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■ *Reliability and excellence is the priority*

By Marco Island Gazette Staff Writer

Ron and Jennifer Doino have run Classic Transportation for nearly 20 years, and are proud of "distinguished" service to the community.



Long-serving Classic Transportation is breaking new boundaries for reliability and excellence.

It has a bigger fleet of vehicles, and has embraced

computerized technology for seamless communications between drivers, dispatch and customers, including online reservations.

The Marco-based company's priority, in the words of President Ron Doino, is "safety, security, and getting passengers to their destination ... and having fun."

He and his wife Jennifer, who together built the company from a modest operation to a local powerhouse, take pride in the fact that drivers are employees and not part-timers.

"They are hand-picked. They wear jackets and ties and have to pass drug tests to be employed," Ron says.

Besides the ever-popular airport runs locally and across the state,

says Jennifer, Classic Transportation has proven popular lately with people who've secured Covid-19 shots out-of-town.

"They don't feel like doing the driving," Jennifer says. "Our vehicles (ranging from sedans to 55-seat transporters) have individual seating, and are completely cleaned and sanitized all the time."

Another segment of willing takers are passengers wanting to be driven to any of the local casinos in the area.

Ron adds that private jet travelers are increasingly using Classic Transportation for pick-ups and drop-offs in Marco and Naples, saving them the hassle of hiring vehicles themselves.

And, he says, prices are competitive with other companies and actually cheaper than Uber or Lyft, for example.

"Basically, we'll take people to and from anywhere," says Ron. "Recently we took some folks to South Carolina."

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Captain Patrick "Pat" Lewis, the sole owner of Blue Runner Charters, in Marco Island was diagnosed with a very rare, and potentially life-threatening, auto immune disease - Granulomatosis with Polyangiitis. Due to this illness, he is currently dealing with nasal deterioration, poor respiration, and heightened anxiety. He has not been able to work since February.

We are unsure exactly what the course of treatment will look like, but it has been confirmed that it will be a long road of medications, intravenous infusions, surgery and constant bloodwork. We are currently traveling to Miami to see his doctors and will continue to travel for his treatment. Facing the financial responsibility of paying for life-long medical treatment is overwhelming.

I write this to appeal to our generous community. If you can find the time, please say a prayer, book a charter or, if you feel so inclined, please donate. We have set up a Go Fund Me Fundraiser: *Help Captain Patrick Charter Fish Again*. You can go to: [Truist Bank at 950 N Collier Blvd, Marco Island, FL](#). Account: *Go Fund Me Captain Pat* to make a donation. If you can help spread the word in your social groups and on social media, that would be of great assistance and appreciation.

We don't know what lies ahead but the unknown financial burden that this rare illness weighs on him is unfathomable.

We thank you in advance, Liz Brown, Naples, Florida.

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In her shoebox gift, Romina received the fine-tipped drawing markers she had prayed for.

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How to Pack a Shoebox Gift: Fill a regular shoebox or plastic container with a selection of fun toys, hygiene items and school supplies. If possible, include one or two extra special items you know a child will love such as a doll, cuddly toy, or deflated football with a pump.

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Multi-faceted Imperial Marine Construction Leads The Way

By Marco Island Gazette Staff Writer

Waterfront property owners who need seawall repairs or replacement needn't look further than Marco Island's own Imperial Marine Construction with over 100 years staff combined experience in the field.

The same goes for docks, decks, boatlifts, rip-rap, tie backs, pile wraps, repairs and maintenance - all of which carry free estimates as well.

The company, just approaching its 12th anniversary of quality work on the island, concentrates almost exclusively on durable, virtually indestructible vinyl as its material of choice for seawall jobs.

"My wife and I are new to Marco Island and we could not have had a better experience with our dock being built and we're so happy with our decision to go with Imperial Marine Construction. The cost for our dock was very reasonable and it's rare to say but we feel we got our money's worth and a beautiful dock."

— Thomas R. Marco Island



"These guys are a high integrity family owned business who I have used directly or indirectly for more than 12 years. They have rebuilt docks, installed and maintained lifts and re-capped my sea wall at various homes for me on Marco Island. Finding reliable trades down here in SW FL is difficult. I consider Imperial Marine to be one of those. They will continue to get the first call for my future work."

