

The MULLET RAPPER



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

October 16, 2021 - October 30, 2021

Stone Crabs Are Back! Let's Get Crackin'



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Everglades City Music Festival
November 6, Noon til ???
Rod & Gun Club

Enjoy a day of music, fun, auctions & art at the Everglades City Music Festival! Proceeds from the festival will benefit the Save the Bank of Everglades Building fund by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, a 501©(3) non-profit organization. **Performers include:**

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Meet the Candidates
November 16,
7-9 PM
Everglades City Hall
Council Chambers

Election Day is November 23rd

Three City Council Seats Available

There are three city council seats up for election. Below are the five candidates vying for those three seats:

Elaine Middelstaedt (incumbent)

Tim Smith (incumbent)

Vicky Wells (incumbent)

Michael McComas

Josh Minton

Join us on November 16th to meet the candidates and learn more about their opinions on important issues in Everglades City.

Candidates will be asked questions that we receive from community members. Candidates will not be given the questions prior to the roundtable.

Mail in ballots have been sent by the county. If you did not receive yours, you can download a copy of it here:

<https://visitevergladescity.com/ecballot/>

The three seats are awarded to the three candidates with the most votes. This is a very important election, and your vote is needed!

If you have a question or questions you would like addressed at the roundtable please send it to us in an email to mulletrapper@gmail.com.

***All candidates are invited to attend, however their attendance is optional.**

Stone Crab Season Opened October 15th!
For Stone-Crabbers,
It's a Yearlong Process

On October 5th our stone crab fleet started bringing out their traps to catch the delicious, and quite famous, stone crabs. Crabbers are allowed to start placing traps no more than 10 days prior to the start of the harvest season. This is referred to as the "soak in" period.

The harvest season kicks off on **October 15th**, but the crews have been working steadily for months to prepare for this year's haul.

Each year as the season winds down, crabbers start pulling some traps, and they will continue to do so until they get them all. All stone crab traps must be pulled out no more than 5 days after the close of the season.

Once on land, the traps must be cleaned, repaired and prepared for the next season. This is a process that takes many weeks over the hot summer months. Some work by night to get a break from the scorching hot summer days.



The boats require constant maintenance too. Often, this requires bringing the vessel onto the land so that the hull can be repaired and the bottom painted. These large vessels must be picked up by cranes and placed onto blocks. Once repaired, the boats are picked

back up by a crane and lowered into the water. Above, one of our areas crab boats is being lowered into the water after all repairs were completed.

The bottom paint is a vitally important aspect to maintenance. The "non-fouling" paint helps prevent weeds, barnacles, and other aquatic organisms from attaching themselves on the hull during the fishing season.

An accumulation of barnacles can reduce fuel efficiency by up to 40% and slow the vessel down considerably as well.

Enjoy these delicacies of the sea brought to you by our hard-working crab fleet.

Stone crab claws will be available at area fish markets and eateries on October 15th.

If you haven't made plans to get some yet, what are you waiting for? It's time to get crackin'! *Photo by Tim Brock.*

~ EVENT CALENDAR - OCTOBER 17, 2021 - NOVEMBER 20, 2021 ~

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|---|--|--|---|---|
| October 17 | 18 | 19 P & Z | 20-Full Moon Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm Fak Tour, See p. 8 | 21 Museum Talk, 2 pm | 22 Fishing Tourney See p. 3 Clyde Butcher Event, p. 5 | 23 Fishing Tourney See p. 3 Clyde Butcher Event, p. 5 |
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| 31 Halloween Day | November 1 ESHP, 9 am | 2 City Council, 7 pm | 3 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm | 4-New Moon | 5 | 6 E-City Music Festival, p. 1 & 3 |
| 7 "Fall Back" Clocks back 1 hr | 8 | 9 | 10 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm | 11 Lions Club, 6 PM Island Café | 12 | Rapper-13 |
| 14 Halloween Day | 15 | 16 Meet Candidates. 7 pm, see p. 1 P & Z | 17 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm | 18 History Talk, See p. 8 Museum Lecture, See p. 8 | 19-Full Moon | 20 Art-in-the-glades See p. 3 |

