

The MULLET RAPPER



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

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New Marjory Stoneman Douglas Visitor Center



Everglades National Park has announced the construction of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Visitor Center in Everglades City.

The original Gulf Coast Visitor Center and surrounding infrastructure were destroyed by Hurricane Irma in September 2017. Since that time, a temporary visitor contact station has been in place to provide orientation for park visitors. This project will build resiliency, enhance the visitor experience and improve the park's ability to maintain the facilities.

The two-story visitor center will be built for resiliency to withstand hurricane-force winds and storm surges. The building will include visitor orientation, retail space, staff offices, and an elevated deck with views of Chokoloskee Bay. The elevated building is designed to meet LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design) silver requirements and Florida building code for coastal high hazard zones.

Other components of the project include elevating the site to reduce flooding from storm events and king tides, replacing existing bulkhead at the marina, expanding and dredging the marina basin, an improved kayak See **New Center** p9

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Everglades City CENTENNIAL

MUSIC FESTIVAL
Saturday, November 4, 2023
Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City
12:00 noon - whenever?
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The Music Festival in Everglades City is one of the first events in the busy fall season and one of the last in 2023 to celebrate the Collier County Centennial.

The venue is appropriate because Everglades was the first county seat in 1923 and the first commissioners met at the Rod & Gun where the Festival will take place from 12:00 noon onwards.

Popular local musicians will be donating their time and talents on Saturday, November 4, on the lawn behind this historic building. Besides live entertainment, there will be arts & crafts for sale and an auction.

The Music Festival benefits the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, a 501(c) (3) non-profit dedicated to the area's unique heritage.

Tickets are already available on their website www.eshp.org where you can book a reserved seat.

For info, phone Marya at (239) 451-0265 or email ESHPOrg@hotmail.com.

Everglades kiddos had fun during our storm day flooding!



Photo Credit: Shannon Brown Mitchell

Fall Fishing is Heating Up

by Captain Mike Merritt



We are catching some nice Redfish now. I haven't seen any real large schools yet but we are consistently catching decent fish. If the bite is slow on jigs then try some bait on the bottom. Keep moving around as you may only catch a couple in each spot right now.

The Snook fishing slowed down inshore but should be picking back up again. With the finger Mullet around it always helps. Using live Mullet or artificial that imitate Mullet is a good bet. Lately the top of the outgoing tide has been best but this can change. Moving water and ambush points will produce some action. The big females are off the spawn and appetites should be big. I know Sharks are a big problem and I always move on as soon as they show up. I hate to sacrifice a big Snook to these guys.

Seatrout fishing will pick up again and should produce some nice keeper size fish. It seems the fishing for Trout has definitely produced bigger fish these last few years. Glad to see this trend.

Black Drum are around and more smaller size fish should start showing up to add to the mix. Catching the large ones is always fun especially when you can sight cast them. Gulp on a jig works best.

Tarpon are throughout the Islands and will be around usually thru November. I have been seeing mostly smaller fish but there are some big fish around too. You just never know when you are targeting Snook you may get that Tarpon hook up.

Even if you prefer to fish offshore for Permit or Cobia it is a great time to fish here in the Everglades. Enjoy the action and variety. Remember to be courteous and give each other respect. After all, there are 10,000 Islands! No need to fish on top of each other here. Good luck fishing. Capt. Mike Merritt

Mike Merritt, Fishing Guide
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EVENT CALENDAR - October 1, 2023 to November 11, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 1	2	3 City Council 7p	4 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	5 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna Cafe 8:30a	6	7
8	9	10	11 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	12 Ladies' Coffee Island Cafe 8:30a	13	14 - RAPPER Eclipse p12 New Moon
15 Season Open p11	16	17 Sawfish Day p7 P&Z 7pm	18 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	19 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a Third Thurs. p9	20	21
22	23	24	25 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	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 ECC 9:30-12p	2 Ladies' Coffee Island Cafe 8:30a	3 Hook'em in the Glades p3	4 Hook'em p3 Music Festival p1 Win-Car BDay p3 Walk-Run p6
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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
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 (M-F: 8a-10a, Noon-4p; Sat.10a-11:30a)

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 City Hall: (239) 695-3781
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What's Happening

October 28, 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.