— Mike S. Marco Island

This is because construction must be done from the waterside, and because of staging issues caused by fewer and fewer vacant lots being available for this purpose on the island. A vinyl seawall has a warranty of between 35 and 50 years (concrete typically has no warranty other than a year on workmanship); vinyl will not warp or fade over time; it handles hurricanes and storm surge well, especially when placed in front of the existing concrete (as is usual and typical), and installation time is about the same.

In an era of increasing environmental concern, says Bernice, vinyl is perfect because it doesn't decompose.

Vinyl is maintenance free, unlike concrete's seams that degrade, barnacles have a harder time clinging to the surface, and aesthetically vinyl is simply more pleasing.

When you call the company, point man is Bryan Russell - who has decades of experience in marine construction.

Bryan will explain the technicalities, such as how the tough vinyl sheets interlock and are sunk deeper than the concrete counterparts.

He's also an expert on all the other facets of Imperial Marine's services, and notes too that extended "land decks" are becoming increasingly popular with waterfront dwellers on Marco.

"They add more living space," Bryan says. "They tie everything in, and it looks really clean."

Vital to every construction company, of course, are reliable crews. Imperial has long-serving, specialist crews for docks and for seawalls, for example.

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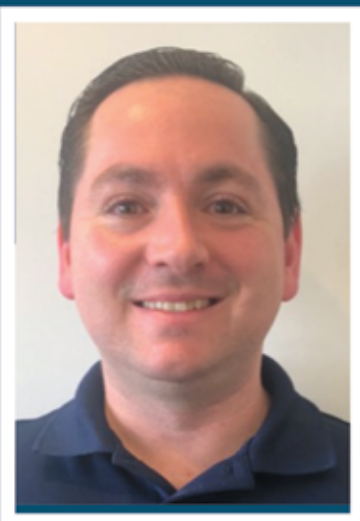
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Movies on the Lawn - The Nightmare Before Christmas - Oct 17, 7pm to 8:30 pm

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Spooky Fun Halloween Science Show & Cruise - Oct 21, 10am to 12:30pm



The Spooky Fun Halloween Science Show begins at 10am at the historic Tin City Docks where M/V Double Sunshine boards. Guests of all ages will enjoy Beitmen's entertaining humor and educational, hands-on Halloween-themed science experiments and demonstrations that are ooey-goey, foggy and super slimy. Participating children will receive an experiment to take home, along with a bag of Halloween candy. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes or Halloween themed apparel and parents are

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Trunk or Treat & Face Painting by Marja - Oct 28, 4pm to 6pm

Come out and enjoy Nawty Hoggs annual "Trunk or Treat" & Face painting by Marja!! Full BBQ menu & bar!! Nawty Hogg Backyard BBQ is located at 2355 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Suite 116, Naples.

Walk the Talk 2023 - Oct 28, 8am to 12pm

Kickoff to Epilepsy Awareness Month! Come in your best Halloween costume and enjoy food, music and great entertainment. When you participate in Walk the Talk for Epilepsy, the funds you raise support the mission of Epilepsy Alliance Florida and help advance critical care resources and programs. Every dollar counts.

Over 500,000 individuals in Florida struggle with epilepsy making it the state with the most instances in our country. Epilepsy, a common neurological condition that one in 26 people will be diagnosed with at some point in their lives, is a diagnosis when a person experiences two or more seizures that cannot be attributed to another cause. It is a disorder more people live with than Autism, Parkinson's Disease, Multiple Sclerosis and Cerebral Palsy - combined. Epilepsy impacts every aspect of one's life and every person in it and the number rises when you include the families and caregivers. https://www.walkthetalkfl.org/naples/ Baker Park, 50 Riverside Cir, Naples, FL 34102.



Halloween Costume & Silent DJ Party, Bayfront Inn - Oct 31, 7-10pm

Silent DJ & Costume Dance Party under the moonlight. Prizes for Best Single Costume, Couples Costume and Best Dancer while dancing to three talented local DJ's: DJ Craxy X, DJ Just Jake and DJ Memphis. Headsets are color coded so everyone knows what DJ you are listening to... DJ's are battling for your attention. There are only 150 headsets available for the dance party, so reserve yours today. As people turn headsets in, we'll make them available to the rest of the party.

Whether you are Dancing or watching, this promises to be a night we won't soon forget. \$40 per person reserves a ticket to the party and the headset. Light food will be served throughout the night, Cash Bar, Prosecco and drink specials offered. We have the patio of the restaurant and bar, so plenty of space to drink, dine and dance.