Nov. 25: Thanksgiving Day!
Dec. 11: Art in Glades, p. 3

Nov. 26: Black Friday
Dec 25: Christmas Day

Dec 11: Killing Mr. Watson, p. 8
Jan 1: New Year Day

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., closed until further notice
 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: 2nd Thursday of the month. 6 pm. Island Cafe
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 2 pm, 239-252-5026
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer
 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 11 am to 5 pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Thursday. 11 am to 3 pm, more info on p. 3
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10:30am-1pm
 VISITOR CENTER: (239)-232-4037 10 am—2 pm, Friday—Sunday, hours may vary. Center is open on Monday holidays.

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See the flyer inserted in the paper
For details visit the website
www.hookemintheglades.com

Exclusive Tour of Bank of Everglades Building, Lunch at Rod & Gun Club Oct. 30, 2021



These exclusive tours include a discussion about the history of the Bank of Everglades Building, lunch at the Rod & Gun Club, and a beautiful Donald Sunshine framed print of the historic building. Tickets are \$150. Each tour is limited to 10 persons. For ticket information, go to www.SaveBOE.com, and click on "events".

Local Halloween Celebration October 30, Sundown

This is the day we can all agree on masks! It's time for the kids to celebrate! Candy will be everywhere, the ghosts and goblins will visit dressed in their favorite costumes. Expect the fun to start just before sundown.

Everglades City Music Festival November 6, 2021, 11:00 am—6:00 pm
See the details on the front page of this edition!

Art-in-the-Glades Nov. 20 & Dec. 11

10:30 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. And, if you want to treat yourself, stop in at one of the local restaurants for stone crabs, our seasonal delicacy.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICES & INFORMATION

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN !

Wed. 10:30 am to 1:00 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."

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Please do not leave items on the porch when we are not open. They get wet from moisture overnight and get ruined. Thank you!

Everglades Area Information

The **Everglades Area Visitor Center** is located at 207 Broadway W., Everglades City.

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.

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.

*****ATTENTION***
EVERGLADES CITY
WATER CUSTOMERS
New Ordinance**

The City of Everglades City has passed an ordinance which adopts the rules of the South Florida Water Management District's rules on water conservation and irrigation.

The entire ordinance may be found on the following link: www.cityofeverglades.org/public-notices. Copies of the ordinance are also available at City Hall in Lisa Marteeny's office.

A brief recap of the ordinance will be provided below but you are urged to obtain the entire ordinance as space will not permit us to print it in its entirety here.

All customers existing landscape: No watering between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

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The ordinance also states that "wasteful and unnecessary water use is prohibited."

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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation
Seeking Wall for Endangered Sawfish Mural**



Hey Florida, I'm working with the Sawfish Conservation Society, the Center for Biological Diversity, and artist Roger Peet to get us a sawfish mural (or two or three) as part of the Endangered Species Mural Project! We're looking for an uninterrupted and unobstructed wall that's 300-1200 square feet, in good shape with a smooth surface and a flat ground in front of it (in case a lift or scaffolding is needed), in an area with good year-round pedestrian and/or traffic exposure.

The Center for Biological Diversity's Endangered Species Mural Project works with artists, scientists, and organizers to bring endangered wildlife onto the streets of cities and towns around the country. These murals are imagined as tools to help celebrate local endangered species within communities, and to encourage people to make connections between conservation and community strength. Spearheaded by Portland artist Roger Peet, the mural project promotes an affinity for the natural world and the diverse species that help define it. Peet says "The goal of this project is to foster connections between people and the other forms of life that surround them. Whether that's a fish in a river, a butterfly flitting from plant to plant, or a caribou chewing lichen from a tree, we're bringing together artists and communities to create big, bold images that will become part of the neighborhoods where they're created, making it a little easier for people to care about the species struggling to survive in their midst."

Smalltooth sawfish were once found in coastal waters from Texas to North Carolina. However, fishing mortality and habitat loss led to dramatic reductions in both their numbers and range. Now they are regularly found only in southwest Florida in the area from Charlotte Harbor to the Florida Keys, including Everglades National Park. Because of the decline, NOAA Fisheries listed the smalltooth sawfish as "Endangered" under the Endangered Species Act in 2003.