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 at 10:30 am
13th Annual Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

Be sure to stop by and support our local stone crabbers at the 13th Annual Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet! Boats will arrive around 10:30 and festivities will begin with a fun-filled day of local music, great food, a few local businesses selling their merchandise, bait the trap (mullet toss), and the famous Coconut Guava cake contest!!! This year's Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet is 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>

November 4 at 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 at 11 am
Carolyn Thompson Celebration Win-Car



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

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."

Update from City Hall

by Michael McComas
 Everglades City Council



The Everglades Harbor Project was authorized by Congress in 1965, it provided for the dredging of the Barron River from Everglades City to the Gulf of Mexico. The channel was dredged and was to be maintained at a working depth of 8 feet deep, 60 feet wide and would include a turning basin at the North end. There has been no maintenance dredging since 1965 resulting in lower working depths. Hurricanes Wilma, Irma and Ian exacerbated the problem by depositing additional sediment in the channel. Our commercial fishing fleet is impacted by the reduced working depth and are unable to transit the channel at low tide events which was confirmed by the Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) in a survey completed in 2022.

On August 8, 2023 Councilman Tony Pernas gathered together a group of stakeholders impacted by the reduced depth of the working harbor. Present at the meeting were numerous local commercial fishermen, Everglades City Mayor Howie Grimm, United States Senator Marco Rubio's Southwest Florida Regional Director London Rotundo, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart's Deputy Chief of Staff Miguel Otero and Corps of Engineers Project Manager Ashleigh Fountain. Ms. Fountain informed the gathering that the Corps of Engineers had received \$5 million for the Everglades Harbor Dredging Project through the Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2023, the project is currently in the planning stages and the contract for dredging is expected to be awarded in 2026.

On a more current note, our Administrative Sergeant Adam Hall has been promoted to Lieutenant and assigned to head the Professional Responsibility Bureau. Adam has been our Sergeant since Hurricane Irma. He is being succeeded by Sergeant Robert (Bob) Reuthe. Wishing Adam success in his new position is Mayor Grimm.



Python Festival An Immediate Hit

by Dallas Wauters

The 1st annual Python Festival held at Gator Hole Bar drew a crowd from around the county. With great music, drinks, and food a'plenty, the festival was hard to miss and a great time for the whole family. Not only were there division prizes for length and weight of the snakes but a costume contest for the under-18 age group as well as prizes for the best python hunter's truck.

This local festival put on by local legend Ervin Stokes stems from the Florida Python Challenge in which the person who removes the most pythons will win the 1st place prize of \$10,000 (awarded by the state).

The challenge itself spans a total of 3 months and is meant to protect the ecosystem of the Everglades from the Burmese pythons that pose a threat to Florida's native wildlife.

With the audience in awe at the size of some of these non-venomous snakes, everyone crowded the tables to get a view. Seeing the



Photo Credit: Dallas Wauters

different sizes of snakes and the fearless hunters of all ages that spent the past 10 days rounding up these sometimes massive creatures was a



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testament to the resilience of the community. See Python p4



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Python
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The winner of the python train was Amy Siewe with 210 feet of python! She also won longest and heaviest at 14 ft 1in and 72 lbs. Quentin Archie was the runner-up.

Other winners include Ace Mitchell winner of best costume, dressing up like his hero Dusty Crum, and also won longest snake in the PeeWee Division.



D a m i e n and Chase Stokes won longest snake in the School Division.

The 1st annual festival at the Gator Hole Bar was an immediate hit and one to look forward to in the years to come. ~

Monarch Migration begins in October



You can help researchers track them using your phone or computer. The data will help to create a ground-truth model that predicts habitat suitability for their migration. Visit:<https://umaine.edu/mainecoopunit/research/monarch-model-validator/>



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It Seems Like Only Yesterday ...

by Lila Zuck

The level of excitement in the air on Saturday, March 26, 1966 was challenged only by the aroma of the barbecued chicken, ribs and stone crabs prepared by Sheriff E.A. "Doug" Hendry and his Junior Deputies for the dedication supper.

On Tuesday, March 1, 1966, Collier County Commission Chairman Dewey Polly signed a proclamation designating March 26, 1966 as Collier County Day, commemorating the dedication of the Collier County Welcome Station "built by the Everglades Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism in Collier County."

A notice was printed in The Collier County News, inviting the public to come to the Welcome Station to witness and participate in the long awaited dedication and to honor our county's pioneer residents.

