

# The MULLET RAPPER



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

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**February 11-13, 2022**  
**52nd Annual Seafood Festival**  
**Everglades City, FL**

The excitement is growing for this year's Seafood Festival!

This year, the festival will feature many new food vendors and yummy gulf coast seafood!

The schedule is set for the festival entertainment lineup (see page 4) so all you need to do now is put it on your calendar!

Of course, some of the familiar favorites will be back...the carnival rides for the kids, Friday night is family night at the fair.

Great music acts including **Ryan Bingham** is scheduled to perform on Saturday afternoon. **Yes, he is "Walker" on the popular show Yellowstone!** He and some other well-known headliners will sing on the big stage throughout the 3-day event.

We expect a huge turnout for the 2022 Festival, so make your plans to get here early. This family event is the perfect getaway tucked within the beautiful 10,000 Islands.

For more information about the 52nd annual Seafood Festival visit their website [www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org](http://www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org).

We will see you in February!

## Weather Ahead of Cold Front Brings Strong Storms to Area

**Tornados Touch Down, Cause Damage in Collier & Lee Counties**



A line of strong storms made its way into SW Florida on Sunday. The storm system passed by the Everglades area around 11:00 am interrupting church services and boating plans for visitors of the area.

At Everglades Community Church, churchgoers were asked to retreat to the hallway to get away from windows and doors.

At Holy Family Catholic Church in Everglades City, a volunteer kept watch at a west facing window, and cell phone alarms sounded, but otherwise the service went on as usual.

Locally only some minor tree damage was observed with palm fronds and branches seen strewn across the area.

Fortunately, no major damages were reported and area vessels seemed to fare quite well, including the crab boats along Barron River..

Our neighbors to the north in Lee County seemed to take the brunt of the tornadic activity as over a dozen homes were damaged with some sustaining severe damages.

The good news is that the area did get about 1.5 inches of much needed rain in what has been a very dry winter season so far.

## Area Icon Passes Away



Everglades City resident Wanda Grimm has passed away at the age of 92.

Wanda was a constant fixture at Grimm's Seafood on Dupont Island in Everglades City for decades.

She worked at the crab house well into her 80's to make sure the delicious crustaceans were available to residents and visitors.



Above, Wanda is pictured working alongside of her son, the Mayor of Everglades City, Howie Grimm, in 2017 at Grimm's Seafood. This photo was taken on her 88th birthday doing what she loved.

We will miss seeing Wanda at the crab house. Her imprint on this community and her family will endure forever. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the entire family. May she rest in peace.

To read Wanda's complete obituary, please turn to page 11.

## BLOWOUT SALE!

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~ EVENT CALENDAR - JANUARY 23, 2022 - FEBRUARY 26, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Jan. 23	24	25	26 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30 am Food Bank	27	28	29 Annual Plant Sale, p.3 Exclusive BOE Tour, p. 3
	Literacy Week	Literacy Week	ECC, 10:30-1pm	Literacy Week	Literacy Week	
30	31	Feb 1-New Moon Council Mtg, 7 pm	2 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	3	4	Rapper-5
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20	21	22	23 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	24	25 EHSP Talk	26 Art-in-Glades Exclusive Tour, p.3

March 2: Ash Wednesday

March 13: Clocks Ahead 1 hr.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 18: ESHP Golf Gala, see page 3

April 17: Easter Day

**AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:**

AA: Wed., closed until further notice  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2:00p  
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 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of the month. 6 pm. Jinkins Hall at ECC  
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 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Open daily 10 am to 5 pm, 239-695-2989  
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday & Thursday. 11 am to 3 pm, info on p. 3  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10:30am-1pm  
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**Art-in-the-Glades**

January 22 & February 26th, 2022

10:00 AM-1:00 PM, McLeod Park

You'll find interesting and unique items for sale in historic Everglades City, where local talented artists and crafters will set up their tables under the pavilion near the tennis courts. This is an informal event where your kids and well behaved pets are welcomed.

