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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table

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New Sewer & Wastewater Treatment Plant Underway New Facility Expected to be Operational by Summer 2023



In addition to impacting Everglades City, the plant will also benefit Big Cypress, and may eventually help Collier County rid Plantation Island and Chokoloskee of septic tank usage in this sensitive Everglades ecosystem.

The construction the new state-of-the-art wastewater treatment plant Everglades City has started!

On Thursday, July 21st, members of the Everglades City council, and representatives from state and federal government officials came out to celebrate the official groundbreaking for what will be about a year-long process.

The short ceremony featured a welcome to all by Mayor Howie Grimm, a congratulatory letter from Senator Rick Scott's office, and multiple photo ops for those who have helped the process unfold.

When the City first priced-out the cost of a new facility back in 2017, it was estimated to cost approximately \$4.5 million dollars. However, with the cost of everything skyrocketing, the new projected cost of the project is now estimated at \$9.1 million.

The city will be utilizing grant monies and loans (that may eventually be retired by more grants) to fund the construction of the much needed facility.



Photos: Top left: the official project banner, right top to bottom, Mayor Grimm addresses the crowd, the big rig being delivered to the project site, the official ground-breaking ceremony, and a view of the project area at the treatment plant site.

Is Better Cell Service In The Everglades Area On The Way? We Should Know Soon!



Everglades City has a lot going on these days! The roundabout circle in front of city hall is closed so the construction of the new cellular tower can take place.

The new cellular tower is expected to improve cellular reception in the area (we hope).

It is anticipated that the cellular tower project will be completed by **September 27th, 2022.**

Until that time, drivers should expect detours and drive with caution on detour routes where families with children may reside.

Anyone with questions regarding the tower should contact the Everglades City Hall at 239-696-3781.



See Complete Primary Voting Information on page 7!

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~ EVENT CALENDAR - August 7, 2022 - September 10, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 7	8	9	10 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	11 Full Moon	12	13 Thrift Closed Early Voting
14 Early Voting	15 Early Voting	16 P & Z Early Voting	17 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	18 Museum Talk, See p. 9 Early Voting	19 Early Voting	20 Thrift Closed Early Voting
21	22	23 Primary Voting Day	24 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	25	26	27 New Moon Praise Night, p. 3 Thrift Closed
28	29	30	31 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	September 1	2	3-Rapper Thrift Reopens!
4	5 Labor Day ESHP 9 am	6 City Council Mtg 7 pm	7 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry	8	9	10 Full Moon Thrift Open

October 1: Blessing of the Fleet, see p. 3

October 21 & 22: Hook'em In the Glades Fishing Tournament, see p. 10

November 5, 2022: Everglades City Music Festival, details coming soon!

OTHER AREA MEETING/HOURS INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, 1st Baptist Church, 416 School Dr., Everglades City
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2:00p
 DR DEMARTINO: Seeing patients in Marco, call: (239) 642-5552
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: (813)-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: No meetings until fall. Have a great summer.
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026
 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Open daily 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Closed July & August
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10 am-1 pm
 VISITOR CENTER: Open 10 am—2 pm daily. (239)-232-4037
 FLORIDA STONE CRABBERS ASSOCIATION (FLSCA): Email: flridastonecrabbers@gmail.com, www.flridastonecrabbers.org
 MOBILE PET VET: Check Dates and make appointments online: https://hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic/

The Local Area Code is 239

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Everglades Area Information

The Everglades Area Visitor Center is located at 207 Broadway W., Everglades City. The Visitor Center is open from 10 am to 2 pm on Friday through Wednesday during summer.

After hours on weekdays you can also find brochures at City Hall until 4 pm.

You may also access the area's complete business directory at www.VisitEvergladesCity.com.

Veterans Assistance

Every Wednesday the Department of Veterans Affairs Readjustment Counseling Service will have a tent at Everglades Community Church on the circle. **No appointment is needed.** Gloria Salmeron and David Soldano are there to assist and answer any questions.. The Naples Vet Center is located at 2705 Horseshoe Drive South, Suite #204, Naples FL 34104. Office Phone (239) 403- 2377. Office FAX (239) 403-2388.

Collier County Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5, invites Collier County residents to attend "A Night with Your Commissioner" event



Every second Wednesday of the month in 2022, Commissioner Bill McDaniel will host this series of events designed to facilitate open discussion on a variety of relevant topics.