Under the direction of Parade Marshall Clifford Geiger of Everglades, parade floats depicting all the products and commodities of Collier County were poised to start south on State Road 29 and enter Carnestown at the Welcome Station as they passed the speakers' stand where officials and 60 dignitaries were seated.

The crowd gathered at 1 p.m. as the Everglades High School Band, directed by B.B. Gideon played the "National Anthem," sung by Mrs. Katherine Tye of Everglades. Baptist Reverend Eric Weldon of Everglades read the invocation and the ceremony began with the raising of the flag on a 40-foot flagpole donated by the Immokalee Jaycees. Everyone gathered sang "America the Beautiful."

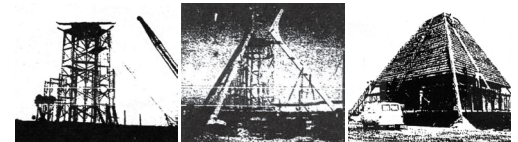
Master of Ceremonies Dick Goodlette paid tribute to four of Collier County's oldest pioneers, "Uncle" Charlie Boggess, 88 of Everglades and Chokoloskee, "Grandma Mary" Smith, 86 of Naples, Emma "Nannie" Hudson, 85 of Goodland, and "Aunt" Rose Kennon, 84 of Immokalee.

Students from schools county-wide chose Collier County Day Queen contestants. The winners, picked by judges Pauline Cook, Everglades City, William Price, Immokalee and Addison Miller, Naples were Rolain Demere of Everglades, Miss Senior High Collier County, and Alice Byrd of Everglades, Miss Junior High Collier County. Reigning Swamp Buggy Queen Charlene Iamurri presented the queens with flowers and they were crowned by Lloyd Easterling, president of the Naples Chamber of Commerce.

The queens received war bonds, purchased with contributions from businesses in Ochopee, Everglades and Chokoloskee.

The road to Collier County Day had been an uphill battle due to construction funding challenges. In July 1965, the title of an article by Mrs. Billie V. Smith, president of the Everglades Chamber of Commerce, revealed the one item on the Chamber's Christmas list "Everglades Hopes Santa Brings Welcome Station."

That Christmas wish came as miraculously close to coming true as possible when the business community stepped up. By December 23, 1965, pilings capable of developing a bearing load of over 25 tons each, or about three times the expected possible weight of the building, had been sunk and steel grade beams were installed to support Collier County's first triangle-shaped building.



The idea of a Welcome Station was first conceived in 1958 by Collier County Commission Chairman Winford Janes, 1948-1962, and supported since then by the members

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Principal, EVG, Everglades City School

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Here are 6th and 7th grade students actively participating in hands on science experiments with Mr. Cartamil.



Mrs. Albrecht Eason's elementary students are creating Digital Superheroes in their technology class.



Fifth grade students are working in Mrs. Albrecht Eason's class on team building opportunities!



The 6th grade students in Mrs. Whittington's class, with the help of our reading Coach Ms. Fuller, participated in a Harkness about what



it means to be a good Samaritan and a good citizen. A Harkness is a student led discussion that is text based, with meaningful analysis and collaborative.



Inspired by a 5th grader's homework assignment, The Fish Art Contest has grown into an international competition introducing youth to the wonders of fishing and the outdoors.

To participate each youth will need to submit a completed entry form, and a one-page creative writing submission (required for grades 4-12), and an original piece of artwork featuring any fish including one or more of the following Florida native species listed in the link below.

**Deadline Feb 28th, 2024
Open to K-12 (ages 5-18).**

For more info visit: <https://myfwc.com/education/programs/fish-art>



**NOVEMBER 4, 2023
Race Starts at 8:00 a.m.**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center Campus
5775 Osceola Trail, Naples**

This years event is designed to bring the focus of health and wellness to Collier County students, teachers, school staff, and the community. In 2019, there were over 2,100 participants with 100% of schools participating, making it the 2nd largest 5K event in Collier County. This year, we want to bring 2,500 people together to run or walk in an effort to raise awareness of healthy living.