A mural would be great way to showcase that we're fortunate to still have smalltooth sawfish in our Florida waters and inspire people to promote their conservation. If you walk or drive past a wall that you think would look great with a sawfish mural on it, please let us know. For more information and to see some other endangered species mural designs go to https://www.biologicaldiversity.org/about/creative_media/endangered_species_mural_project

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**Swamp Celebration for the Parks
8th Annual / Big Cypress Gallery
October 23 & 24, 8:00 am-3:00 pm**



Our annual two-day swamp walk fundraiser is back once again!

This exclusive event gives supporters of The Alliance for Florida's National Parks an opportunity to explore the private property surrounding Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery within Big Cypress National Preserve.

These adventurous outings are in support of Big Cypress's youth environmental education program, which serves every 6th-grade student in Collier County each year. With support from The Alliance, around 3,000 kids are able to experience the natural and wild wonders of Southwest Florida through this program.

During the Swamp Celebration, swamp walks will take place on Saturday, October 23, and Sunday, October 24, from 8 am – 3 pm each day.

Each walk will be spaced 30 minutes apart and will be limited to 10 adults and up to five children per walk. Tickets are \$75 per adult and \$25 per child age 12 and under. The first 25 adult tickets purchased can receive the \$50 early bird ticket price using code SWAMP2021.

This event sells out every year so get your tickets early! Call (305) 665-4769 with questions, or go to clydebutcher.com.

**REGIONAL EVENTS
Fall Fest**

**Saturday, Oct. 30th, 10 am to 2 pm
Paradise Coast Sports Complex,
3940 City Gate Blvd N., Naples, FL 34117**

Venture Church Naples and Paradise Coast Sports Complex have organized a free family event with activities, food trucks, inflatables, trick or treating for the kids and much more. There will be a special gift for all kids who come in costume. Visit naplesfallfest.com to register.

**Halloween Fun — Mask Making for Kids:
11 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 30th**

Marco Island Historical Museum, 180 S Heathwood Drive.

Masks are important to many cultures, including the Calusa. We will talk about how masks were used by the Calusa and how we use masks today. Then create your own masks for Halloween fun. Suggested ages are 5 to 12. www.colliermuseums.com

**County Considering Redistricting Everglades City
Submitted by Patty Huff**



A series of public workshops will be held in November for public review and comment on the alternative district maps to establish new County Commission district boundaries. Following public review and comment, the Board of County Commissioners will consider and adopt final updated district boundaries in December 2021. Everglades City / Chokoloskee District 5 area (**Commissioner Bill McDaniel**) is being discussed for redistricting into District 1 (**Commissioner Rick LoCastro**).

The following is a list of the locations; the public may go and review the maps at any of these places. Unfortunately, none are scheduled in the Everglades City / Chokoloskee area, but the public may go and review the maps on the following county website link or at any of the places listed below:

<https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-s-z/zoning-division/2021-collier-county-bcc-redistricting-information>.

- ◆ In District 1: Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, 6 p.m., in BCC Meeting Room on 3rd floor of Building F, Collier County Government Center Administration Building, 3299 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112. [Administration Building is the eight-story building closest to U.S. 41 and Airport Road]
- ◆ In District 4: Tuesday, Nov. 2, 2021, 6 p.m., in Conference Room 609/610, Growth Management Department / Development Services building, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples, FL 34104 [Building entrance fronts on N. Horseshoe Drive, in center of building]
- ◆ In District 2: Wednesday, Nov. 10, 2021, 6 p.m., in Exhibit Hall, North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, FL 34109 [Park is located south of Immokalee Road, east of Livingston Road; building with Exhibit Hall is located east of the water park and west of the soccer fields]
- ◆ In District 5: Monday, Nov. 15, 2021, 6 p.m., in Conference Room, Immokalee Community, Park, 321 N. 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 34142
- ◆ In District 3: Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2021, 6 p.m., in Auditorium, Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, FL 34116 [Park is located at the northwest corner of Golden Gate Parkway and Sunshine Boulevard]
- ◆ BCC meeting to include consideration/adoption of new BCC district boundaries: Dec. 14, 2021, 9 a.m., in BCC Meeting Room on 3rd floor of Building F, Collier County Government Center Administration Building, 3299 East Tamiami Trail, Naples, FL 34112.