"A Night with Your Commissioner is our way of encouraging District 5 residents who are interested in Collier County Government to participate in open and casual conversations about topics that are important to them," said Commissioner McDaniel. "As a public servant, I intend to stay in close communication with the community to make sure that we are providing the very best level of government services possible."

Below is the scheduled for all events from now to October 2022. All meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 at 14700 Immokalee Road, (IFAS building, right in front of the fairgrounds).

You can also register to attend the meetings virtually by going to this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/registerWN_dj6Xo_MLQp6_yQ7KGiDJiA

Here is the remaining 2022 Meeting Schedule:

- ◆ August 10, 2022, 7:00 pm
- ◆ September 14, 2022, 7:00 pm
- ◆ October 12, 2022, 7:00 pm

If you need more information contact Sue Filson at Sue.filson@colliercountyfl.gov.

Thank you!



*What's
Happening!*

**Praise Night
Saturday, August 27
1st 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. Come and See!

**Back to School & Tool Tax Holiday,
August 6 & 7, Sept 3-9**

Back to school tax days: Shoppers will be able to avoid paying sales taxes on clothes and shoes that cost \$100 or less, school supplies that cost \$50 or less and personal computers with price tags of \$1,500 or less. **Holiday ends on August 7th.**

September 3 - September 9: During the period, people will be able to avoid paying sales taxes on certain tools and other work equipment

For a complete list of items visit the Department of Revenue website:

<https://floridarevenue.com/pages/salestaxholidays.aspx>

**Meet & Greet With
Clyde & Niki Butcher!**

September 3 & 4, 2022, 11 am to 4 pm

Meet Clyde & Niki at the Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee. See complete event details on page 7.

Blessing of the Fleet

October 1, 2022, 10:30 am

The annual Blessing of the Fleet, the day we celebrate our hard working stone crab fleet, will take place this year on October 1st.

The crab boats will arrive at the docks along the beautiful historic Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City at 10:30 am, with the blessing by the local clergy taking place immediately thereafter.

If you are one of the best bakers around, now is the time to show off your skills by entering your best coconut guava cake.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest should drop their cake off by 10 am so that the judges can select the tastiest coconut guava cake.

For more information, please contact Tod Dahlke at toddahlke@aol.com or by phone at 239-695-4444.

We hope to see you there!



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RSVP today and take advantage of this truly historic opportunity offered to all Collier County Residents: **FREE TOURS ONLY** on Saturdays in August.

**Collier Residents Saturday
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 Hours: noon - 4pm
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2022 Primary Election Voting Information

Vote-by-Mail Ballot Mailings: July 14-August 15 |
Ballot Request Deadline: 5 p.m. on August 13
Early Voting: August 13-20 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Election Day: August 23

During the Primary Election, electors will vote for state and federal representatives within their party affiliations. If opposed within their own parties, the Governor, State Cabinet Members, United States Senators, Representatives in Congress, State Representatives, State Senators and County Commissioners will be on the ballot.

The winning candidates of the Primary Election, who see opposition from another party, will then move on to the General Election in November.

Voters may also see non-partisan races including judicial candidates and candidates for school board on the ballot.

FLORIDA IS A CLOSED PRIMARY STATE

Florida is a Closed Primary state. This means that only voters who are registered members of a political party may vote for their respective party's candidates in a Primary Election. Voters without party affiliation are not eligible to vote for party candidates and voters who belong to a minor party can only vote for party candidates if those candidates are on the ballot in accordance with Florida Statute 101.021.

Fishing in the 10,000 Islands With Capt. Mike Merritt



Well, the heat has turned up all over the country and we are getting ours too. We have been getting afternoon rains to cool things down, but they seem to be inconsistent. I used to look forward to the rains coming then going out for the afternoon Snook bite. It can be really good if the tides cooperate, and you catch a couple hours of fishing up till dusk. That being said of course it is hard to beat pulling up on a mangrove shoreline at sunrise and getting some early morning top-water action! Then switch to sub surface lures or even jigs till it heats up too much and the fish shut off. This is summer fishing for Snook. Maybe even the occasional night trip. I love the summer!



