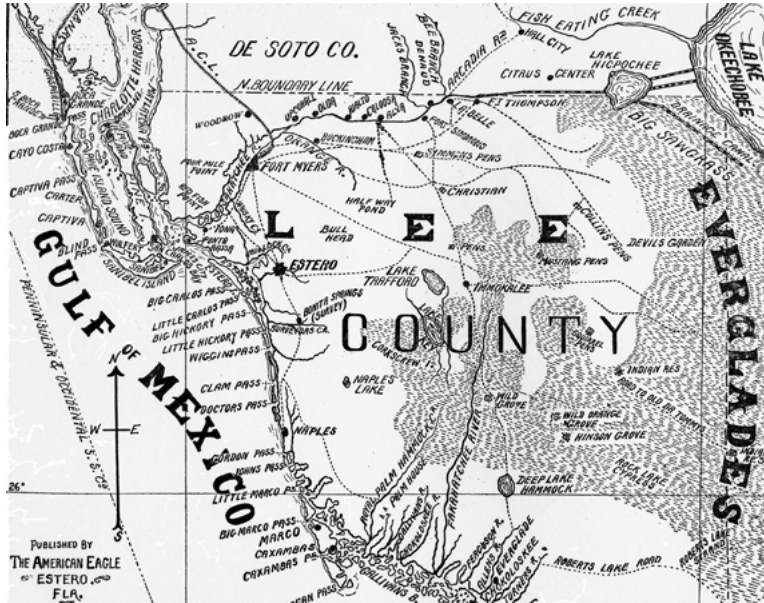
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Just look for the Lighthouse!

Mapping Collier County

by Lila Zuck

Submission to the Florida Legislature of the Bill creating Collier County in 1922 required definition of the boundaries of the proposed new county.



The land in Lee which became Collier County, May 29, 1922.

Accordingly, Barron Collier commissioned Captain William Riley Maynard to prepare a topographical aerial survey of his land holdings in southern Lee County.

Captain Maynard's skill as an aviator was developed during World War I. After enlisting as a private in the army and attending the first officers' training school at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, in 1914 he transferred to the air service, as a gunnery instructor and then became an observer on a daylight bombing plane in the 96th Air Squadron, stationed at Ligny, France. Although he thwarted serious injury during combat, his left eardrum was ruptured when a shell burst beside his plane. The only U.S. Air Serviceman in World War I to have been a veteran of the 1898 Spanish-American War, Captain Maynard was commended by the U.S. Government for destroying two enemy German planes.

After armistice was declared on November 11, 1919, Captain Maynard served an additional seven-month tour of duty in Germany, after which he was transferred to Texas, where he remained until he and Major James W. Bagley, the pioneer of aerial



Curtis "Oriole" Biplane Bagley and the Tri-Lense Aerial Camera.

surveying, were recruited by Barron Collier to photograph his 2,880 acres of land holdings in what was to become Collier County.

It was from a Curtiss "Oriole" biplane, flown at an altitude of 10,050 feet by Captain Maynard, and Major Bagley, that 4,400 feet of film of Barron Collier's land holdings were shot by a tri-lens aerial mapping camera, mounted and positioned to shoot vertically downward from an opening in the bottom of the plane, making one vertical and two oblique images. It was invented by Major Bagley, a topographic engineer with the U.S. Geologic Survey for use in France during World War I.

Maynard and Bagley, both World War I veterans, spent twenty-one days in flight, producing 52 hours and 53 minutes of film, at a cost of \$62,000. Collier became one of the first counties in the United States to be mapped by air.

The 4,400 feet of film was developed locally by J.D. Overman, a U.S. Army photographer. The film was insured for \$10,000 and shipped in a trunk to the War College at Washington, D.C., where the individual images were pieced together forming an 18-foot square map, reported to

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Step into the Everglades City School elementary wing and you'll find a garden that's pure joy. The kids have been on an amazing journey, from planting delicious herbs to showering them with care and watching them flourish. The best part? Harvest time, when their faces light up as they pick their homegrown goodies.

