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SUMMER BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Top Left: Helen Bryan enjoys lunch at the Diving Pelican. Bottom Left, members of Everglades Community Church gather to celebrate Helen's big day. Top right: Millie Wallace at her birthday celebration. Bottom right: Millie celebrates with friends.

Recreational Harvest of Red Grouper in Gulf State Waters Closed on Aug. 30th, 2022.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is closing the recreational harvest of red grouper in state waters of the Gulf of Mexico, excluding waters of Monroe County, on Aug. 30 for the remainder of the 2022 fishing season. Harvest will reopen on Jan. 31, 2023.

This closure is consistent with the closure in federal waters of the Gulf of Mexico by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's National Marine Fisheries Service. The recreational red grouper fishery was closed in federal waters because landings information indicates that the 2022 recreational quota is projected to be met on Aug. 29, 2022. Red grouper is primarily a Florida fishery and consistent open/closed seasons in state and federal waters off Florida is important to prevent overfishing and continue to improve stock abundance.

For more on these regulations, visit MyFWC.com/Marine and select "Recreational Regulations" or download the Fish Rules App at [Instagram.com/FishRules](https://www.instagram.com/FishRules) or [Facebook.com/FishRulesApp](https://www.facebook.com/FishRulesApp).

How was the date for this closure chosen?

NOAA Fisheries receives recreational data from a variety of sources including the Marine Recreational Information Program, the SE Region Headboat Survey, Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, and Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.

There is a delay between when these data are collected and when these data are available for use by scientists and managers.

NOAA Fisheries used in-season landings available through Jan-April 30, 2022, and average landings during May-August 2020-2021 to project the date for the recreational red grouper closure.

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There were some very special birthday celebrations in the month of August! Mullet Rapper photojournalist Helen Bryan (top left) celebrated her 89th birthday with friends during multiple birthday gatherings, and Millie Wallace (top right), wife of Pastor Bob Wallace of Everglades Community Church, celebrated her 92nd birthday at Sam Snead's Restaurant in Lely.

We are honored to feature these two special ladies who mean so much to our community.

We wish both ladies a very Happy Birthday and look forward to celebrating many more birthdays with them!

~ EVENT CALENDAR - September 4, 2022 - October 8, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 Clyde Butcher. See p. 7	5 Labor Day	6 ESHP 9 am City Council Mtg 7 pm	7 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	8 Lions Club, 6 pm	9	10 Full Moon Thrift Reopens
11	12	13	14 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	15 Museum Talk, See p. 9	16	17
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25 New Moon	26	27	28 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	29	30 Fishing Tourney, p. 3	Oct. 1-Rapper Fishing Tourney, p. 3 Blessing of the Fleet, p. 3
2	3 ESHP, 9 am	4 City Council Mtg 7 pm	5 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry	6	7	8

October 21 & 22: Hook'em In the Glades Fishing Tournament, see p. 10, Oct. 29: History Talk at MOE, see p. 9
November 5, 2022: Everglades City Music Festival, see p. 3., Nov. 17, History Talk at MOE, see p. 9

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: Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm.
 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: Opening Saturdays on Sept 10. 10 am to 2 pm
 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/

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*What's
Happening!*

**Praise Night
Saturday, September 24
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!

Crafting on Wednesday's 3 to 5 pm

Starting September 7 at the Everglades Community Center - Open to everyone who would like to have fun being creative - bring your own project and join others who will be working on quilts, crocheting, knitting, painting, beading, whatever!

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

September 3 & 4, 2022, 11 am to 4 pm
See complete event details on page 7.

**Nate Edwards Fishing Tourney
Sept. 30 & Oct 1**

Proceeds go to Nate Edwards Scholarship Fund. For information please visit. www.NateEdwardsFishingTournament.com

**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.

November 5, 2022, noon to ???

Everglades City Music Festival

Sponsored by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP)

Check at www.eshp.org for more information as it becomes available.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
& INFORMATION**

THE FOOD BANK NEW HOURS!

Wed. 9:30 am to 12:00 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."

Thrift Store

**Reopening on Sept 10th,
Saturdays, 10 am to 2 pm!**

205 Buckner Ave, Everglades City

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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 Tuesday 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 Dr S, Suite #204, Naples FL 34104. Phone (239) 403- 2377. FAX (239) 403-2388.