The school district is committed to promoting wellness, nutrition, and an active lifestyle. Proceeds from the event will support District schools. Supporting this 5K Walk-Run helps impact all 50,000 CCPS students. This is one of the few initiatives that can offer that scope of impact. All participants will receive a chipped (timed) bib, however, you can choose to participate in one of the following: 5K Run/Fun Run or One-Mile Walk. All participants receive a t-shirt and medal.

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SAWFISH NEWS

by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

7th Annual International Sawfish Day is October 17, 2023

International Sawfish Day was established as a collaboration between the Sawfish Species Survival Plan of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums, the European Association of Zoos and Aquaria studbook program, the Sawfish Conservation Society, and research and conservation organizations around the world to highlight the endangered sawfish species. The sawfishes are some of the most imperiled elasmobranchs (sharks, rays, and skates), with all five species assessed as Critically Endangered or Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. International Sawfish Day (ISD) is an annual event, held every October 17th, to educate the public about the biology and ecology of these spectacular rays, to highlight the threats they continue to face, to focus on current research and management efforts to safeguard their future, and to inform people how they can contribute to the conservation and recovery of sawfishes where they live.

In 2023, the seventh International Sawfish Day will be celebrated with events at institutions and organizations around the globe and online.

Participating aquariums, museums, zoos, schools, conservation agencies, and research groups hold celebrations, share messages and images on social media, and help spread the word about sawfish. Social media posts using the hashtag #InternationalSawfishDay and interactive events reach hundreds of thousands of people in the weeks surrounding each October 17 celebration. In addition to the excitement generated for sawfish protection and conservation, ISD also raises funds for sawfish field research programs and helps strengthen the collaborative relationships between the public aquarium community and research and field conservation organizations. The Association of Zoos and Aquariums coordinates the fundraiser to contribute to important sawfish research and conservation efforts. Information about events and the fundraiser can be found at InternationalSawfishDay.org.

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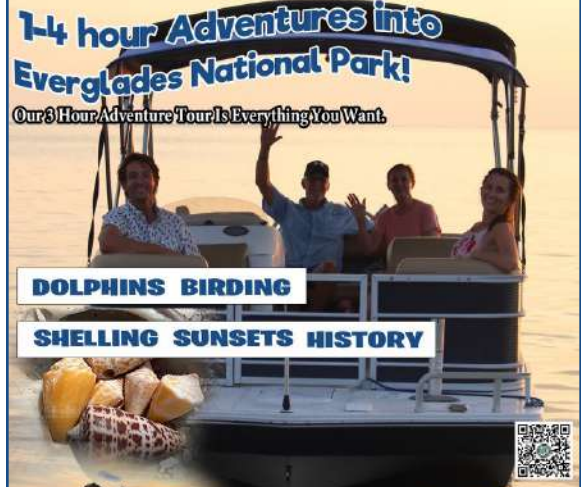

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How's Your Mental Status?

by Rev. Bob Wallace



A healthcare center I once visited had residents who were advanced in years, or physically debilitated due to stroke or other causes. The physical/occupational therapy program available for them would begin with the therapist asking the following simple questions: "What is today? What month is it? What is the date?"

What year is it? What holiday have we just celebrated, or are about to celebrate?" That information was posted on the wall of each resident's room and shown on a large activity calendar in the hallway. Sometimes there was confusion and hesitation to answer. At other times there was no hesitancy to answer. A few would peek at the date posted on the wall before answering to give the correct answer.

With all the talk in the news today about mental ability and aging as it involves numerous politicians, many are being requested to take a mental cognitive test assessment. Older adults with diminished capacity can be tested for early stages of Alzheimer's Disease (AD) or dementia. There are several standardized tests used by medical professionals in making a diagnosis of an individual. However, a single error made during a mental status evaluation is not enough to determine whether, or not, a person is mentally impaired. It's the nature of the errors in relationship to all the questions asked which is important.

The educational level of some people will determine if they were able to comprehend and process certain information asked for during the evaluation. This type of simple information-asking is enough to indicate whether a person is aware of immediate surroundings and in touch with common everyday information. If they seem not to be, a red flag should be immediately raised and professional help sought. A good physical examination by a physician often can determine if a person may be in the beginning stages of Alzheimer's Disease (AD). It may include a neurological examination, and electroencephalogram (EEG), a computerized axial tomography (CAT scan), tests which show whether memory impairment is being caused by something other than AD. An MRI scan (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) may help determine the presence of AD. The physician may use a PET scan (Positron Emission Tomography), a short-lived radiotracer injected into a patient's vein or artery to measure the chemical activity of the brain. A spinal tap (lumbar puncture) may also be used for the assessment of AD.