This garden isn't just about plants, it's about laughter, teamwork, and unforgettable learning experiences that will stick with them forever.

A huge thank you goes out to Nate Edwards Annual Fishing Tournament who is the sponsor of this amazing garden.



Everglades City School has had a fabulous first few weeks!! We are so lucky to be fully staffed with some amazing teachers! Students are already gearing up for volleyball and cross country, secondary students are doing hands on science experiments and projects, and everyone is smiling. We are looking forward to an amazing year and sharing pictures of our students and their awesome EVG experiences.

Dr. Cherie Allison
Principal, EVG, Everglades City School



Photo Credit: Patty Huff

Happy
90th
Birthday,
Helen
Bryan

SAWFISH NEWS

by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

See A Saw? Antique Sawfish Rostra Yield Valuable DNA and Aid Scientists

Not only is it the most distinctive feature of a sawfish, but the rostrum (saw) also contains vital information. Sawfish around the world are critically endangered, having suffered global declines in both range and abundance. Animal populations which undergo drastic declines in abundance are typically at risk of having reduced levels of



genetic diversity. The most direct way of quantifying any change in genetic diversity in sawfishes is to compare the levels of genetic diversity in contemporary populations to those from the past. Thankfully, old, dried sawfish rostra housed in public and private collections contain the DNA of historic populations.

The long-term recovery of sawfishes is dependent upon populations being large and genetically diverse enough to adapt to changes in the environment, resist disease, and avoid inbreeding. If the levels of genetic diversity in contemporary populations are similar to those observed in historic sawfish populations, then the survival outlook for these animals may be good and recovery plans can focus on habitat restoration and

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 Adults (Ages 16 and up)... \$150
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Sawfish

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protection. However, if the levels of genetic diversity in contemporary sawfish populations are substantially lower when compared to historic populations, then protecting the remaining genetic diversity should be a high priority for conservation and management plans.

Sawfish rostra are considered unique 'trophies' so many have been retained in both public and private collections. (Note: Antique rostra were collected prior to sawfish being listed under the Endangered Species Act. Now all sawfish species are protected in the United States and the removal or sale of sawfish rostra is illegal.) Sawfish saws are often preserved dry, so viable DNA is still present even in a 200-year-old rostrum.

To understand the historic population, it is important to collect samples from as many old saws from as many places as possible. And that is how you can help! Do you own a sawfish rostrum and are willing to contribute a sample for science? If so, please call 1-844-4-SAWFISH or email n.phillips@usm.edu. ~

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Welcome to the Future!

by Rev. Bob Wallace



You've heard about artificial intelligence - A.I.? Well, I'm not typing this. I am using Microsoft Artificial Intelligence to type what I'm saying. My fingers are not touching the keyboard of my computer. My computer is listening to my voice right now and typing what I am saying. A lot of industry experts and business leaders have mixed emotions about Artificial Intelligence. They're afraid we're mixing Super Intelligence with A.I. created personalities. Stephen Hawking, Bill Gates, and Elon Musk have said Artificial Intelligence could pose the risk of ending human intelligence as we know it. A.I. is everywhere. You are already using it on your Smartphone. A.I. provides services that are related and personalized, such as Virtual Assistants that answer questions, provide recommendations, and help organize daily routines. They receive data, process it, and respond, beginning with your morning weather report.

Artificial Intelligence provides personalized recommendations to people based on their previous searches, purchases, or other online activities. A.I. is important in commerce by optimizing products, planning inventory, planning, etc. Amazon is a good example! The risk of human extinction from A.I. should be a global priority alongside global pandemics and nuclear war. It's like Frankenstein, a human creation who became a threat to its masters. And in Stanley Kubrick's 2001 *A Space Odyssey*, Hal 9000, the computer in charge of the Discovery One spaceship became a danger to the mission.