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Healing Youth Luncheon - Nov 1, 11:30am to 1pm

Youth Haven, Inc. announces its third annual Healing Youth. The luncheon will be held at Sea Salt located at 1186 Third St. S, Naples. Sea Salt's owners, Ingrid and Chef Fabrizio Aielli, have dedicated their time and talents to Youth Haven for numerous years and generously opened their doors to host this luncheon. 100% of ticket sales will support programs that create transformational change in the abused and neglected children and teens that rely on Youth Haven. Contact for more information 239-434-7258.

Marco Island Art in the Park - Nov 4, 10am to Nov 5, 6pm

Marco Island Art in the Park is a monthly event November thru March. Show features painters, sculptors, glassblowers, woodworkers, jewelers and so many other unique artisans offering handmade in America creations.

Located at the newly renovated Veteran's Park, 901 Park Ave, bring a canned good or nonperishable food item to benefit Our Daily Bread Food Pantry for chance to win some cool art prizes. Visit www.daniellesblueribbonevents.com for more details.

Charity for Change's fundraising gala Planting Seeds of Humanity - Nov 4, 5:30 to 10pm



Charity for Change will host its annual fundraising event Planting Seeds of Humanity on November 4th at the Hilton Naples and feature the Ben Allen Band, a country music group that rose to stardom on The Voice.

Planting Seeds of Humanity includes a dinner live auction and "Call for Change" cash call. The goal of Charity for Change is to cultivate confident compassionate children who become successful learners, contribute to their schools and communities, and who will participate in society as empathetic resilient ethical and self-reliant citizens.

This year's Humanity Hero Sponsor is Soldavini & Caldwell which also sponsored last year's event that raised \$365,000. Tickets are available at \$250 per person. For more information about the event or sponsorships please visit charityforchange.org or call Karen Conley at 239-592-6787. Naples Hilton, 5111 Tamiami Trail, N., Naples.

Naples Veg Fest 2023! - Nov 12, 10am to 3pm

This is a FUN Outdoor Festival, Free General Admission, lots of food, products and services exhibitors plus presentations ALL DAY! Fun for all ages! See how easy it is to find healthy plant-based foods in Naples, Florida. Find local sources of eco-friendly and cruelty-free products. Learn about the science behind the benefits of a plant-based diet. Featuring expert speakers, cooking demos, vendors, and animal rescues - with entertainment and activities for the whole family!



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The Marco Island Center for the Arts in collaboration with MauRich Productions & Events is proud to host this inaugural major art show for the 2024 winter season on Marco Island. The Fine Art Show will take place in the newly renovated Veteran's Community Park and will include approximately 200 juried talented artists from across the country.

The juried art show includes art mediums in: Ceramics, Digital Art, Fiber Furniture, Glass Graphics/Print Making, Jewelry, Metal Mixed Media, 2D & 3D Painting, Photography, Sculpture and Wood. This is a family friendly event at Marco Island Veteran's Memorial Park, 901 Park Street, Marco Island.