Depression often masks AD. Older people especially, sometimes become severely depressed. They sit and stare off into space and are unable to have a meaningful conversation. Such a state of mind may seem like a form of dementia, which is a progressive impairment in memory, thinking and daily activity. Depression may be curable, whereas AD is not. It's important to determine whether depression alone is involved, or if the depression is involved with dementia. A psychiatric evaluation helps determine this.

Psychologists utilize various tests to determine how the brain functions in a patient. Tests are given and the results compared with normal patients of the same age and educational background to help determine the presence of changes which may be taking place in a person's mental functions.

Physicians may use the evaluative tools just described to render a diagnosis. And if the results and evaluations of those tests match the features of AD, the physician can with 80 to 90 percent certainty make a diagnosis of AD.

But, just because you, or someone you love, has difficulty remembering a name, a phone number, or a grandchild's birthdate doesn't mean you should immediately diagnose yourself, or them, as

having AD. All people have difficulty from time to time remembering certain data.

If, however, when some questions are asked of some people and they cannot be answered satisfactorily, then it's time to obtain a professional opinion.

Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace
Pastor of Everglades Community Church
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Yesterday

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of the Everglades Chamber of Commerce, to be built at Carnestown, the intersection of the Tamiami Trail and State Road 29.

Dewey Polly, Collier County Commission Chairman in 1966, was also president of Tamiami Builders, Inc. and built the Welcome Station at cost. He appealed to business communities countywide to follow suit and the response was overwhelmingly positive. In addition to cash donations, services, materials and labor were either donated or provided at cost.

In appreciation, these businesses were given individual scrolls and their names were placed on a large master scroll and hung beneath a picture of Dewey Polly, unveiled that day.

The project architect was Nelson Faerber, of Naples, also the architect of the Collier County Government Center in 1962. The 60-foot high Welcome Station was completely air-conditioned and built as an exact replica of a giant Indian chickee except for its foundation of stone and timber and its plastic dome.

The only Florida Highway Patrol Station in Collier County was completed in February 1966 opposite the Welcome Station. The stone-faced building was built by First Florida Resource Corporation of Naples.

Collier County Day was perfectly timed to come to a dramatic close at twilight with the band playing "God Bless America" and the audience joining in as Dewey Polly flipped the switch, lighting the Welcome Station's plastic dome, designed to signify that the Welcome Station will light the way for a progressive future for Collier County.

During the first week of operation, Miss Birdie Garrett greeted the 425 visitors who signed the Welcome Station register placed on a beautiful stand made from the trunk of a cypress pine by Dixie Webb, owner of the Tamiami Trail Monroe Station.

On September 1, 1964, the Collier County Commission entered into a \$1.00 per year 40-year lease of the land from the Collier Development Corporation for the purpose of constructing a Welcome Station on a parcel it owned at Carnestown. Article 10 of the Lease Agreement stipulated that should the premises cease being used for a Welcome Station for a period of 12 consecutive months, the Lease shall terminate and the Lessor may re-enter and take possession of the premises and improvements located thereon.

In the 1990s the Welcome Station was unable to sustain its operational costs and the Lease was terminated before its 2004 expiration date.

In 1996, the Collier's deeded the land for \$1.00 to the United States Department of the Interior for use by the National Park Service/the United States Fish and National Wildlife Service.

Today, as we look back fifty-seven years later, it seems like only yesterday that rays of light burst forth from the dome 60 feet above the crowd gathered to welcome the Collier County Welcome Station ~

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.

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.

Some events require reservations.

Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com

or by calling the museum at

(239)252-5026 Tuesday – Saturday, 9am-4pm

OBITUARY

Lois Marie Boggess Evans, 87

March 3, 1936 - September 6, 2023



Lois was born in Everglades City to Charles (Dinks) Boggess and Ruth Lopez Boggess on March 3, 1936. She went to school at Everglades City High School.