I'm sure you have seen on television how robots are now being invented. It's predicted that humans and machines may merge in the future and become more capable, and more powerful, than either a human or a Cyborg. Cyborg technology can replace missing limbs, organs, and bodily senses which let you be aware of your sensations, emotions, and movements in the present moment, without the influence of judgmental thoughts. Sometimes, it can even improve the body's organ system. It's called transhumanism.

An organ system is a group of organs that work together in the body to perform a complex function, such as pumping blood or processing and utilizing nutrients. An article in *Futurism* states, "Today, people's bodies are more perfectly combined with technology than we could have imagined mere decades ago. Superhuman strength, dexterity, and senses are no longer science-fiction — they're already here. Innovative technology offers a glimpse into the capabilities of enhanced humans in the future. But it's most useful these days as support for people who have been affected by a disability." (*Futurism*, Jan. 17, 2018, Victor Tangermann)

Schools have become afraid of how Artificial Intelligence is invading the educational system. It's now possible to have term papers, and other assignments, written artificially. Not by a student. But by machine! Without having any input from the students, A.I. can now write college term papers and reports. The program scored a "C" on four subjects, but failed one assignment on creative writing, which shows A.I. writing skills are mostly technical, compared to human writers who earned from A to B+.

Despite some pitfalls, A.I. has proved how natural language can be used to write almost anything, including a novella that was nominated for a literary prize: *The Day a Computer Writes a Novel*. (*The College Post*, Saturday, August 12, 2023).

And A.I. is becoming a threat to the movie and music industry. A.I. tools can make it possible for movie studios and recording studios to duplicate actors' images and voices with a deepfake. It infringes on intellectual property rights, and potentially diminishes the earnings

of actors, singers, and songwriters. It doesn't have to be an actor or politician to be a deepfake. More than 14,000 deepfake videos are online and one might even be your friend. It could even be you.

WELCOME TO THE FUTURE!

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

Bank of Everglades Building Project Update

by Patty Huff

As reported earlier, the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation received a federal grant for \$3,000,000 to begin the rehabilitation of the Bank of Everglades Building. For



the past six months we have been working steadfastly to complete all the forms and requirements necessary to accept federal funding. These funds will be dedicated primarily to the foundation and windows that secure and preserve the building in order that the adaptive reuse can be accomplished. We are applying for additional state and private funds to complete the project. The process has taken longer than I had anticipated, but we are finally reaching the home stretch. We have received the preliminary drawings from REG Architects and will be presenting the final renderings when available later this fall to City Council.

The Bank of Everglades Building will be the new Everglades Area Visitor Center and Trail Town Headquarters with new windows including the original Palladian window over the front door. Entering the building there will be a receptionist's desk across from the new interior staircase, a rotating art gallery, a gift shop, and brochures and information about all the businesses and activities throughout the Everglades area. The vault will become the "Bob Flick Theater" with a continuous showing of "Wind Across the Everglades." There will also be an elevator with access to the second floor which will have a community conference room, a classroom, an office for the visitor center's manager, and our historical library across from the top of the staircase. Outside there will be a patio above the vault with a staircase leading to a courtyard which will serve as a community gathering spot for events.

Again, we wish to express our appreciation to all who have continued to support us through this period of transition. We believe the Bank of Everglades Building, when completed, will be an example of how we can preserve and restore our historic structures and bring back to this community the vision that Barron Collier brought with him 100 years ago when he established the town of Everglades in the middle of a wilderness.

For more information on how you can join or donate, please visit our website www.eshp.org or feel free to call me at (239) 719-0020.

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 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.

Clawing Our Way to the Top: How Everglades City Became Stone Crab Capital of the World
September 21 | 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM

Everglades City is known as the "Stone Crab Capital of the World," but how did this quiet little fishing village rise to claim that title? As the October 15th opening of the 2023 Stone Crab season quickly approaches, Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear will explore the history of harvesting this tasty crustacean and how it grew from a side job for commercial fishermen to a pillar of the local economy. The role that iconic characters from the region's past like Ernest Hamilton and Totch Brown played in developing the business will be discussed as well as tools of the trade, the work of the locally based Florida Stone Crabbers' Association, and the future of the industry.