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Captain Mike Merritt, longtime resident of Everglades City and fishing guide, is working on a project to photograph and document all of the fishing guides who have worked and fished the 10,000 Islands out of our area.

If you are a guide, or if you know one, who may be interested in this project being spearheaded by Captain Merritt, please call him so he can explain the details. You can call **Captain Merritt at 561-252-4324**.

The guides who share their love and knowledge of the area, and help educate others about the importance of the 10,000 Islands, should be remembered as ambassadors of the Everglades forever. Please contact Mike at **561-252-4324**, with any information.

ON THIS DATE

October
16th

by **Marya Repko**
Who was John Brown



He is famous in song and lore because 162 years ago, in a prelude to the Civil War, he and his followers attacked the armory at Harper's Ferry in western Virginia protesting about unequal rights for Black men, even those who were freed former slaves.

Brown was arrested and tried; he was executed on December 2, 1859, but his name lived on in a Unionist Army chant:

"John Brown's body lies a-mouldering in the grave ..." "His soul is marching on!"

Brown was 59 years old when he was hanged, and had led a full life, growing up in New England before becoming actively involved in the abolitionist cause.

Photo: From Wikipedia Archives

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak



Red-breasted Merganser (*Mergus serrator*)
Other names: sawbill, fish duck, hairy-head /
Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 9
years / Length: 20-25 in. (51-64 cm) / Wingspan:
26-29 in. (66-74 cm) / Weight: 2.5 lb (1.2 kg) /
Nests: in the far north all the way to the edge of

the Arctic Ocean / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFMAmjjasOND (note: mergansers migrate north during the summer where they breed and raise their chicks).



A good-sized diving duck, the red-breasted merganser is quite common and prefers the saltwater estuaries to lakes and ponds when in Florida. The female merganser can often be found in midwinter feeding in the tidal flows

found in estuaries all along the coast. The male tends to prefer the offshore habitat to the back bays and estuaries and as a result is much harder to find.

Its annual migration takes the merganser to the far north all the way to Hudson Bay and the coast of Greenland. In the summer, the male merganser sports a black head and crest with iridescent, greenish overtones and a clear white band around the neck. This breeding plumage is almost never apparent while the bird is wintering in Florida.

One of the fastest flying ducks, it has been clocked at more than 100 miles per hour. An extremely adept swimmer, it feeds primarily on fish but has been known to eat shrimp and crabs as well. The merganser is equipped with a serrated mandible, which greatly enhances its ability to hold on to slippery fish.

The red-breasted merganser is primarily monogamous and a solitary ground nester. Predation occurs mostly in the breeding grounds from gulls, coyotes, foxes, hawks, and owls. Because of the fishy flavor of its meat, the merganser is seldom a target of duck hunters.

Pied-billed Grebe (*Podilymbus podiceps*) Other names: didapper / Status: FL= stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 5 years / Length: 12-15 in. (34-38 cm) / Wingspan: 17.7-24.4 in. (45-62 cm) / Weight: 9-20 oz (.25-.57 kg) / Nests: along the northern tier of North America from the Ohio Valley into far northern Canada / Found in all coastal Southwest Florida counties.

A small waterbird, the pied-billed grebe is a fairly common sighting along Wildlife Drive in the "Ding" Darling refuge in midwinter. It seldom takes flight when threatened or approached, preferring instead to dive for cover. Although it swims and behaves like a duck, the grebe does not have webbed feet; instead each toe has lobes that flare out when paddling.



This bird is seldom found far from shore and prefers much shallower water than does the loon or boobie. It is an omnivore and opportunistic, consuming equal amounts of minnows, crustaceans, and vegetative matter, as well as marine insects. During the winter tourist season the tiny pied-billed grebe should be an easy addition to your Sanibel and Captiva life list. The name pied-billed refers to the multicolored bill, which develops a dark ring during breeding season. When wintering on the islands, however, the grebe will not display this ring.