Vendor space is free. Contact Marya: 239-695-2905

**Annual Plant Sale-Fundraiser**

Benefiting Everglades City School

January 29, 2022, 9 am to 2 pm

The annual Mullet Rapper plant fundraiser is back! This year we will have a nice variety of ornamental plants, butterfly host plants, flowering plants, bromeliads, palms, herbs and more!

The fundraiser will be held at 406 Storter Avenue North in Everglades City. Please park on Evergreen Street (not on Storter!) when you arrive, there will be signs.

If you have plants you would like to donate for the event please drop them off at the above address before the day of the event,

100% of the proceeds of this plant sale is donated to Everglades City School to help fund unmet needs.

For more information, please contact Kathy Brock (954) 662-7003.

**Exclusive Tour of the Bank of Everglades Building**

January 29, 2022, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Meet at the historic Rod & Gun Club for an illustrated lecture, lunch, and then a guided tour of the Bank.

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There are also two brochure racks at City Hall with information about local businesses. You can visit City Hall Monday—Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

You may also access the area's complete business directory at [www.VisitEvergladesCity.com](http://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.

**NPS Seeks Input: Ft. Jefferson Repairs**

The National Park Service (NPS) is seeking public input to develop a plan for repairs to the Fort Jefferson counterscarp, or moat wall, as well as dredging at selected areas in Dry Tortugas National Park. The purpose of the project is to repair sections of the counterscarp damaged by Hurricane Irma and to remove sand deposits that accumulated from the hurricane within the moat and finger piers.

"We are pleased to offer this opportunity to hear from our community and stakeholders," said Glenn Simpson, park manager, Dry Tortugas National Park. "This plan would help address Hurricane Irma damages at the primary visitor destination in the park and evaluate options to repair the counterscarp to achieve a more durable structure while still maintaining its historic fabric."

The repairs and dredging will be supported by construction funds allocated through Public Law 115-123 for national park units significantly impacted by Hurricanes Harvey, Irma and Maria.

The public can view a project newsletter with information about the project and alternative concepts and submit written comments on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment (PEPC) website at <https://parkplanning.nps.gov/drto>.

Once on the PEPC website, select the project to view the newsletter and submit comments. The public comment period is open now through Feb. 14. Comments submitted by mail should be postmarked no later than Feb. 14.

The National Park Service values input from the public. Although submitting comments through the project website is preferred, comments may also be mailed:

**Glenn Simpson, Park Manager**  
Attn: Ft Jefferson Counterscarp Repairs and Dredging of Selected Areas Project  
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**Everglades Seafood Festival**  
**Entertainment Lineup**  
**February 11, 12, 13**

**Friday Night, February 11:**

4:30 Opening Ceremony  
5:00-6:00 Lost Rodeo  
6:20-7:05 Special Guests  
7:30 Fireworks and Charlie Pace  
National Anthem  
7:45 – 8:45 Charlie Pace Band  
9:00 – 10:00 Raiford Starke

**Saturday, February 12:**

9:30 to 10:00am Opening Ceremony  
(Chris Lombardo)  
10:10 National Anthem Matrassa Lynn  
10:15-11:00 Matrassa Lynn  
11:30-12:20 Them Hamilton Boys  
12:45-1:40 Hat Trick  
2:00-3:00 Charlie Pace and the Boyz  
3:30-4:30 Whey Jennings  
5:00-6:20 Ryan Bingham  
6:40- 7:30 Champ Jackson  
7:45-8:30 Southern Stampede  
9:00-10:00 Ira Dean

**Sunday, February 13:**

9:30 to 10:00 Opening Ceremony  
10:05 National Anthem Charlie Pace  
10:10-10:40 Billy Cass Prayer and  
Music  
11:00-11:45 Billy J & Collateral  
Damage  
12:00-12:45 Wes Shipp  
1:05-2:05 Gator Nate  
2:25-3:40 Hank Williams 4th  
4:00-5:00 Raiford Starke  
5:15-6:00 John Prestige (Johnny Dept)

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**Fishing in the 10,000 Islands with Captain Mike Merritt**

As a cold front just came thru things have changed again. The Seatrout seem to be the most consistent bite right now on the outside. With dropping water temps, we should see some more Sheepshead showing up in the Islands and rivers.