Some events require reservations.

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

Mapping

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have been the largest map of its kind in existence at the time of its completion in August 1923. It captured every path, trail, road, stream and stick of timber in the county. The scale of the map was 3 and 3/8 inches to the mile.



Captain William R. Maynard



Major James W. Bagley

Captain Maynard was a staunch promoter of aviation. "If every town and city had an airfield, the same as it has a railroad station, I would not think of traveling by any other means than a plane. A plane

offers cheap, reliable, rapid transportation. What aviation needs most is a plane that is not so tied up by patents that the price is held higher than it should be, and an abundance of landing fields. There is no reason why a flying field should be eight or ten miles from the center of a city as though it were a pest house," Captain Maynard said in an interview published in the Miami Daily News on April 19, 1928.

Captain Maynard was appointed first sheriff of Collier County. Salaried at \$273.50 per month, he served until 1928. "Before Collier County was created we hadn't much law down here," the sheriff recalled in 1924. "We used to say that the law ended at Fort Myers. When I first became sheriff my hands were full. There were few roads and most of our work had to be done on foot."

He was not a newcomer to law enforcement and peacekeeping, having been a deputy sheriff in Montana for 12 years, mostly chasing horse thieves, before enlisting in the U.S. Air Service in 1914. "We challenge the State of Florida to produce the equal of our Sheriff," it was written about Maynard on June 5, 1924 in *The Collier County News*, when he ran for the elected position of Collier County Sheriff on July 14th of that year against S.H. Brown and Roy Braman. "Maynard can whip his weight in wild cats," the article continued, "but gentleness and kindness dwell in him. Take one look at him and be glad that you are a law-abiding citizen."

Sheriff Maynard deputized his wife, Mildred H. Maynard, making her Collier County's first female law enforcement officer, and she performed the job admirably, tracking and capturing three escaped prisoners in 1926 after she was freed from the cell they locked her in on their way out.

Irate after being freed, she picked up the search after Sheriff Maynard called it a night and went home to get some sleep. "Those boys knew I would be mad about them shoving me in the cell the way they did when they left," she said in an article published in the December 19, 1926 issue of *The Herald Journal*.

In August 1926, Sheriff Maynard began construction of a \$40,000, 30-room hotel about a half mile south of the East Naples ACL depot, in Rocky Creek Terrace, which he built chiefly for use by railroad employees. It was designed as a wood-frame building to be covered in stucco. Each room was designed to include its own shower bath, and the hotel was on track to open on November 1, 1926.

The first building in Collier County to collapse as a hurricane swept westward across Southwest Florida from Miami on September 18, 1926 was Sheriff Maynard's hotel. ~

Easy Mason Jar Ice Cream

Ingredients

- 1 cup heavy cream
- 1 1/2 tbsp. granulated sugar
- 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
- pinch of salt
- 1/2 pint mason jars
- Topping: Fruit or Compote

Yield: 1 Mason Jar



Topping Ideas:

- Cookies & Cream:** 1/4 cup crushed Oreos
- Chocolate:** Add 1 teaspoon of unsweetened cocoa and or chocolate chips
- Peppermint:** Add peppermint extract and mini chocolate chips.

Directions

Add cream, sugar, vanilla and salt into the mason jar and secure lid tightly. Shake well for 4-5 minutes or until the cream doubles in size and becomes opaque. It should easily coat the back of a wooden spoon. Freeze for 3 to 4 hours.