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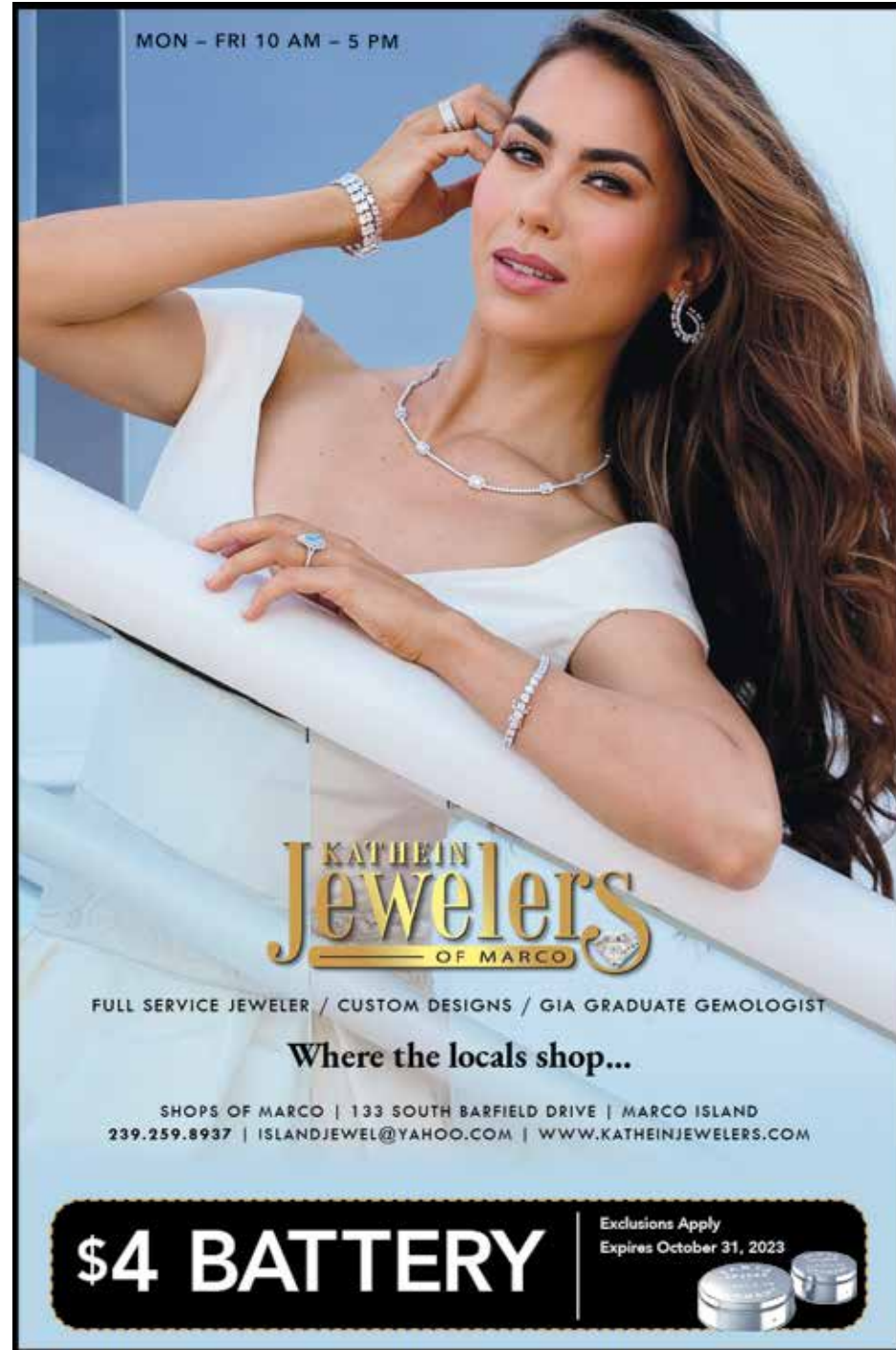
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If you want the opportunity to observe the heart of the Everglades, you can enter through Shark Valley in Miami or the Main Entrance of the Park in Homestead. However, if you are looking to explore the Gulf Coast, then you should plan to take a boat trip at the Gulf Coast in Everglades City.

At Royal Palm and Flamingo in Homestead, our main park entrance boasts wildlife that varies from fresh to saltwater species with many trails, campgrounds, and picnic areas along the way. At Everglades City, the Gulf Coast Visitor Center is the park's western saltwater getaway. Narrated boat tours explore pristine Ten Thousand Islands and coastal mangrove. At Shark Valley, the wildlife-viewing tram tour through sawgrass prairie includes a stop at a 65-foot tower for spectacular views.

• Shark Valley (Miami)

Named because its water flows south-west toward Shark River, Shark Valley is the heartland of the Everglades. At Shark Valley you can walk, bike, or ride a tram along a 15-mile loop road and see some of the park's best wildlife concentrations. The Shark Valley observation tower offers a 360 degree view of the Everglades.



The viewing deck overlooks a life-filled water hole, providing a bird's eye view of alligators, turtles, fish, and birds. Tram tours and bicycle rentals are available through Shark Valley Tram Tours. Hours of Operation (Every Day) Visitor Center: 9AM-5PM. Shark Valley Tram Tours: 8:30AM-6PM. Parking Gate & Lot: 8:30AM-6PM. 305-242-7700.

• Gulf Coast (Everglades City)

From the Gulf Coast Visitor Center in the town of Everglades City, take a boat - your own or a scheduled sightseeing boat tour - to explore the vast mangrove estuary of the Ten Thousand Islands. Boat tours are available through Everglades Florida Adventures. Activities: Boat Tours of the Back Country, Kayaking, Canoeing, Fishing, Biking, and Hiking. Lodging: Houseboats, Eco Tents, Camping, and RV sites. The entry fee to Everglades National Park is \$30 (per vehicle). Refer to www.nps.gov for additional information. 855-793-5542.