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



On each 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/register/WN_dj6Xo_MLQp6_yQ7KGiDJiA

Here is the remaining 2022 Meeting Schedule:

- ◆ 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!



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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

*Spotted Skunk (Spilogale putorius) / Status:
FL = stable, IUCN = LC / Length tail: 21-
25 in. (53-63.5 cm) / Wt: 1-3 lb (.50-1.4 kg) /
Life span: to 6 years / Reproduces: in the
spring and fall / Months found:
JFMAMJJASOND.*

The spotted skunk is roughly half the size of the striped skunk, and like its cousin, it is equipped with a strong, foul-smelling secretion that is sprayed at potential predators accurately at a distance of up to 15 feet. The spotted skunk stores about one tablespoon of the malodorous oil in its glands, making it capable of up to five discharges in a row.

The chemistry of the spotted skunk's secretion differs from the striped skunk in that it contains several different components, and many people feel that the spray of this smaller animal is even worse than that of the striped skunk. Hydrogen peroxide and baking soda can be used to help eliminate the smell should you be unfortunate enough to get sprayed by either skunk species.

The spotted skunk is an agile climber, known to frequent oak trees in search of acorns and other forage. Its primary diet consists of insects, including beetles, cockroaches, and grubs, but like its larger cousin, it will eat just about anything—berries, acorns, nuts, birds, rodents, larvae, lizards, snakes, and domestic chickens. This skunk gets its nickname, weasel skunk, from its ability to climb and move quickly when attacking small mammals and birds. It is an agile and formidable predator.

The spotted skunk was once trapped heavily for its fur. In another example of clever marketing, spotted skunk skins were sold as "marten fur." Today most "marten fur" is farm raised, as the spotted skunk is readily domesticated and is a fairly common house pet.

Because of its defensive spray, the spotted skunk is seldom taken by bobcats or coyotes, but it is killed by owls, snakes, and alligators since the smell does not affect any of these predators. The only other mortality comes at the hands of humans, both from vehicle encounters and nuisance trapping.
Charles Sobczak is an author and photographer from Sanibel Island, FL.

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Wednesday Worship: 6:00 p.m.**

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

**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.

To reserve your spot or to read more about the tournament, please visit our website at www.hookemintheglades.com.

The proceeds from this tournament help fund unmet student needs and programs including the Leader-in-Me program.

**Snook Season Opened September 1st.
Here is What You Need to Know**



Not less than 28", not more than 33" in length*

*According to the FWC, "Total Length is measured from the most forward point of the head, with the mouth closed, to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed, while the fish is lying on its side.

Saltwater license required, snook stamp required.
Daily bag limit is 1 per harvester
Zero daily bag limit for Captain and Crew**

**The new shoreline saltwater license requirement allows exemptions for residents who are age 65 or older, all children under age 16, resident disabled persons who meet certain qualifications, active duty military personnel while home on leave, and all anglers who fish from a licensed pier.

A Message From Principal Dr. Cherie Allison

It has been a wonderful opening of school here at Everglades City School! We have some new faces here at EVG. Mr. Brandon Barrows has joined us as our new Facilities Manager. We welcome Mike Huffman as our new High School Math teacher, Susan Huffman as our new High School English Language Arts teacher, Brooke Lefkow our new Exceptional Student Education Specialist for Secondary, Amy Wohler our School Psychologist, Christina Whittington as our new Third Grade teacher, Somma Bryan our Kindergarten teacher and Pam Hukka will be starting with us shortly as our new Pre-K teacher! We are very blessed to be almost fully staffed but we are still looking for a Secondary Science teacher. We also would like to congratulate Jennifer Barrows for taking over as Our New Assistant Principal.