Black Drum and Redfish are around but the Reds are still scattered. Most of these are in the rivers, river mouths and backcountry.

Snook fishing is good in the backcountry, but the bigger fish seem scattered also. You might have a couple good days catching decent-sized fish then they will move on to another area. Your best bet is casting lots of shoreline looking for the big ones. Jigs are still producing, and soft plastics and shallow running hard baits are also working.

Changing up and figuring out the bite for the day or area you are in is part of the fun. Keep moving and keep fishing and something good will happen.



For the biggest variety and best chance for some fish to keep you are better off using live shrimp. Everything eats a shrimp and as the water gets colder it will work the best.

Use corks in the shallow water and knocker rigs in the deeper holes.

Good tidal movement will be the key to success also. Sometimes you have to know where to be on the incoming or outgoing tide. Every area has it's time. Keep on fishing and

enjoy the beauty of what God has given us while you catch your fish! Good Luck Fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt

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**Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak  
The Florida Box Turtle**

Florida Box Turtle (*Terrapene carolina bauri*) Other names: box turtle / Status: FL=species of special concern, IUCN=LC / Length: 6.5 in. (16.5 cm) / Weight: 5 lb. (2.3 kg) / Life span: to more than 100 years / Reproduces: lays up to 3 clutches of 4-6 eggs each on land / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, inland / Months found: JFMAMJJASOND (lower case indicates breeding season).

The Florida box turtle is semi-aquatic, at home in both terrestrial and aquatic habitats. In freshwater it prefers to remain in the shallows and does not appear to be a good swimmer. It has a life expectancy of more than 100 years, making it the longest-living organism in The Living Gulf Coast.



Easily identified by its high, arching domed carapace with bright orange-yellow markings, the box turtle is commonly kept as a pet. Collecting this turtle for the pet industry was recently outlawed, however, and the species is now protected in Florida. Because of the box turtle's popularity, Florida has imposed a two-turtle possession limit.

The box turtle's diet consists of insects, carrion, dung, and toxic fungi. The box turtle cannot be eaten by humans or other mammals because of the build-up of toxicity in its flesh from eating poisonous mushrooms and other fungi. Because of that, the box turtle is seldom preyed upon as an adult. That may be why it is so brightly patterned, much like other toxic and poisonous species. Some juveniles and hatchlings are taken by fire ants, herons, and skunks.

*Photo by Kenny Krysko of the University of Florida.*

*Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island. His books are available at Amazon.com and other online booksellers.*



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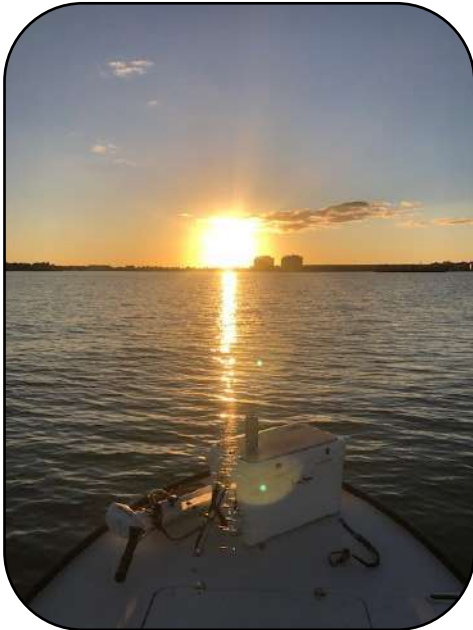
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*The Saltwater Cowboy by Jon Edward Edwards  
"Redtile Dysfunction"*



Davis, to come fishing with me out of Goodland, my home base. Sean is a live bait fisherman and a popping cork enthusiast, arguably the most productive method to fish this region, and pretty much the exact opposite style as mine. Perfect scenario to breathe life into my red drum doldrums.