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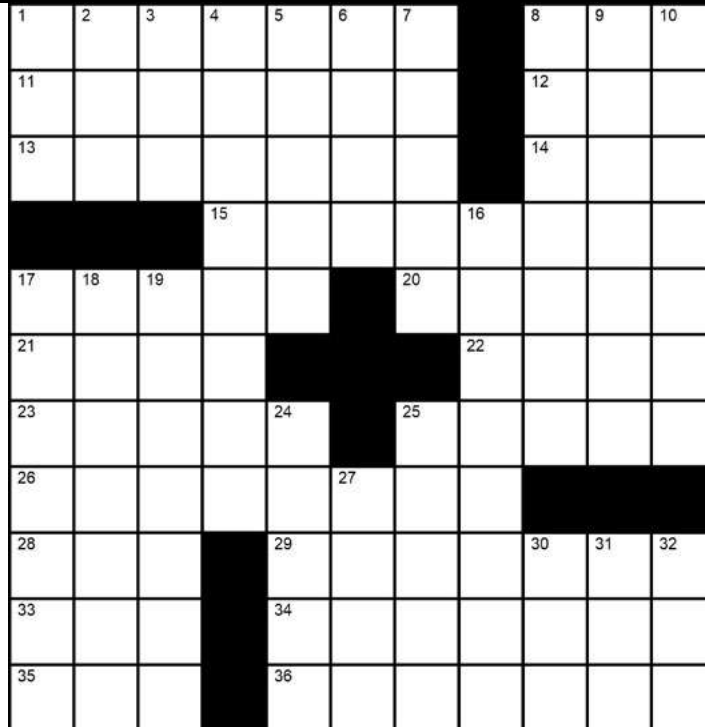
- Sunday Worship** 10:00 am
- Sun. Kids Church** 10:00 am
- Sunday Renewal** 6:00 pm
- Wed. Youth Renewal** 6:00 pm
- Thur. Bible Study** 7:00 pm

Doing Life Together

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1. Kind of night
- 8. ___-relief
- 11. Halo
- 12. Seat, slangily
- 13. Toothed like a comb
- 14. Density symbol
- 15. Afternoon affair
- 17. Pass on
- 20. Jewish community orgs.
- 21. Clapton who sang "Layla"
- 22. Ocean menace
- 23. ___ the Barbarian
- 25. Word on a door
- 26. Female hormone
- 28. Never, in Neuss
- 29. Court pronouncements
- 33. Costa del ___
- 34. In a way that has a pleasant flavour
- 35. "Star Trek" rank: Abbr.
- 36. Level



8/26/23

Down

- 1. Amniotic ___
- 2. "For shame!"
- 3. "___ we having fun yet?"
- 4. Airport convenience
- 5. Certain army officer, casually
- 6. Hip bones
- 7. Lingerie item
- 8. Spacey's "American Beauty" role
- 9. Dixie corn bread
- 10. A rule for someone when entering home... related to feet
- 16. Coiled fossil shell of mollusc
- 17. Critically alter modern concert repertoire, consistently cutting finishing time
- 18. Shoreline problem
- 19. Doorway toppers
- 24. Opposite of sur
- 25. ___ corgi (dog breed)
- 27. Avocado dip, briefly
- 30. Bubkes
- 31. Shine, in ad-speak
- 32. Dict. listing



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*City Seafood Daily 8 am – 3 pm (239) 695-4700
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The Hangout Thur-Mon 11 am – 3 pm Closed Tue & Wed (239) 232-0461
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*Hole in the Wall Pizza Mon-Th 11 am – 8 pm Fri & Sat 11 am – 9 pm (239) 695-4444
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Triad Seafood Market & Cafe Closed - Reopens October (239) 695-2662

MARKETS

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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 - August 26 to September 29, 2023 (Continued on p12)