Along the Main Park Road in Homestead, which connects our south entrances, there are a series of stops with short walks that show the Everglades' diverse ecosystems.



• Royal Palm (Homestead)

Royal Palm is the departure point for two interpretive walks: the Anhinga Trail and the Gumbo Limbo Trail. Expect to see plenty of wildlife along the Anhinga Trail, a world famous boardwalk trail bordering Taylor Slough. The Gumbo Limbo Trail is a paved path through a hardwood hammock. On your car ride to Flamingo, there are many trails to explore off the main park road. Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center Hours: 9AM-5PM (April through Mid-December); 8AM-5PM (Mid-December through March). Bookstore Hours: 9:30AM-4:30PM daily. 305-242-7700.

Royal Palm Information Station and Bookstore: Ranger-led walks and talks are conducted here. The visitor center here includes a small bookstore, restrooms and vending machines. Bookstore Hours: 10AM-4PM daily. 305-242-7237.

• Flamingo (38 miles south of the Main Park Entrance in Homestead)

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Initially, sending children through the mail only occurred with rural carriers, well-known by the families, sent their precious packages. But as the practice extended, some children traveled greater distances.

In 1914, the *San Francisco Examiner* published tongue-in-cheek instructions about how mail clerks should care for their special deliveries.

Immigration officials sometimes used parcel post services to reunite immigrant children with their families.

The first attempts to stop the practice of mailing children came in 1914 when mail officials in Montana said they would no longer accept "parcels of humanity."

Postal officials across the country began refusing to accept children in parcel post. Some incurred the wrath of angry parents who demanded the right to mail their children. The price of postage was a lot less than a train ticket. Finally in 1920, the Postmaster General ruled that children could no longer be sent through the mail.

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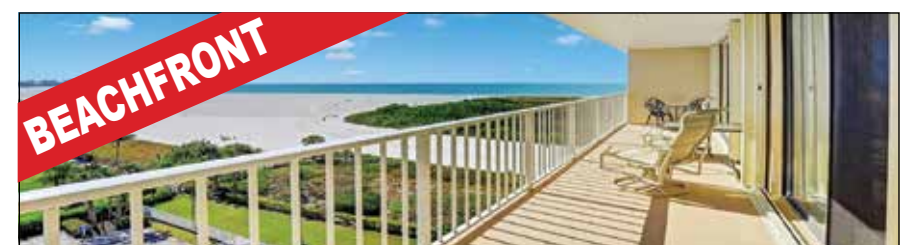
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CROSSWORD CLUES You'll find the answers in the November 2023 issue

- Across**
- Fail to interest
 - Bundle of papers
 - Needs no hemming, say
 - "My life. My card" card co.
 - World Heritage Site in Jordan
 - Law school newbie
 - "Hunting-and-fishing official
 - Just good enough
 - Sport that made its Olympic debut in 2021
 - Personal histories
 - Supermarket conveniences
 - "End a relationship
 - Poses a question
 - Tire filler
 - Boot tip
 - Filmmaker Craven
 - ATM key
 - Like voices after a loud party
 - "Slouch
 - Audition hopeful
 - Lots and lots
 - Mont. neighbor
 - Reacted to head scratches, maybe
 - Most junk mail
 - Amanda Gorman creation
 - "Adorn with lots of bling
 - "In what way?"
 - Pandemonium
 - Lots and lots
 - Start of a story
 - "How clever of you!," and a hint to the first words of the answers to the starred clues
 - Like kids at a magic show
 - Luxury watch
 - Romance novelist Roberts who writes mysteries as J.D. Robb
 - "Let It Go" singer in "Frozen"
 - Bicycle part
 - Jury __
- Down**
- Duffel or tote
 - Sushi experience curated by the chef
 - Comments
 - Applies, as influence
 - Petty quarrel
 - Affordability answer
 - Liftoff approx.
 - Tapas corncake
 - Tribute pieces by devotees
 - Shoes
 - Glands in squids and cuttlefish
 - Sweet __
 - Crafty
 - "Now, where __ !?"
 - Mall map units
 - Crow's call
 - First word in many a baking recipe
 - Sharp bark
 - "Harriet the __": kid-lit classic
 - Novelist Patchett
 - Symptom targeted by an oatmeal bath
 - "Mystery solved!"
 - Street
 - Cinnamon-y rice milk drink
 - Corp. execs
 - Just right
 - Mean mutt
 - Upper arm muscle
 - Words of gratitude
 - Sweet course
 - "Yo te __"
 - Some a cappella singing
 - Central European country
 - "I'm here to help"
 - "Good" cholesterol initials
 - "Black Widow" actress Kurylenko
 - Iridescent stone
 - Rage
 - __ makhani: lentil dish
 - Acted as tour guide
 - Calendar square