The problem with live bait, aside from shrimp, which are sold live at most marinas, is that it's not always around. Depending on the time of year and a myriad of conditions, a fisherman can spend hours chasing baitfish while the peak fishing time comes and goes. Or one might toss their cast net smooth out of the boat and wrap it around Coon Key Light. I will use live bait provided I can find it quickly, and I almost always buy a few dozen shrimp. However, I primarily use artificial lures. Trolling along, making strategic casts is more my game.

The exercise was to load up with shrimp, get out there, and for Sean to tell me what he'd do differently. Ultimately, other than pointing out several spots I hadn't thought to try, Sean thought my methods were sound. We caught some of everything, including a limit of speckled trout but no redfish. Sean out fished me, but not by

much. Man, I had no idea how many ways a popping cork can be used. I spend more time keeping the slack out of my line, whereas Sean will let that line sag like a loaded clothesline as long as the bait is within the strike zone.

It's no laughing matter that fifty-five percent of anglers suffer from Redtile Dysfunction at some point within their fishing tenure. Redtile dysfunction is a generic term used to describe the inability of an angler to catch the targeted species over an extended time. Which defines my struggles as I continue the quest to catch a redfish, as documented in my last story, "Well, Do You Feel Lucky?"

One must remember that it's ok to ask for help, which is what I did when I invited my friend, and former Estero Bay guide, Sean

Later, back at Dad's dock cleaning fish, I had a moment of clarity. How could this have slipped my mind? My dilemma could be explained by The Pohlman Theory, which states that, on average, an angler's claim is seldom wholly accurate. It seems that everyone I talk to is catching reds as of late. Then I thought long and hard, narrowing it down to (3). I've spoken to a total of three people who told me they'd caught redfish. But had they?

Hill Pohlman, featured in my story, "He's doing it again," is a lifelong friend and angler extraordinaire. Much of what I know I learned from him. But Hill gets excited and acts erratically once the bite is on. At the end of the day, he couldn't tell you exactly how many fish he had caught. In South Louisiana, you can lose count quick. The element of typical angler bravado and Hill's notorious embellishment was the basis for our profound theory.

Being the Einstein of angler BS, I realized a pattern was not mutually exclusive to bag limits but in all sportsmen's assertions. A few of us like-minded individuals got together and went to work with the proper funding; collecting data, studying psychological behavior patterns, and formulating theoretical equations resulted in a revolutionary discovery in human behavior. An integer assigned to quantities, size, and productive areas to reveal a more honest number, The Pohlman Unit is .314.



Let me break it down. On average, 30% of anglers inflate their declarations. "Ahh, we ripped 'em, caught 20." Factor in the Pohlman Unit,  $20 \times .314 = 6.28$ . Take that off the total, and the result is a more realistic number - 13.7 fish. Remember that 30% is an average. Some stories, such as the one I just told about the Pohlman Units, can be up to 90% untrue.

Case in point, I told Dad we caught twenty trout. But per The Pohlman Theory, it was more like fourteen. The justification was that a couple of big ones got off at the boat, and we missed several strikes.

The moral here is that I may be too hard on myself (no pun intended). There's at least a 30% chance that I may not be catching any redfish because they're all in Estero Bay. It could be that only a handful of anglers have been catching reds. Hell, I may not need a blue pill after all. We'll have to see, won't we, Amigos?

*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. Email Jon at [jedmls@mac.com](mailto:jedmls@mac.com).*

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By Principal Dr. Cherie Allison**

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Clean out your closets, we are accepting donations for sneakers/tennis shoes only. Look for designated boxes outside EVG, and the Chokoloskee Church of God.