Still catching some nice Reds if we can get on an incoming tide in the morning. Catching these guys just before they get up into the roots and forage for crabs and small baitfish has been the key. Once the tide is up too high you will

have a hard time catching Reds. Seatrout have still been cooperating, but they seem to be smaller fish and with the warmer water temps they will be wormy. If you catch some up in the rivers or backcountry in slightly deeper areas these fish will be less wormy. Still fun to catch but not as good in the Summer.

Tarpon are still here and I have seen all sizes. Smaller fish in the shallow backcountry with a few big surprises mixed in. And then some nice medium size fish in the rivers and still some big ones roaming the outside. If you just want to have fun with something big on the line, then fish the deep rock holes and catch yourself some Jewfish/Goliath Grouper. You will also find some nice mangrove Snapper and some decent Gag Grouper in those same holes. Just catch them before the tide gets too strong and enjoy a short bite! My daughter Desirae caught a nice 20" Mangrove Snapper recently doing just that. I suggest you get out early and enjoy the cooler part of the day. Then get back out for the late afternoon bite! Enjoy the fishing and stay hydrated! Good Luck till next time. Capt. Mike Merritt

Check out my Youtube Channel with My Best Fishing Tips

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**5th Annual Hook'em In The Glades
Fishing Fundraiser for Everglades City School
October 21 & 22, 2022**




This year's Captains dinner will be held at the Gator Hole Bar (formerly Leebo's) under the beautiful, new chickee hut, next to the Diving Pelican Restaurant in Everglades City!

There will be 2 adult divisions; team boat and paddling, and multiple tournament options for students!

Student Divisions include: Individual Junior Angler On-Shore (18 and under), Junior Boat Longest Snook, Junior Boat Longest Redfish, Junior Boat Longest Seatrout, and a Junior Boat Team Division, and On-Shore Junior Angler Division: Most Total inches caught.

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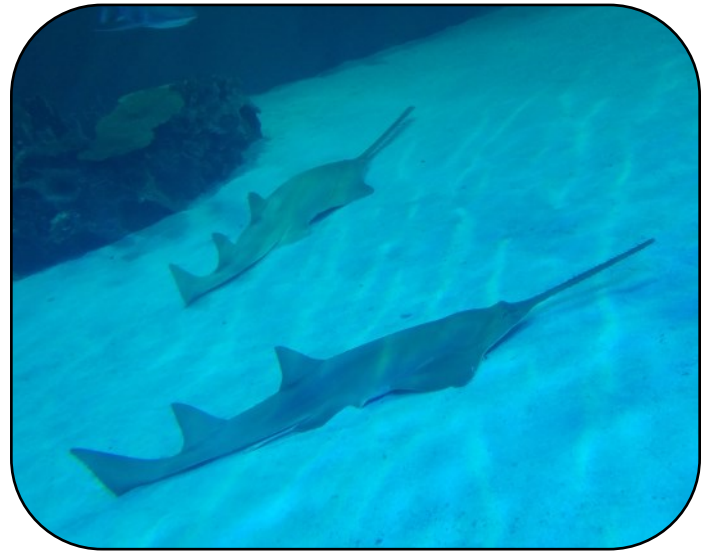


Sawfish News by Tonya Wiley
International Sawfish Day 2022

6th Annual International Sawfish Day Coming October 17

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 2022, the sixth 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 and events, 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 www.InternationalSawfishDay.org.



You can participate in ISD by visiting a sawfish outreach event in your community or by creating your own by giving a presentation or sharing information about sawfish and #InternationalSawfishDay online. A variety of resources are available to increase your knowledge about sawfish, help you celebrate, or host your own event. You can print posters, brochures, and handouts and discover fun sawfish games and craft ideas. You can also buy an official International Sawfish Day t-shirt to proudly wear on October 17 (and any day). Information about scheduled events and other ISD resources can be found at www.SawfishConservationSociety.org and at the Sawfish Conservation Society public Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/91335002341.

Photo: Two Sawfish at Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas by Tonya Wiley

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Big Cypress Gallery, Ochopee, FL**



Join the Butcher family at their Big Cypress Gallery this **Labor Day Weekend**, Saturday and Sunday, September 3rd and 4th, 11 am to 4 pm for an Artist "Meet and Greet" event.

Clyde and Niki will be available to sign books and visit with fans. Clyde's staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist guests.