Jennifer Barrows is excited and proud to serve as Everglades City Schools' new Assistant Principal. She holds a Child Development Associate in Early Childhood, a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, and a Master's in Educational Leadership; all of which she graduated on the Dean's List and Summa Cum Laude. Mrs. Barrows has been a dedicated elementary teacher with 23 years' experience, teaching grades Pre-K to 5. She has been recognized for commended performance, with a passion for education and an unwavering commitment to optimizing student and school success. She was selected as Rookie Teacher of the Year in 2011 and Teacher of the Year in 2017. Mrs. Barrows has a rich history of leadership and mentoring throughout her career. She has managed multiple grade level teams, consisting of over 1,000 students and teachers at a given time. She has served as a Reading, Math, and Science Liaison, as well as played an integral role as a member of the School Leadership Team, Synergy Team Member, School Improvement Plan Committee, Teacher of the Year Committee, and Interview Committee. Furthermore, Mrs. Barrows led two Miami-Dade schools in to becoming Apple and STEAM accredited. This summer, she was invited to attend the Leading Forward Conference with Collier County Public Schools. She was a Clinical Supervisor and mentor in M-DCPS and continued to do so when she joined CCPS. Mrs. Barrows' leadership extends outside of the school. She has led workshops at the Education Fund's Idea EXPO for all Miami-Dade County Public Schools administrators and teachers. She has been a grant recipient from The Education Fund on multiple occasions. She has presented at M-DCPS' Digital Leader Network and was selected to represent Kendale Lakes Elementary School, in Miami, at the Exceeding Expectation panel in 2019's ECTAC national conference in Orlando. She spearheaded and led students to compete in both school-wide and district level Science Fairs and Math Bowl Challenges.

Mrs. Barrows is passionate about making genuine connections with all stakeholders and possessing the skills necessary to inspire others to understand and follow Everglades City Schools' vision and mission. She feels these are driving factors that contribute to the overall success of the school. She would like to extend her gratitude towards the school and community members for their warm, welcoming support into her role as Everglades City Schools' Assistant Principal. Mrs. Barrows feels it is an honor and privilege to work collaboratively in the community she lives in and loves.

The Leadership Team, Teachers, and Staff at Everglades City School feel like it is going to be a great year. As always, we welcome any community support. You are invited to join us for SAC meetings the Third Thursday of every month in the Media Center at 8:15 am, we love volunteers or new members to our PTO committee, and we are always looking for Guest Teachers. I encourage you to apply through Collier County Public Schools to be a guest teacher for EVG and help us to make this an incredible year for our students.

Photo: New vice-Principal Jennifer Barrows



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Sawfish News by Tonya Wiley

Meet the U.S. Sawfish Research and Conservation Team



Tonya Wiley
Team Leader



Dean Grubbs
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FWC



Jason Osborne
Everglades NP



John Carlson
NOAA Fisheries



Adam Brame
NOAA Fisheries



Ryan Hendren
Army Corps of
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Sonja Fordham
Shark Advocates
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Charlie Phillips
Hope Fishing
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Association

The goal of the Endangered Species Act is to protect and recover listed species until the point they no longer need the protections afforded by the Act. After the smalltooth sawfish was listed as an Endangered species in 2003, NOAA Fisheries convened the Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Team to develop a plan to recover the U.S. population. The team worked several years to build additional knowledge of the species, to identify the most severe threats affecting the U.S. population, and to develop specific actions for countering the threats and rebuilding the population. These efforts were published in the 2009 Recovery Plan which recommends specific steps to recover the population, focusing on (1) educating the public to minimize human interactions with sawfish and any associated injury and mortality, (2) protecting and/or restoring important sawfish habitats, and (3) ensuring sawfish abundance and distribution increase.

After the Recovery Plan was developed, the effort shifted to putting that plan into action and so the Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team, comprised of partners from federal and state government, non-government organizations, universities, and the fishing industry, was created. The team members are the leaders of the research, outreach and education, and management efforts in the United States to protect remaining sawfish while also rebuilding the population. To foster support for the conservation and recovery of this endangered species, the U.S. Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team encourages you to visit their website and follow their social media accounts.

Visit www.SawfishRecovery.org to meet the team members and to learn about the biology of sawfish, including the threats they face. While there you may also provide details of your sawfish capture or sighting and review the recommended sawfish safe release and viewing guidelines. Follow the team on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for updates on management, research, and outreach efforts. Find the U.S. Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team:

Web: www.SawfishRecovery.org

Facebook: U.S. Sawfish Recovery

Twitter: @SawfishRecovery

Instagram: [u.s.sawfishrecovery](https://www.instagram.com/u.s.sawfishrecovery)

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Above and Left: Members of the U.S. Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team.