Donations and proceeds will go towards EVG's 2022 Prom. Thank you for your support!

**EVG Celebrates Homecoming Week!**

One of our theme days was bring ANYTHING but your backpack!! Our kids got creative carrying pillowcases, super large fish nets and crab traps. We have the best school spirit!!



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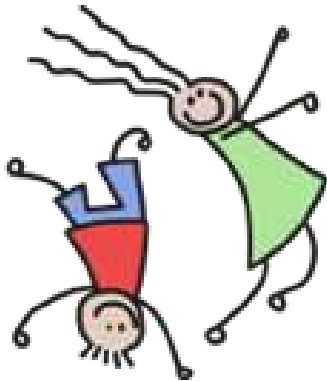
**Those who say keeping fit is easy don't know what torture is!**

By Pastor Bob Wallace



"Come here and see what I'm doing," our daughter said early one morning during one of her visits. "Whatcha' doing?" I asked. "I want you to see me doing my aerobics." She had recently become an exercise instructor and was busily jumping up and down and dancing to a loud exercise video she had just plopped into our living room VCR. "Wanta' try it?" she asked breathlessly, looking directly at me. "Nope. I'll pass on this one!" I hurried out of the living room to another room where I could shut the door to escape the hyperactivity and noise.

Now, I'm an early riser. But I'm the type of early riser who enjoys looking peacefully at the morning newspaper slowly sipping a good, hot cup of coffee. That scene definitely wasn't for me! Oh, don't get me wrong! I've seen some pretty good exercise programs on television. It's interesting. But I believe there's an alternative exercise program for me.



I've considered using one of those abdominal muscle machines advertised on tv. But after thinking about it, I've decided that's not for me, either. It's not that I'm lazy. Or that I'm not well-coordinated. It's just that doing something over and over and over again, all by myself, seems rather monotonous. So, I'm still looking for the right weight-loss exercise program for me.

How about diet foods for weight loss, I thought? Our son-in-law wants to lose some weight. But when he goes to the store and sees he's being charged more for healthier, low-fat foods than regular ones,

he becomes discouraged. "Since they're leaving out all of that sugar and other stuff, how come healthy food is so expensive?" he's asked on more than one occasion.

"Maybe if you worry about how much stuff's costing you, you'll worry your weight away" I offered. That didn't get much of a reply. And diet books aren't cheap. It's not uncommon to pay ten bucks for a book of recipes. Then, when you finally get into the kitchen to try some of the recipes, you discover fixing them is more trouble than it's worth! Besides, some of the diet concoctions just aren't that appetizing! So, what's a body to do?

I've been told by doctors, friends, relatives and just about anybody who knows me, that I should exercise to lose weight. But what? And how? I've spent money joining gymnasiums and workout clubs. Bought exercise equipment. I've tried jogging, walking and just about every exercise that's ever been invented and known to humanity. But, over the long haul I either give up on them, or lose interest. Am I so different from everyone else who's ever tried any of this? I don't think so!

But wait! I think I've found the right exercise program that'll do the trick for me. One day, I wanted to call someone and picked up the phone book. Yes, we still had one! Suddenly, it occurred to me, my search for an exercise program was over! I'll just pick up the phone book! Hold it out at arm's length. And then begin lifting that big thick book over my head several times. It's easy! It's cheap! And it gives me something to do every time I talk on the telephone.

Plus, all I have to do to increase the weight of resistance is add another phone book. Pretty simple and soon I'll be lifting some real weight.

But wait! I have a cell phone. I got rid of my land line and phone book! Now I look phone numbers up on my cell phone.

Well, as they say, "It's back to the drawing board!"