This event is free and open to the public. The Big Cypress Gallery has been a source of inspiration for many of Clyde's monumental photographs; come enjoy the natural beauty of the unique landscape. Located at 52388 Tamiami Trail, Ochopee, FL 34141.

Questions? Call the Big Cypress Gallery 239-695-2428.

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**Be sure you have the time to listen
when you ask a question**

A fella' I know said to me the other day, "Don't ever ask me how I feel unless you're prepared to hear all about it." Fair enough! Because to be forewarned is to be forearmed! But that's not the way it's supposed to be.

After all, asking someone how they feel is almost automatic. Yet, there are plenty of people who will say,

"Don't ask!"

That can be an awkward way to start a conversation.

Perhaps it would be better if you try another approach. You can always ask about the weather.

Asking about the grandchildren might just do the trick.

But the art of getting into a conversation gracefully comes with practice and some skill. That's how a conversation went with my wife over lunch the other day.

"What looks good on the menu?" she asked.

"I'm going to have the special of the day."

"I think I'll just have a salad."

With that, I gave the order to the person serving our table and we sat looking at each other while we sipped our sweet tea on ice.

I asked how she likes the new computer programs I'd just gotten and installed on her computer.

She didn't understand them.

So much for that!

"What do you think we should get the grandchildren for their birthdays this year," she said, after a long pause.

"I don't care."

"Aw, come on. give me some ideas."

I said, "Well, they're growing up fast and we only see them once a year. How about sending money like we do at Christmas?"

"That's what we always wind up doing."

So much for that subject!

Just then the person serving our table brought our lunch and we began to eat, after saying a Blessing for our food. Soon however, the urge to converse overcame me. I said, "I only took two aspirin yesterday."

"Is that all you need for your arthritis?"

"Yep. So far, so good!"

"Well, I hope it works."

That opened up the subject of our health which we conversed about for a few minutes and then concluded after I said, "When you pass 60, life's just one maintenance problem after another!"

Suddenly, we stopped talking. Looked hard at each other and broke out laughing.

That caused a stir among the tables around us.

I said, "What are you laughing about?"

"Probably the same thing you are" she said. "We sound like a couple of old fogies, don't we?"

"Yes, I guess we do. I knew we'd get around to our health problems sooner or later. People our age usually do."

"I wonder why?" she said with a faraway look in her eyes.

"Well, I guess it's because people like us don't want to admit they're getting old when they're pressed for something to say. And their health's all that's left for them to talk about."

"I guess that's it", she agreed. "By the way, honey, I've been meaning to tell you about this little pain I've started having in my neck."

We laughed again.

I looked in the mirror as we passed through the lobby on our way out.

I thought we looked pretty good, considering all our aches and pains.

*The Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace was called to be Pastor of
Everglades Community Church on March 19, 2006
where he currently serves.*

Visit: www.EvergladesCommunity.Church

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCEMENT



Oppen - Hesdon Engagement

Kimberly Oppen and John Hesdon III of Everglades City wish to announce their engagement to all their family and friends.

Kimberly Oppen, originally of Manalapan, New Jersey, and John Hesdon III originally of Abington, Pennsylvania, work as Park Rangers for the Gulf Coast district of Everglades National Park and met four years ago here in southwest Florida. The wedding will take place May 7th, 2023 in the Poconos.

*Have an announcement to share? Send it to us at
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Here's What's Happening At The Museum of Everglades

First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat.

The Museum of the Everglades is open Tuesday—Saturday from 9am to 4 pm.

—————→ **Exhibit**
Now—October 1, 2022

Legendary Gladesmen, Museum of the Everglades

A collaborative effort with the Gladesmen Heritage Foundation, the exhibit celebrates the lives and contributions of seminal figures like Cal Stone and Glenn Simmons alongside local access advocates Frank Deninger and Franklin Adams. The legendary Totch Brown and his brother Peg are also featured along with several other proponents of the Gladesman Culture. A collection of artifacts ranging from skiffs to skinning knives rounds out the display, offering a unique window into the world of those who have traditionally lived and worked in the Everglades.