SHODOKU

You'll find the Answers in the Next Issue. Last Issue's Answers are on the Next Left Hand Page

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CONTEST RULES



Our current contest, running in this issue, is awarding a \$50 credit from Classic Transportation to one lucky winner. You can read their story on page 1 and see their ad on page 4. Please note that this credit is valid for six months after the winner's name is published. Credit awarded must be applied for one ride only; no remaining credit (if any) will be issued. Awarded credit has no cash value other than being used towards a single ride—a valid matching ID is required to receive the prize/credit.

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THE DEADLINE TO ENTER is Friday, October 27th, 2023. The contest drawing will be held on Saturday, October 28th, 2023, by the age-old tradition of pulling names out of a hat. See the winner's name in the upcoming November edition of the Marco Island Gazette. **IMPORTANT:** The winner is responsible for any applicable taxes. The prize awarded is between the prize sponsor and the winner, and in any event, Marco Island Gazette will not be held liable for issues arising from the award of said prize. By providing your email, you agree to receive further communications from the Marco Island Gazette and its partners. You can opt-out by stating in your contest entry or entries that you wish to opt-out. If you do not opt-out when entering our contest, you may do so by clicking on the opt-out function in any email from our partners.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY to enter and win. Thank you to everyone who entered our last issue's contest.

Congratulations to our Last Issue's Contest Winner: Bryan Bedford, who won a \$50 Publix Gift Card from Amy's Blinds. See their ad on page 14.

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Rub skin-on chicken thighs in a combination of mayonnaise and onion soup mix for a simple chicken dinner full of crunch and tangy flavor.

Ingredients:

- 1 medium yellow onion
- 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs (about 2 pounds)
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 cup mayonnaise
- 1 (1-ounce) envelope onion soup mix
- 3 tablespoons apple cider vinegar, divided
- 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon
- 1 medium bunch fresh chives
- 1/2 cup plain Greek yogurt
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper

Arrange a rack in the middle of the oven and heat the oven to 400 F. Halve 1 medium yellow onion, then cut into 1-inch thick wedges.

Season 4 bone-in, skin-on chicken thighs with 1 teaspoon kosher salt. Place skin-side down in an unheated large cast iron skillet. Place over medium-high heat and sear undisturbed until the chicken skin is golden brown and releases easily from the pan, about 10 minutes.

Flip the chicken and sear until browned on the second side, about 5 minutes. Meanwhile, place 1/2 cup mayonnaise in a small bowl, add 1 envelope onion soup mix, and stir to combine.

Transfer the chicken to a plate. Add the onion wedges to the pan and cook, trying to keep them

intact as much as possible, until light golden brown on both sides, about 2 1/2 minutes per side.

Add 2 tablespoons of the apple cider vinegar and 1 teaspoon chicken bouillon paste and scrape up any browned bits from the bottom of the pan with a wooden spoon. Turn off the heat.

Dollop 1 tablespoon of the mayonnaise mixture onto each piece of chicken and spread all over with the back of a spoon. Return the chicken skin-side up to the pan, moving the onions around as needed so they aren't covered by the chicken.

Transfer the pan to the oven and roast until the internal temperature of the thickest part of the chicken not touching bone registers at least 165 F on an instant-read thermometer, about 20 minutes. Meanwhile, finely chop 1 medium bunch fresh chives until you have 3 tablespoons. Add 2 tablespoons of the chives and 1/2 cup Greek yogurt to the remaining mayonnaise mixture and stir to combine.

When the chicken is ready, if you'd like a bit more color and crunch, turn the oven to broil and broil until well browned and the skin is crisp, about 2 minutes.

Transfer the chicken to a plate. Add the remaining 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar and 1/2 teaspoon black pepper to the pan and scrape up the browned bits from the bottom with the wooden spoon.



Spread the yogurt mixture onto a large plate. Top the yogurt mixture with the onions and chicken. Pour the drippings in the pan over the chicken. Sprinkle with the remaining 1 tablespoon chives.



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