*The Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace was called to be Pastor of Everglades Community Church on March 19, 2006 where he currently serves. Visit the Church website: [www.ever-community-church.com](http://www.ever-community-church.com)*

**\*\*\*Rescheduled Event\*\*\***  
**Pulled Pork Dinner**  
**February 24, 2022**  
**5:00 to 7:00 PM**

**Everglades Community Church**  
**Eat In or Take Out**  
**\$12 Adults, \$5 Kids (under 12)**  
**For Tickets email:**  
**[vskanning@aol.com](mailto:vskanning@aol.com)**

**\*\*\*Rescheduled Event\*\*\***

**A Night at Naples Depot Museum**  
**Golf Gala Fundraiser**  
**March 18, 2022, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm**  
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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**

**Everglades-The Fisherman's Paradise  
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Now – February 27, 2022  
**Museum of the Everglades**

This exhibit tells the story of Everglades City's evolution from a secret fishing hole known only to locals and a few wealthy Northerners in the late 1800s to a highly desirable destination for world class sportfishing today. The guides, the gear, and the area's influence on the industry are discussed along with Barron Collier's discovery, branding, and promotion of the town as Fisherman's Paradise.

—————> **Event**

**History & Heritage Days at  
The Everglades Seafood Festival**  
February 11, 12, 13, 2022

The event previously known as the EVERGLADES EXPO will meld with Everglades City's annual Seafood Festival, restoring a history and heritage element to the town's signature event that draws thousands of visitors every year. All five Collier County Museums will be represented, providing information about their region's unique seafood history and more. Other groups dedicated to promoting and preserving glades culture — including the Florida Airboat Association, the Gladesman Heritage Foundation, and the Everglades Sportsmen's Club — will have informational displays (some including actual vehicles) creating a "Heritage Row" in front of the museum. **Hours: Feb. 11, 5 pm to 10 pm, Feb. 12, 10 am to 10 pm, Feb. 13, 10 am to 6 pm. For more info call the museum during normal business hours.**

—————> **Event**

**Third Thursday Lecture, The Evolution of the Airboat**  
February 17, 2022, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The airboat has become an iconic symbol of the Everglades, and this presentation will trace the history of these unique watercrafts from their earliest, experimental incarnations through the modern mega-boats of today seating twenty or more thrill-seeking tourists.

*Please make reservations online at [colliermuseums.com](http://colliermuseums.com)  
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**Bank of Everglades Renovation Update  
By The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation**



The renovations have officially begun at the Bank of Everglades Building!

Kelly Roofing is under contract and has been working for almost a week tearing off the old roofing material and replacing it with a new, state-of-the-art system that will seal the roof for many years to come.

The great news is that even though the old roof was leaking in multiple places, the bulk of the original Dade County pine roofing material was in excellent shape and much less replacement wood was needed than expected!

To date, the building has been tented for termites, the new roof is on, and interior demolition has started.

Soon a fresh coat of primer will go on the exterior and new windows are in the foreseeable future! You can follow the progress or make a donation on [www.saveboe.com](http://www.saveboe.com).

**Lawn Watering Ordinance  
for Everglades City Water Customers**

Everglades City Water Customers, there are new water ordinances in effect. Here are a few of the key rules. For the complete ordinance, contact City Hall.

- ◆ All customers existing landscape: No watering between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.
- ◆ Those with an even numbered address: watering days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.
- ◆ Those with an odd numbered address: watering days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.
- ◆ The ordinance also states that "wasteful and unnecessary water use is prohibited."

**City Hall Contact Information:**  
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*The Island Life Recipes*

**Crunchy Cheese Wafers**

By Elaine Middelstaedt

**Ingredients:**

- 1 cup (8 oz, 2 sticks) unsalted butter
- 2 cups (8 oz) extra sharp cheddar cheese, shredded
- 1 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- ¼ tsp. Kosher salt (or ½ tsp regular table salt)
- ¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 cups (10 oz.) all-purpose flour
- 2 cups (2 oz.) Rice Krispies