Photo Credit: Tonya Wiley.



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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.

Visit the gallery website at:
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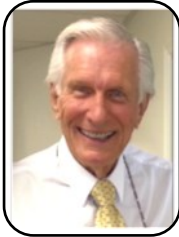


August 9, 2022 Puzzle Solution

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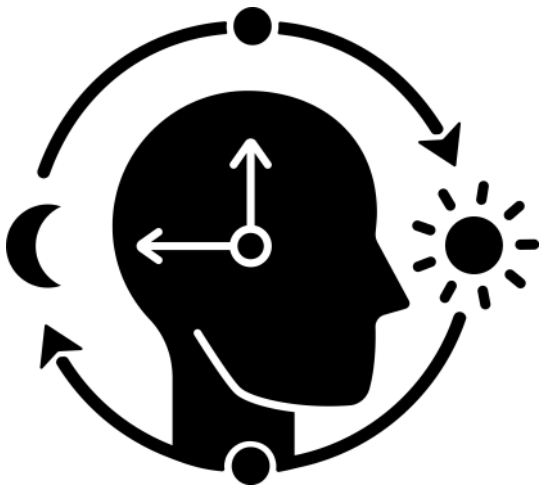
Did You Know You Have a Clock in Your Body?

By Rev. Bob Wallace



Every day about two o'clock I get sleepy and begin to yawn. It's awful! I feel as if I could just take a thirty-minute nap I'd be okay! Does that happen to you? If it does, don't think there's something wrong with you. It's just your circadian clock "ringing" to let you know it's been about twenty-four hours since you had a nap, and now it's time to take another one. It's called circadian rhythm. We all have it! Our bodies function by it, and we are under its control. Our physiological functions are

under its complete control every twenty-four hours. We function by our biological clock rather than an external one, like the one by your bedside. When you feel sleepy every day at the same time don't worry. It occurs in most people. It's just natural!



But you have another clock that runs your life. It's called the Primary Aging Clock. We all have one. It too, is just natural! Changes happen in your body which are beyond your control. Hearing, eyesight, skin texture, weight gain, sense of taste, hair color. If you're aware of these changes taking place in your life you have to understand it's natural, and there's nothing you can do about them. You'll be fine! Oh, you might need to get a pair of reading glasses, start using

body lotion, lower how much sugar you consume, alter the spices in your food or consider coloring your hair. But if that's all you must do, you're doing great!

However, there's another clock running inside you that's called Secondary Aging. Some people do it gracefully. Others not so well! How your live your life helps. It's called lifestyle. Diet regulation, use of tobacco and alcohol or other stimulants need to be moderated or excluded altogether! Hypertension, high blood pressure, arteriosclerosis, myocardial infarction, angina, stroke, phlebitis, aneurysm, varicose veins, and hemorrhoids are all part of the aging process. And you can't exclude senile tremors, Parkinson's disease, shingles, and neuralgia. But be aware, that with proper diagnosis and treatment, and in some cases surgery, these conditions can be controlled. Oh, I almost forgot cataracts, hernias, diverticulitis, and gall stones.

There's not much that can be done with some of these conditions, because no one has figured out yet how to re-set our body clocks. It's not like setting your bedside clock! It's up to everyone to understand, these things do happen. So, do the best you can to live a full and happy life with these natural built-in body clocks. Our Circadian Primary and Secondary clocks are ticking away and there's not a thing that can be done about it, except to enjoy the life we've been given and to be happy with our lot in life.

Besides, who said growing old was for sissies?

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

OBITUARIES

Clyde "Billy" Raffield

Clyde "Billy" Raffield, 82 of Chokoloskee passed away at his home, July 12, 2022. He is survived by his wife Trudy of 60 years. Son, Rodney. Granddaughter, Wendy Lynn (Andrew) Barrantes. Grandson, Quinton (Jordan) Grimm. Great-grandson Woods Grimm. Sister, Vina Sanders. He is preceded in death by his father, Clyde, mother, Julia. Daughter, Wendy. Sister, Judy and brother, Jonnie. He was a commercial fisherman and loved what he did. He will be greatly missed.