As a SWFL native, Lois was very proud of her small island community in the Everglades and her longline Florida Heritage that stretched from Northern Florida to Key West dating back to the turn of the 19th century. Coming from generations of fisherman, gladesmen and cattle poppers, Lois loved to fish and hunt in the Ten Thousand Islands and the Everglades she called home. She favored bird hunting and skeet shooting, and to some was known as Sure Shot Lois in her younger days. The only way to school was across the Barron River by boat where she learned to play and love basketball - it was her passion (Go Everglades City Gators!). She loved being part of a pioneer family, Collier County, which she often called Paradise.

She married A. Duval Evans - together they were entrepreneurs. She worked for the school board and co-founded Evans Oil Company, which later included convenience stores in Naples and Bonita Springs and a LP Gas Company with her husband Duval in Ochopee, FL. Farming in Clewiston, FL with a trucking company transporting vegetables along the eastern coast of the US of A. She was a mother, nurse, advisor, foster parent and friend to all who needed her and a beloved elder to her community.

Being a sports fan she enjoyed attending the local schools sporting events to support the locals but her biggest joy was her grandchildren in all things and traveling to their sporting events. They each had their own cheerleader and coach with their Nana, who had no problem letting them know it was time to get serious and pick up the slack or letting a ref know they had made a bad call. She could be fierce and a force to be reckoned with in all fashions of life. She loved to bowl and won many trophies and medals with her traveling bowling league. Lois loved music, to dance with her husband and show off their dancing trophies. And Lois could play a mean game of gin rummy, spades or canasta.

New Center

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launch, concession building for rentals near the canoe/kayak ramp, floating docks, and a new public entrance road. Enhanced pedestrian walkways, outdoor seating, native landscaping and shoreline stabilization are also part of the plan.

The construction activities are anticipated to take a minimum of two years to complete. While closures at the Gulf Coast location are planned during construction, the park will strive to maintain some visitor access when it is safe to do so. The canoe/kayak launch is expected to remain open continuously until April 1, 2024, when it will close for construction.

Onsite concession services including boat tours and rentals will cease Sept. 30 and are expected to resume in the fall of 2024. Due to the complexity of this project, all construction and closure dates may vary due to unforeseen circumstances. ~

Read the complete article at https://www.nps.gov/ever/learn/news/gulf-coast-visitor-center-construction.htm?fbclid=IwAR1oIIXoEgKv1xTFp4QOVsXes5K2sv3rJBpBQr9CEjXG-wN3iomaJvd0vfA_aem_AbSepOAmALvNv63XsSm5GbtVui-0ToVlXWO6LxH3kgDwc9Q0uWWi_rrxL4fH_YyucY

Cream of Crab Soup

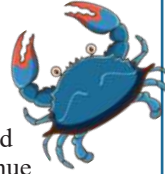
Ingredients

- 1 lb blue crab claw meat
- 4 C half & half
- 1 C chopped yellow onion
- 1/3 C flour
- 4 tbsp unsalted butter
- 1/2 tsp Old Bay
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper
- Dry cooking sherry



Directions

Melt butter in a 4-quart saucepan over medium heat. Add onion and cook until softened (around 5 minutes). Add flour and Old Bay, then continue cooking for 3 minutes. Whisk in half and half, stirring constantly, then bring to a boil, cut down heat to medium-low, and let simmer. Stir occasionally until thick (about 5 minutes). Add in crab meat. Cook for 1-2 more minutes until soup is heated through. Season with kosher salt, ground pepper, and a drizzle of sherry.



Chokoloskee Family Church

1236 Demere Lane, Chokoloskee, FL
Phone: 239-232-0098

- 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. Football shirt
- 7. Dagger handle
- 11. Each
- 12. Fungal spore sacs
- 13. Carnegie ____ University
- 14. Daughter of Eurytus
- 15. "To thine own ____ be true"
- 16. Went bad
- 18. Freeze
- 20. Flu symptoms
- 23. Clear, as a disk
- 24. Dissertation
- 26. Bullet train type
- 27. Booty
- 31. Berry in diet pills

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36					37					

Down

- 1. Fixes
- 2. Blunted blade
- 3. Brook
- 4. Able to close up small

- punctures automatically
- 5. "A Theory of Semiotics" author
- 6. 1983 Barbra Streisand romantic musical drama
- 7. Beautician
- 8. Tone deafness
- 9. Symbols on bass staffs
- 10. Color fabric
- 17. Driver's one-eighties
- 19. Bone head?
- 20. Individual souls, in Hinduism
- 21. Poland's capital before Warsaw
- 22. An African sorghum with white seeds used as both grain and forage
- 25. Peter the Great's co tsar
- 28. 1973 Supreme Court decision name
- 29. Afflicts
- 30. Delight
- 33. Caribbean, e.g.