—————→ **Event**

Totch Brown — Teller of Tales in the Ten Thousand Islands
August 18, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

The life and legacy of local legend Loren "Totch" Brown will be discussed in this companion talk to the museum's current "Legendary Gladesmen" exhibit. Totch's many faceted career spanning everything from gator poaching to pot hauling will be discussed along with his colorful autobiography and the storytelling video series that made him an Everglades icon.

Sign up to watch on Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mWu0ws2DTEqLLjO2yFv0jw

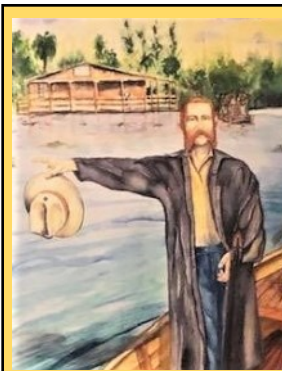
—————→ **Event**

September 15, 2022, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The Pirate of Panther Key and the Legend of Gasparilla

Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear will dig deep into the history of hermit Juan Gomez and his long and storied life. Did he really live to be 122 years old? Did he sail with the pirate Gasparilla? Was he actually Gasparilla? Find out the answers to these questions and more, including the role Barron Collier may have played in building the myths surrounding the legendary pirate.

Some events require reservations. Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com OR by calling the museum at 239-252-5026 during museum hours, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm.



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OBITUARIES

RICHARD BAIER



Richard David "Dick" Baier, 92, passed away July 7, 2022, at his home in Cissna Park, IL with his favorite daughter, Barbara, by his side. Born April 5, 1930 at Iroquois Hospital, Watseka, IL, he was the oldest son of Christian D. and Marie Roll Baier. He was baptized and confirmed in Trinity Lutheran Church, Cissna Park, IL, and continued membership there until his demise. He was also a member of Everglades Community

Church, Everglades City, FL, and actively served in both congregations during his lifetime.

In the mid 1990's, Dick and Myrna were elected to the Board of Directors of the River Wilderness of Everglades City Condominium Association — their home away from home in southwest Florida. Dick served as secretary and Myrna as treasurer and overseer. He also did much of the maintenance work for the River Wilderness property.

Dick had an engaging sense of humor and as time allowed enjoyed gardening, fishing and golf.

His wife of 72 years, Myrna, survives along with four children, David Lee (Beth), Ricky Alan (Sharon), Bruce Edward (Venetia), and Barbara Ann Baier, all of them residents of Cissna Park. There are six grandchildren, Kara (Andy) Peabody of Noblesville, IN, Mitchell Baier of Seattle, WA, Trevor (Jill) Baier of Ames, IA, Lauren Baier (Jake Sanders) of Mahomet, IL, Logan (Sami) Baier of Chatham, IL, and Whitney Scheiwe (Jake Wise) of Champaign, IL; and eight great grandchildren, Kallianne Peabody, Annika Peabody, Alden Peabody, Ian Baier, Brynn Baier, Dylan Baier, River Sanders, Skye Sanders and Baby Baier arriving in September. Also surviving is his brother, Chris, of Prescott, AZ, and several nieces and nephews.

His parents; sister, Rose Marie Fogel; and two half sisters, Margaret Zimmerman and Madalyn Enz, preceded him in death.

Funeral services were held Friday, July 15, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cissna Park with Pastor Michael Ruhlig officiating. See complete obituary online:

www.knappfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/Richard-Baier-2/#!/Obituary

SPEEDY JOHNSON



Speedy Johnson passed away on July 8, 2022 at the age of 87. He was born on Chokoloskee Island and lived in the Everglades City area for most of his life. As a young man he was proud to serve in the US Navy on the submarines, and after his service spent 16 years as a police officer in Miami Beach.

In the late 1970s he returned to Everglades City and spent the remainder of his life as an independent businessman owning and operating both Speedy Johnson's Fun Cruise and Johnson's Seafood. He loved to fish and was often seen with family and friends heading out the river on his boat to catch a load of grouper. As the son of a fisherman and a fish house owner himself, he remained a friend and supporter of the commercial fishermen all his life.

Speedy was brought up in a time when you said what you meant, you did what you said, and you didn't ask anyone to do something that you wouldn't do yourself. This is the way he lived his life, and we will miss him every day. See obituary online:

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/naples-fl/speedy-johnson-10837834>

The Island Life Recipes
 The Best Window Cleaning Solution Ever

Ingredients:

- 2 cups warm water
- 1/4 cup white vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon Dawn or other dish liquid



Directions:

This works so we are sacrificing a food recipe for this cleaning solution in this space...but it is worth it!