8/26/2023	Sat	12:36 AM	2.19	H	9/9/2023	Sat	2:25 AM	2.4	H
8/26/2023	Sat	5:27 AM	1.22	L	9/9/2023	Sat	6:34 AM	1.2	L
8/26/2023	Sat	10:06 AM	2.98	H	9/9/2023	Sat	11:20 AM	2.85	H
8/26/2023	Sat	7:05 PM	0.1	L	9/9/2023	Sat	7:19 PM	0.32	L
8/27/2023	Sun	1:48 AM	2.34	H	9/10/2023	Sun	2:45 AM	2.46	H
8/27/2023	Sun	6:49 AM	1.19	L	9/10/2023	Sun	7:34 AM	1.12	L
8/27/2023	Sun	11:35 AM	3.18	H	9/10/2023	Sun	12:25 PM	2.97	H
8/27/2023	Sun	8:03 PM	-0.03	L	9/10/2023	Sun	8:10 PM	0.29	L
8/28/2023	Mon	2:21 AM	2.48	H	9/11/2023	Mon	2:44 AM	2.51	H
8/28/2023	Mon	7:52 AM	1.09	L	9/11/2023	Mon	8:21 AM	1.02	L
8/28/2023	Mon	12:46 PM	3.43	H	9/11/2023	Mon	1:16 PM	3.11	H
8/28/2023	Mon	8:54 PM	-0.11	L	9/11/2023	Mon	8:52 PM	0.28	L
8/29/2023	Tue	2:50 AM	2.6	H	9/12/2023	Tue	2:38 AM	2.6	H
8/29/2023	Tue	8:45 AM	0.94	L	9/12/2023	Tue	8:58 AM	0.92	L
8/29/2023	Tue	1:44 PM	3.66	H	9/12/2023	Tue	1:57 PM	3.23	H
8/29/2023	Tue	9:41 PM	-0.12	L	9/12/2023	Tue	9:29 PM	0.3	L
8/30/2023	Wed	3:18 AM	2.72	H	9/13/2023	Wed	2:50 AM	2.71	H
8/30/2023	Wed	9:34 AM	0.76	L	9/13/2023	Wed	9:32 AM	0.81	L
8/30/2023	Wed	2:35 PM	3.79	H	9/13/2023	Wed	2:33 PM	3.3	H
8/30/2023	Wed	10:26 PM	-0.05	L	9/13/2023	Wed	10:02 PM	0.34	L
8/31/2023	Thu	3:47 AM	2.83	H	9/14/2023	Thu	3:09 AM	2.83	H
8/31/2023	Thu	10:22 AM	0.57	L	9/14/2023	Thu	10:04 AM	0.7	L
8/31/2023	Thu	3:25 PM	3.78	H	9/14/2023	Thu	3:06 PM	3.31	H
8/31/2023	Thu	11:08 PM	0.08	L	9/14/2023	Thu	10:34 PM	0.4	L
9/1/2023	Fri	4:16 AM	2.93	H	9/15/2023	Fri	3:31 AM	2.92	H
9/1/2023	Fri	11:11 AM	0.41	L	9/15/2023	Fri	10:37 AM	0.6	L
9/1/2023	Fri	4:18 PM	3.62	H	9/15/2023	Fri	3:39 PM	3.27	H
9/1/2023	Fri	11:50 PM	0.27	L	9/15/2023	Fri	11:04 PM	0.49	L
9/2/2023	Sat	4:47 AM	3.02	H	9/16/2023	Sat	3:53 AM	2.99	H
9/2/2023	Sat	12:01 PM	0.29	L	9/16/2023	Sat	11:10 AM	0.5	L
9/2/2023	Sat	5:13 PM	3.36	H	9/16/2023	Sat	4:14 PM	3.17	H
9/3/2023	Sun	12:29 AM	0.49	L	9/16/2023	Sat	11:32 PM	0.59	L
9/3/2023	Sun	5:20 AM	3.08	H	9/17/2023	Sun	4:13 AM	3.02	H
9/3/2023	Sun	12:51 PM	0.23	L	9/17/2023	Sun	11:46 AM	0.42	L
9/3/2023	Sun	6:12 PM	3.04	H	9/17/2023	Sun	4:51 PM	3.03	H
9/4/2023	Mon	1:08 AM	0.7	L	9/17/2023	Sun	11:59 PM	0.7	L
9/4/2023	Mon	5:55 AM	3.09	H	9/18/2023	Mon	4:28 AM	3.03	H
9/4/2023	Mon	1:45 PM	0.23	L	9/18/2023	Mon	12:23 PM	0.36	L
9/4/2023	Mon	7:14 PM	2.69	H	9/18/2023	Mon	5:34 PM	2.85	H
9/5/2023	Tue	1:46 AM	0.91	L	9/19/2023	Tue	12:23 AM	0.82	L
9/5/2023	Tue	6:35 AM	3.04	H	9/19/2023	Tue	4:46 AM	3.04	H
9/5/2023	Tue	2:45 PM	0.28	L	9/19/2023	Tue	1:05 PM	0.33	L
9/5/2023	Tue	8:28 PM	2.4	H	9/19/2023	Tue	6:26 PM	2.65	H
9/6/2023	Wed	2:30 AM	1.08	L	9/20/2023	Wed	12:45 AM	0.94	L
9/6/2023	Wed	7:26 AM	2.95	H	9/20/2023	Wed	5:12 AM	3.04	H
9/6/2023	Wed	3:57 PM	0.33	L	9/20/2023	Wed	1:55 PM	0.32	L
9/6/2023	Wed	10:02 PM	2.21	H	9/20/2023	Wed	7:36 PM	2.44	H
9/7/2023	Thu	3:43 AM	1.2	L	9/21/2023	Thu	1:05 AM	1.06	L
9/7/2023	Thu	8:42 AM	2.84	H	9/21/2023	Thu	5:48 AM	3.03	H
9/7/2023	Thu	5:11 PM	0.35	L	9/21/2023	Thu	3:01 PM	0.33	L
9/8/2023	Fri	1:51 AM	2.29	H	9/21/2023	Thu	9:11 PM	2.3	H
9/8/2023	Fri	5:18 AM	1.24	L	9/22/2023	Fri	1:27 AM	1.18	L
9/8/2023	Fri	10:04 AM	2.81	H	9/22/2023	Fri	6:36 AM	3	H
9/8/2023	Fri	6:19 PM	0.34	L	9/22/2023	Fri	4:22 PM	0.31	L