9/30/23



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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. Thur-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	
HavAnna Café Fri-Sun 8 am – 8 pm (239) 695-2214	
Hole in the Wall Pizza Closed	
Island Café Daily 6 am – 9 pm (239) 695-0003	
Joanie's Crab Café Thur-Tues 10:30 am – 4 pm Sat & Sun 10:30 am to 5 pm (239) 695-2682	
Nely's Corner (Inside EFC) Sat & Sun 6:30 am – 4 pm (239) 695-4222	
*Rod & Gun Daily 11:30 am – 4 pm (239) 695-2101	
The Hangout Thur-Tues 11 am – 3 pm (239) 695-2662	
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

9/30/2023	Sat	3:23 AM	3.24	H
9/30/2023	Sat	10:55 AM	0.11	L
9/30/2023	Sat	4:14 PM	3.41	H
9/30/2023	Sat	11:18 PM	0.63	L
10/1/2023	Sun	3:51 AM	3.31	H
10/1/2023	Sun	11:42 AM	0.03	L
10/1/2023	Sun	5:07 PM	3.15	H
10/1/2023	Sun	11:56 PM	0.79	L
10/2/2023	Mon	4:20 AM	3.31	H
10/2/2023	Mon	12:30 PM	0.02	L
10/2/2023	Mon	6:02 PM	2.87	H
10/3/2023	Tue	12:33 AM	0.95	L
10/3/2023	Tue	4:53 AM	3.24	H
10/3/2023	Tue	1:20 PM	0.09	L
10/3/2023	Tue	7:01 PM	2.59	H
10/4/2023	Wed	1:10 AM	1.08	L
10/4/2023	Wed	5:32 AM	3.1	H
10/4/2023	Wed	2:15 PM	0.2	L
10/4/2023	Wed	8:12 PM	2.38	H
10/5/2023	Thu	1:48 AM	1.19	L
10/5/2023	Thu	6:23 AM	2.92	H
10/5/2023	Thu	3:21 PM	0.32	L
10/5/2023	Thu	9:45 PM	2.27	H
10/6/2023	Fri	3:11 AM	1.28	L
10/6/2023	Fri	7:59 AM	2.75	H
10/6/2023	Fri	4:35 PM	0.4	L
10/7/2023	Sat	1:20 AM	2.36	H
10/7/2023	Sat	5:04 AM	1.27	L
10/7/2023	Sat	9:38 AM	2.69	H
10/7/2023	Sat	5:43 PM	0.43	L
10/8/2023	Sun	1:40 AM	2.45	H
10/8/2023	Sun	6:20 AM	1.18	L
10/8/2023	Sun	10:55 AM	2.73	H
10/8/2023	Sun	6:42 PM	0.44	L
10/9/2023	Mon	1:34 AM	2.52	H
10/9/2023	Mon	7:15 AM	1.05	L
10/9/2023	Mon	12:02 PM	2.83	H
10/9/2023	Mon	7:33 PM	0.45	L
10/10/2023	Tue	1:25 AM	2.62	H
10/10/2023	Tue	7:58 AM	0.91	L
10/10/2023	Tue	12:56 PM	2.96	H
10/10/2023	Tue	8:15 PM	0.47	L
10/11/2023	Wed	1:39 AM	2.75	H
10/11/2023	Wed	8:34 AM	0.76	L
10/11/2023	Wed	1:40 PM	3.06	H
10/11/2023	Wed	8:52 PM	0.51	L
10/12/2023	Thu	2:00 AM	2.88	H
10/12/2023	Thu	9:07 AM	0.61	L
10/12/2023	Thu	2:17 PM	3.12	H
10/12/2023	Thu	9:26 PM	0.56	L
10/13/2023	Fri	2:21 AM	3	H
10/13/2023	Fri	9:39 AM	0.47	L
10/13/2023	Fri	2:52 PM	3.12	H
10/13/2023	Fri	9:57 PM	0.63	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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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
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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Partial
Solar Eclipse
Oct 14, 2023

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