Mix together the warm water, white vinegar, and Dawn dish liquid (Dawn is best, others can work). Pour mixture into a spray bottle.

Use this the same way you would use a window cleaner like Windex by spraying a small amount on your glass or windows, and wiping off using a lint free cloth.

The key to getting shiny, streak-free glass is to wipe, wipe, wipe! Removing all of the hazy residue after you spray your windows down is the key to beautiful glass. I use two cloths. One is the "cleaning cloth" and the other is the drying cloth. Both must be streak-free (lint free) micro cleaning cloths. You can find micro cleaning cloths on Amazon.com or other online sellers.



My Little Slice of Paradise
 By Kathy Brock

The bird life in the Everglades area is extraordinary. Everglades National Park is home to over 360 bird species. There are 16 different species of wading birds and high concentrations of a variety of birds for easy observation within the park limits.

One can only imagine what it must have been like when outsiders first discovered the area's avian diversity. Seeing egrets, herons, ibis, and roseate spoonbills in flocks of hundreds, if not more.

The spectacle and abundance of it all undoubtedly led to the eventual exploitation of it. In the 1800s feathers from egrets and other wading birds were an upscale fashion accessory. At that time, New York and London were the fashion hubs of the world. It was estimated that London was importing feathers from over 130,000 egrets in just a 9-month period.

With several species on the brink of extinction, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act was passed in 1918 by congress after Boston activists, Harriet Hemenway and Minna Hall, made it their mission to end the feather trade. It is one of the first federal environmental laws in the United States.

At the time this was passed there was opposition to it by the many industries profiting from the trade, and the politicians they owned, but thankfully it became law, and the birds were saved.

When I read about the manatee's plight right now it feels like that moment again to me. The Indian River Lagoon and other historic feeding grounds for manatee are no longer producing sea grass. Today, the manatees are dying of starvation, and we have resorted to feeding them romaine lettuce to help keep them alive.

There are groups working on replanting seagrass to try to regrow it over time in the Lagoon, but that doesn't help in the short term so the supplemental feeding will continue because it must. We did this.

What a mess we have created again. Why are we so stubbornly selfish? (Has anyone looked at whether glyphosate (RoundUp) grass and weed killer runoff into our rivers and lagoons has any effect on seagrass yet, by the way?)

It just seems we always wait to actually see the predicted, unfolding disaster before we are willing to do anything to address it. Proactive? Heck no! Let's wait.

That is human nature, though. "Show me." Well, they are. When the chubby manatees are washing up dead on beaches at half their normal weight, we should all pay attention. Fortunately, we do still have some seagrass on the west coast but our beds are shrinking and disappearing too. Just ask a fisherman.

I hope we emerge from our fog someday and stop arguing about everything except the things that are right in front of us - in desperate need of attention.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 "Shock and ---"
- 4 Besides
- 7 Harper Valley had one
- 10 "--- Degrees of Separation"
- 11 Electrically charged particle
- 12 "My Fair Lady" star --- Harrison
- 13 Black-and-white airline cart upset
- 16 Ripped
- 17 Land measure
- 18 "--- Spanish town ..." (Rosemary Clooney song)
- 22 Tree "blood"
- 23 Mama --- !
- 24 Craze
- 27 Like some football tackles
- 30 Like Shaq
- 32 Corporate bigwig
- 33 Florida's first lighthouse
- 37 Illustrative craft
- 38 Country in North America
- 39 Church regular
- 40 --- whiskey
- 41 The Peacock network

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Down

- 1 Without change
- 2 Ryder of "Beetlejuice"
- 3 Predict on basis of known data
- 4 Atmosphere
- 5 And not
- 6 "CSI" concern
- 7 Rate agreement between companies
- 8 Drop of sadness
- 9 Wheel-to-wheel connector
- 14 It could be electric in the water
- 15 President Coolidge
- 19 Global financial org.
- 20 Bind
- 21 Light brown
- 25 Wide street
- 26 Respectable
- 28 Seasonal bug
- 29 Become firm like Jell-o
- 30 Fmr Russian leader
- 31 "Why not give it ---?"
- 34 Smoking evidence?
- 35 Kind of PC port
- 36 Anatomical pouch