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9/23/2023	Sat	1:57 AM	1.28	L
9/23/2023	Sat	7:50 AM	2.96	H
9/23/2023	Sat	5:37 PM	0.25	L
9/24/2023	Sun	12:32 AM	2.4	H
9/24/2023	Sun	5:34 AM	1.29	L
9/24/2023	Sun	10:06 AM	3.02	H
9/24/2023	Sun	6:42 PM	0.18	L
9/25/2023	Mon	1:15 AM	2.55	H
9/25/2023	Mon	6:46 AM	1.16	L
9/25/2023	Mon	11:38 AM	3.21	H
9/25/2023	Mon	7:40 PM	0.14	L
9/26/2023	Tue	1:43 AM	2.69	H
9/26/2023	Tue	7:44 AM	0.96	L
9/26/2023	Tue	12:48 PM	3.44	H
9/26/2023	Tue	8:31 PM	0.14	L
9/27/2023	Wed	2:08 AM	2.83	H
9/27/2023	Wed	8:35 AM	0.73	L
9/27/2023	Wed	1:45 PM	3.61	H
9/27/2023	Wed	9:16 PM	0.2	L
9/28/2023	Thu	2:33 AM	2.98	H
9/28/2023	Thu	9:22 AM	0.48	L
9/28/2023	Thu	2:35 PM	3.67	H
9/28/2023	Thu	9:59 PM	0.31	L
9/29/2023	Fri	2:58 AM	3.12	H
9/29/2023	Fri	10:08 AM	0.27	L
9/29/2023	Fri	3:24 PM	3.6	H
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