**Directions:**

- Preheat oven to 350° F.
- Beat butter, cheese, salt, Worcestershire sauce and cayenne pepper in large bowl with electric mixer on high speed until smooth and creamy. (This took a while, scraping sides of bowl into the center.)
- Add flour; beat on low until just incorporated.
- Add Rice Krispies. Work with pastry blender or hands until well incorporated.
- Take about a tablespoon of mixture, roll into one-inch diameter balls. Place on parchment lined baking sheets and flatten with fingers.
- Bake for 16 to 18 minutes or until golden brown. Transfer to wire rack to cool completely. Store in air-tight container.
- This recipe will yield approximately 6 dozen.**



*My Little Slice of Paradise*  
By Kathy Brock

A beautiful flamingo was spotted hanging out with a flock of white pelicans in Collier County by a resident of the Everglades area while out on the water recently. It sparked quite a stir even inspiring the local chapter of Audubon Society to verify the sighting for themselves.

Over the weekend, it was confirmed by Audubon, an American Flamingo was in Rookery Bay.

Reel the clock back to the early 1800's and you would not be surprised at all to see a flamingo in these parts. They were here in great numbers as residents and migrants. In fact, they were residents of the southeast coast of Florida and the southwest coast of Florida until clothing designers decided that feathers were perfect for fashion for women of means.

Yes, I have written about the feather trade before, yet it never ceases to amaze me when I read how so many species of birds were hunted to the brink of extinction for feathers to be used as nothing more than *decorations*.

Feathers, specifically gossamer feathers, were as valuable as gold at one time (Gossamers are the wispy breeding plumage seen on many of our beautiful wading birds during breeding months).

Finding the birds was so easy as they were sitting on nests in rookeries as they were decimated by the hundreds of thousands leaving chicks to die of starvation in their nests.

The Flamingo was completely wiped out in these parts for their beautiful pink/orange plumage. Thanks to some brave women, and much public pressure, the migratory bird act was passed in 1918—and the feather trade was finally stopped.

Today, the Flamingo has a strong foothold in the Caribbean, Mexico, and parts of northern South America where they are protected. In fact, their numbers have grown so much some ornithologists believe the sightings in SW Florida could mean they are looking to expand their range into SW Florida once again.

Like the beautiful white pelicans, flamingos are migratory. Our current visitor probably migrated to our area from South America as we do not have any residents...yet.

Flamingos are wary birds and do not like to be approached by humans. Like the roseate spoonbill, a flamingo will fly as soon as they are approached by humans.

Ornithologists will remind us that if we approach the white pelicans, flamingos or roseate spoonbills and they fly off...we have gotten too close. As migrants, they are here to eat and fatten up for their long journey home so they can successfully breed. So, please give them space.

Binoculars (and good ones) are the best way to enjoy these beautiful birds so that they keep coming back—so our children and grandchildren can see them with their own two eyes...and not just read about them in a history book or see a display in a museum.

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**How to solve a sudoku puzzle:**

- Only use the numbers 1 to 9
- Avoid trying to guess the solution to the puzzle
- Only use each number once in each row, column, & grid
- Use the process of elimination as a tactic
- Use cross-hatching and penciling in techniques



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*Obituary*

**Wanda Grimm**  
(1930—2022)



Wanda J. Grimm, 92, peacefully passed away on January 13, 2022 following a long life with her loving family.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howell, and her brother, Alfred. She is lovingly remembered by her sons Howell Jr. (Deanna) and Buddy, grandchildren Joshua (Kelly), Justin, Jason, Kristin (Jesse), and Quinton (Jordan), and great grandchildren Logan, Mason, Jaxon, Kaylee, Woods, and Tallulah as well as her nieces and nephews and their extended families.

Wanda lived a full life and worked alongside her family in multiple commercial fishing endeavors throughout her life. She attempted to retire but chose not to slow down and could still be found helping at the fish house well into her later years. She was a spectacular cook and enjoyed fishing.

The family will have a private remembrance for her in the future.



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