8/9/22



EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands (642-1025): Closed Mon– Tue-Thurs, 5-11 Fri-Sun Noon - 11 pm
Camellia Street Grille (239-695-2003): 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Daily
City Seafood (239-695-4700): Open All Year 8 am to 3 pm
Diving Pelican Restaurant (239) 232-0475 Open Sun-Thur 11 am to 8 pm, Fri & Sat till midnight
Everglades Fishing Co. / Nely's Corner Open Fri, Sat., Sunday, 6:00 am to 4:00 pm 203 Collier Avenue, (239-695-4222)
HavAnna Café (239) 695-2214 Open Thurs—Sunday, 8am-3pm
Hole in the Wall Pizza (239-695-4444) M-Th 11am-7pm, Fri & Sat 11 am-9 pm
Island Café (239-695-0003): 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
Ivey House (239-695-3299) (Private) The Restaurant is Closed
Joanie's Crab Café (239-695-2682): Open Daily 10:30 am to 5 pm, Closed Wed.
Rod & Gun (239-695-2101): 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
Triad Seafood & Café (239-695-2662): Open at 10:30 am, please call for closing time
MARKETS
Right Choice Market (239-695-4535): Open 7 days, 9 am to 7 pm
Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222): Closed for Summer.
Fresh Produce
Loco's Fresh Produce Closed for Summer
SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
Chokoloskee Family Church Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship
Copeland Baptist Church Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
Everglades Community Church 11:00 am Sunday Worship
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
Holy Family Catholic Church Closed for Summer, see San Marco below.
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES– August 6, 2022– September 2, 2022

8/6/2022	Sat	4:12 AM	0.94	L
8/6/2022	Sat	9:07 AM	2.85	H
8/6/2022	Sat	5:52 PM	0.2	L
8/6/2022	Sat	11:46 PM	2.13	H
8/7/2022	Sun	5:28 AM	1.04	L
8/7/2022	Sun	10:10 AM	2.97	H
8/7/2022	Sun	6:57 PM	0.03	L
8/8/2022	Mon	1:24 AM	2.22	H
8/8/2022	Mon	6:39 AM	1.09	L
8/8/2022	Mon	11:22 AM	3.13	H
8/8/2022	Mon	7:58 PM	-0.13	L
8/9/2022	Tue	2:24 AM	2.34	H
8/9/2022	Tue	7:44 AM	1.06	L
8/9/2022	Tue	12:33 PM	3.34	H
8/9/2022	Tue	8:53 PM	-0.24	L
8/10/2022	Wed	3:04 AM	2.43	H
8/10/2022	Wed	8:41 AM	0.98	L
8/10/2022	Wed	1:33 PM	3.54	H
8/10/2022	Wed	9:43 PM	-0.29	L
8/11/2022	Thu	3:39 AM	2.5	H
8/11/2022	Thu	9:32 AM	0.87	L
8/11/2022	Thu	2:26 PM	3.67	H
8/11/2022	Thu	10:31 PM	-0.26	L
8/12/2022	Fri	4:12 AM	2.56	H
8/12/2022	Fri	10:22 AM	0.74	L
8/12/2022	Fri	3:16 PM	3.68	H
8/12/2022	Fri	11:15 PM	-0.15	L
8/13/2022	Sat	4:46 AM	2.64	H
8/13/2022	Sat	11:11 AM	0.63	L
8/13/2022	Sat	4:07 PM	3.57	H
8/13/2022	Sat	11:58 PM	0.01	L
8/14/2022	Sun	5:19 AM	2.72	H
8/14/2022	Sun	12:01 PM	0.53	L
8/14/2022	Sun	5:01 PM	3.36	H
8/15/2022	Mon	12:39 AM	0.21	L
8/15/2022	Mon	5:53 AM	2.79	H
8/15/2022	Mon	12:51 PM	0.47	L
8/15/2022	Mon	5:56 PM	3.08	H
8/16/2022	Tue	1:19 AM	0.43	L
8/16/2022	Tue	6:28 AM	2.83	H
8/16/2022	Tue	1:42 PM	0.45	L
8/16/2022	Tue	6:53 PM	2.77	H
8/17/2022	Wed	1:58 AM	0.65	L
8/17/2022	Wed	7:06 AM	2.84	H
8/17/2022	Wed	2:40 PM	0.45	L
8/17/2022	Wed	7:56 PM	2.46	H
8/18/2022	Thu	2:41 AM	0.85	L
8/18/2022	Thu	7:50 AM	2.8	H
8/18/2022	Thu	3:47 PM	0.45	L
8/18/2022	Thu	9:10 PM	2.22	H
8/19/2022	Fri	3:37 AM	1.01	L
8/19/2022	Fri	8:44 AM	2.75	H
8/19/2022	Fri	4:58 PM	0.42	L
8/19/2022	Fri	10:38 PM	2.08	H