Terry Shaughnessy



Terry Shaughnessy passed away peacefully at his home in Chokoloskee Florida surrounded by family and friends on August 21, 2022.

Born on April 20, 1945 Shaughnessy grew up in St. Cloud Minnesota. There he cultivated a passion for fishing, hunting and sports. He played football at the University of Colorado and professional

football in the National Football League with the Miami Dolphins and Minnesota Vikings.

He was drafted into the United States Army as a member of the 75th Rangers Airborne Special Forces.

Upon his discharge at Fort Polk Louisiana, he said he thought he'd hang around and see what kind of fishing and hunting opportunities were available in southwest Louisiana. He quickly established a reputation for catching quality speckled trout and redfish from Lake Calcasieu.

In 2002 Shaughnessy sold "The Club" to his stepsons that continue to operate Hackberry Rod & Gun and carry on the established traditions and serve the fabulous authentic Cajun recipes their mother Martha created.

In his later years, Shaughnessy relocated to Chokoloskee Florida where he continued to guide clients during the seasons for snook, tarpon, pompano and other coastal species Terry Shaughnessy lived a large, full life and had a positive influence on so many. May he rest in peace.



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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

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.

→Event

October 29, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Legends and Lore of the Everglades

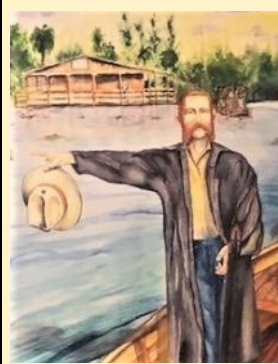
Just in time for the Halloween Season, Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear will explore the region's myths, legends, and folklore. The infamous Ochopee Skunk Ape, the Ox Woman, the Phantoms of Flight 401, and even the swamp speakeasy owned by notorious gangster Al Capone will all be explored.

→Event

November 17, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Engines in the Everglades:

How Men Modified Machines to Tame the Everglades

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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The Saltwater Cowboy, "Salesman of the Year"

By Jon Edward Edwards

I'm not sure what it is about anglers rooted in bass fishing that requires us to have more rods and reels than anyone could use in a given day. That said, I motioned to the egregious display I'd placed aboard and shouted over the noise of the outboard motor, "Which do you prefer?" When Woody pointed to a baitcaster, I knew it would be a good day.

Why did such a thing fire my positivity receptors? Because anyone comfortable enough to choose baitcasting over spinning tackle is a practiced caster. Enough said. If fishing tackle were golf clubs, baitcasters were the long irons, hardest to hit, but with practice, and some natural ability, deadly accurate.

Nici grabbed a cold Michelob ultra from the ice chest, popped the top, blew the foam off with one big, pppfff, then took a swig. "This is the fourth year in a row he's been nominated," she said in the sweetest southern drawl you've ever heard. She wore a baseball cap on top of hair so dark it was almost black, had the face of an angel, and hazel eyes that said, "I'm Nici, and you want to know me."

"So, you're like the Susan Lucci of the Auto Parts Industry?" I asked Woody, Nici's husband.

"Susan Coochie?" Asked Woody, in the deepest southern drawl you've ever heard, as he fired a cast that skipped once, twice, then fell into the little pocket between two mangrove branches. I didn't have to explain because the water blew up with a loud gulppop! A flash of silver cut a swath through the tannic water. The fish jumped and skipped along the surface on its tail before making a run back to its tangled lair.

"Nice snook!" I said. With tight line, Woody pulled to the side, holding the rod against his body, and turned the fish. "That's why I like bringing good old boys from back home fishing!" I said, moving nimbly around the boat, getting ready to land the fish. By "back home," I mean Louisiana and Mississippi. "That's how it's done! This is your year, Woody!" He fought the fish a little longer and brought it in so I could clamp the Boga-Grip (fish grappler) around its lip. I missed, and the fish got off, thus ruining a photo op.

We trolled down the bank against the current, making strategic casts around points, pockets, and little inlets. We talked and laughed, caught fish, got broken off, and I nearly fell in if not for my legendary reflexes.

Woody landed several smaller snook, and I caught a bruiser similar to his I let get away. He fought fiercely with honor as snook always do, sending me around the boat to the bow, where I had to shove the rod halfway underwater to avoid getting caught in the trolling motor.

This is a call for everyone to put their devices down, get outside, and do something cool with people. The world will be a better place, I promise. The wilderness is my sanctuary, and mother nature is my higher power. Zinging drags, the slap of high-fives and braided line whistling back through guides are gospel to my ears. Out here, differences are put aside amidst ebb and neap tides where Bonds are formed, respect is earned, and relationships are built among the most unlikely of characters. Where else would one end up taking their ex-girlfriend's husband fishing, along with said girlfriend? That's right, Nici was my high school sweetheart.

The sun was low over Marco Island, and through the rain clouds on the horizon, the sky looked bruised. Quickly I pulled the trolling motor out of the water, folded it down, and wiggled my way to the engine to get to the Snook Inn before the deluge. Nici wanted to get her dad a t-shirt, hopefully similar to the one she brought him back in 1991 when she and I came down to the Island for vacation.

Woody won the *Salesman of the Year* award, by the way.

Jon Edward Edwards is a local author, fishing guide, and avid sportsman. His stories often recount his adventures in and around the 10,000 Islands.

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The Island Life Recipes

Baked Cabbage By Janet Hamm

Ingredients:

- 1 Large cabbage cut into quarters
- 4 slices of bacon
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 1/2 package of frozen carrots (or baby carrots)
- 1 can sliced mushrooms
- Everglades seasoning (to taste)
- Parsley to taste
- Butter (for foil)



Directions: Heat oven to 375°. Tear off 4 pieces of tin foil large enough to wrap each piece of cabbage. Butter foil to prevent sticking. On buttered tin foil, place one quarter of cabbage, a slice of bacon, onion, carrots, mushrooms. Sprinkle with everglades seasoning and parsley and fold foil so it is closed.

Do this with each of the other 3 slices of cabbage and ingredients. Place foil wraps on a cookie sheet and bake for 2 hours. Serve hot.

You may also use pre-cooked bacon bits in place of the bacon slices and substitute fresh carrots for frozen...just use your imagination!



My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

The Conservancy of SW Florida's VonArx Wildlife Hospital in Naples, located next to the Naples Zoo, provides care for sick, orphaned, and injured native wildlife to over 4000 animals a year.

Since 1979, the center has been providing quality care and services to Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades County.

The Conservancy relies on donations and volunteers to keep up with the increasing admissions they receive each year.

A recent post on their website regarding recent admissions points out how braided fishing line becomes deadly in the environment.

Master Bander, Adam Dinuovo, and Col Lauzau, Avian Biologist with Rookery Bay, were checking a black skimmer colony near Sand Dollar Island on Marco Island. Jean Hall, volunteer with Audubon of the Western Everglades, Audubon Florida and National Audubon, was with them to provide photos for their project!

Jean Hall noticed that one of the skimmers looked ill so she blew up one of her photos and discovered what was wrong. The tern was wrapped up in braided fishing line that was attached to another bird as well. Unfortunately, the other bird had perished so the living tern was dragging around the dead bird with no way to free itself.

The group was able to rescue the tern and bring it into the hospital for care, and the bird is recovering.

However, this situation is becoming much more common...

Braided fishing line is the preferred line for many anglers because it is so difficult to break.

When the line gets tangled in the mangroves or on the bottom, the angler is tempted to simply cut the line and move on, but this can have catastrophic consequences for wildlife.

Leaving line in the mangroves might seem benign, but the dangling fishing line can easily get wrapped around a bird's beak, feet or within their feathers, causing them to panic and exacerbate the problem.

Anglers, please use caution when fishing and be considerate about what you are leaving behind in the environment.

Most often you can remove the tangled line from the mangroves with a little extra effort to help prevent wildlife entanglements. If you must cut your line, please leave as little behind as possible to help prevent these mishaps.

If you would like to donate to the VonArx Wildlife Hospital, visit their website at <https://conservancy.org/support-us/>.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer visit their website at <https://conservancy.org/support-us/volunteer/>.