8/20/2022	Sat	4:53 AM	1.12	L
8/20/2022	Sat	9:47 AM	2.72	H
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8/21/2022	Sun	2:27 AM	2.19	H
8/21/2022	Sun	6:06 AM	1.16	L
8/21/2022	Sun	10:53 AM	2.74	H
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8/22/2022	Mon	2:58 AM	2.28	H
8/22/2022	Mon	7:11 AM	1.15	L
8/22/2022	Mon	11:57 AM	2.82	H
8/22/2022	Mon	7:58 PM	0.24	L
8/23/2022	Tue	3:09 AM	2.33	H
8/23/2022	Tue	8:03 AM	1.1	L
8/23/2022	Tue	12:53 PM	2.96	H
8/23/2022	Tue	8:44 PM	0.18	L
8/24/2022	Wed	2:55 AM	2.39	H
8/24/2022	Wed	8:44 AM	1.04	L
8/24/2022	Wed	1:38 PM	3.11	H
8/24/2022	Wed	9:23 PM	0.14	L
8/25/2022	Thu	3:05 AM	2.49	H
8/25/2022	Thu	9:20 AM	0.96	L
8/25/2022	Thu	2:15 PM	3.23	H
8/25/2022	Thu	9:59 PM	0.13	L
8/26/2022	Fri	3:26 AM	2.6	H
8/26/2022	Fri	9:53 AM	0.88	L
8/26/2022	Fri	2:49 PM	3.31	H
8/26/2022	Fri	10:33 PM	0.15	L
8/27/2022	Sat	3:52 AM	2.7	H
8/27/2022	Sat	10:27 AM	0.79	L
8/27/2022	Sat	3:22 PM	3.33	H
8/27/2022	Sat	11:06 PM	0.2	L
8/28/2022	Sun	4:18 AM	2.79	H
8/28/2022	Sun	11:02 AM	0.69	L
8/28/2022	Sun	3:55 PM	3.29	H
8/28/2022	Sun	11:39 PM	0.28	L
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8/29/2022	Mon	4:32 PM	3.2	H
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8/30/2022	Tue	5:08 AM	2.89	H
8/30/2022	Tue	12:19 PM	0.51	L
8/30/2022	Tue	5:15 PM	3.05	H
8/31/2022	Wed	12:41 AM	0.53	L
8/31/2022	Wed	5:29 AM	2.92	H
8/31/2022	Wed	1:03 PM	0.43	L
8/31/2022	Wed	6:06 PM	2.85	H
9/1/2022	Thu	1:12 AM	0.69	L
9/1/2022	Thu	5:52 AM	2.95	H
9/1/2022	Thu	1:54 PM	0.38	L
9/1/2022	Thu	7:10 PM	2.61	H
9/2/2022	Fri	1:42 AM	0.86	L
9/2/2022	Fri	6:22 AM	2.98	H
9/2/2022	Fri	2:59 PM	0.34	L
9/2/2022	Fri	8:38 PM	2.39	H

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FOR SALE: 936 Panther Creek Lane, DuPont Island. Rare find in Everglades City! Waterfront single family 3 bedroom / 2 bath stilt home in the Commercial Fishing Dist. 80 ft of water frontage on almost 1/2 acre of land. Plenty of storage / workshops / garage and a Quonset hut. Asking \$469,000.

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NOW HIRING: The FL Nat'l Parks Assn (FNPA) is seeking an Associate for the Oasis Visitor Center in Big Cypress. This position is part to full time at \$13.75 per hour. Must be able to work from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Email resumes to jobs@evergladesassociation.org or call (305) 247 - 1216 for additional questions.

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