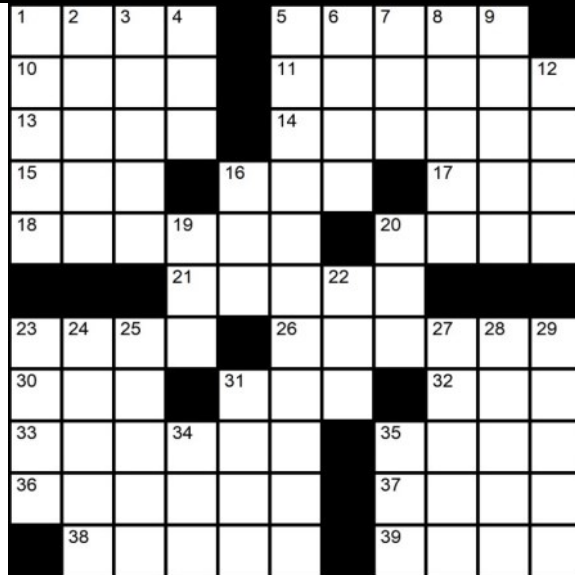
We thank VonArx for their 50+ years of dedication to the wildlife in southwest Florida.

<https://conservancy.org/hooked-terns-and-ibis-flock-suffers-from-toxicosis/>

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Across

- 1 Book sheet
- 5 Future fungus
- 10 Playwright Novello
- 11 Space shuttle commander --- Collins
- 13 --- a one: zip
- 14 Hang in there
- 15 "Silent Spring" killer
- 16 Fastener
- 17 "--- 'em!"
- 18 Per annum
- 20 Quick look
- 21 Rhyming words
- 23 Unwelcome
- 26 Joined together
- 30 --- Turner, rebellious slave
- 31 Bon --- (clever remark)
- 32 "Bobby Hockey"
- 33 False
- 35 "Battle Hymn of the Republic" author
- 36 Merrymaking
- 37 Mideast foe
- 38 "Me and Bobby ---" (Kris Kristofferson)
- 39 "... two --- for a twenty?"



Down

- 1 Hop variety
- 2 Dodge
- 3 Big artery
- 4 Prepare bacon, for example
- 5 Be on the same wavelength
- 6 Light ringing sound
- 7 --- Ironsides (the USS Constitution)
- 8 Put back into service
- 9 Strange and mysterious
- 12 Dracula's target
- 16 Group once led by Yasser Arafat
- 19 Rotational speed
- 20 Non-profit TV spot
- 22 Encountered
- 23 Cozy
- 24 Defunct US Airline
- 25 It's over your head
- 27 Bullwinkle J, for example
- 28 General --- Rommel
- 29 Apparel
- 31 Silent
- 34 "Andy Capp" cartoonist --- Smythe
- 35 Strike

9/3/22



EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

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Camellia Street Grille (239-695-2003): 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Daily
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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
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San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES– Sept. 3, 2022– September 30, 2022

9/3/2022	Sat	2:14 AM	1.03	L
9/3/2022	Sat	7:05 AM	2.99	H
9/3/2022	Sat	4:17 PM	0.29	L
9/3/2022	Sat	10:17 PM	2.26	H
9/4/2022	Sun	3:14 AM	1.17	L
9/4/2022	Sun	8:11 AM	3	H
9/4/2022	Sun	5:33 PM	0.2	L
9/5/2022	Mon	12:13 AM	2.28	H
9/5/2022	Mon	5:20 AM	1.23	L
9/5/2022	Mon	9:55 AM	3.05	H
9/5/2022	Mon	6:42 PM	0.11	L
9/6/2022	Tue	1:41 AM	2.42	H
9/6/2022	Tue	6:37 AM	1.19	L
9/6/2022	Tue	11:27 AM	3.21	H
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9/7/2022	Wed	2:11 AM	2.54	H
9/7/2022	Wed	7:41 AM	1.06	L
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9/8/2022	Thu	1:40 PM	3.59	H
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9/9/2022	Fri	3:01 AM	2.75	H
9/9/2022	Fri	9:24 AM	0.72	L
9/9/2022	Fri	2:30 PM	3.68	H
9/9/2022	Fri	10:08 PM	0.1	L
9/10/2022	Sat	3:26 AM	2.87	H
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