Photos: Male Red-breasted Merganser & Pied-billed Grebe by Richard Fortune

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Once upon a time we lived in a country where we all felt safe
By Pastor Bob Wallace



Am I dreaming or what? Somehow, I remember a time when people didn't lock their doors, ever. They just walked out of their homes and did whatever they had to do and returned to where nothing had been disturbed or stolen. No locks. No latches. No chains. They never thought about it. Neighbors were good people. No one would ever think of stealing anything from their homes. Why, during the hot drought years of the 30's out in the Oklahoma 'dust bowl', my parents took our beds out into the back yard to sleep under the stars. It was cooler out there because we had no air-conditioned homes. We never gave it a thought. Who would harm us? Naïve? No! We lived in a time when people respected other people's property. If something happened, no one was afraid to tell the authorities what they knew. There wasn't any reprisal.



Boy, have times changed! I don't know anyone who ever leaves home now without locking, and in some cases double-locking, their doors. "Wouldn't think of not doing it," a lot of people say. "Why, if you leave your doors open, you're inviting trouble", has been heard. Now, we must be concerned not only about locking the doors of our homes, but the doors of our cars. We're told there's a possibility someone will come up to our car door, open it

and rob us. Or even steal our car! It happens all the time. Elsewhere? Nope. It's started right here in our own town. Respect someone else's property? Forget it!

There are some people who would rather kick in the door of your car to get even, rather than sit down to discuss a problem with you. They could care less! It's not theirs. The time of feeling safe and secure in your own home has gone. We're told that robberies occur even when people are out working in their yards. Thieves often go in your back door while you're out in the front yard pulling weeds. Talk about nerve!

I guess the time has come, even for those of us who have reached our senior years, to stop being so "cuddly and warm" about the way things used to be. They will probably never be that way again. Times have changed. Personal security is not something that comes automatically with where you live or who your neighbors are. Personal security is something you have to be proactive about, not just reactive. Sure, you can buy all the security alarm systems you want, but if you're not savvy about how to use them, or how to take care of yourself in case of an emergency, then they're not worth much to you, are they?

Older persons often become prey for criminals. Criminals think, the older a person is, the less fight they have. That's why they're targeted. But that's not always true. There are some things you can do to protect yourself and fight back if you must.

Always lock your home, as well as your car door, as soon as you get in. That's just as important as your seat-belt for safety. Be active in your Neighborhood Watch. Keeping watch over your neighbor's premises is just the neighborly think to do. Besides, it even might help you some time. Make 911 your friend. If you need help, don't hesitate to make that call. It may save your life and property.

Don't be afraid to use a noise maker if you get into trouble. Use a whistle. The louder the better. Carry it with you and use it when you need it. That may scare off your attacker and send you help more quickly. Scream. Make as loud a noise as you can, that will often drive a troublemaker away and give you time to call the authorities. Turn on your lights. Crime doesn't like the light. So, the more light you have, both inside and outside your home, the better. Look into installing lights that come on when there is movement. Motion detectors are a good investment and a great crime deterrent. Don't go out alone. Always have a partner with you when you take a walk or ride your bicycle. If you're alone, you're a prime target for crime. Two of you may cause the criminal to look elsewhere.

Isn't it sad we have to be made aware of things like this? But am I dreaming? Was life really that simple and trusting when I was a kid growing up? The answer is "Yes!"

Oh, for the good old days!

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

Moonlit tram tour of Fakahatchee
Kicks Off on Oct. 20!
Friends of Fakahatchee Fall Tours



The Friends of Fakahatchee will offer their first tour of the fall season the evening of Wednesday, **October 20** with their Moonlit Tram tour. The three-hour tour

lets visitors experience Florida's largest state park under the illumination of a full moon. The Moonlit tours sell out rapidly, so early reservations are essential. Additional tours are offered **Nov. 18 and 19** and **Dec. 19** as well as next year.

Starting time for the October tour is 4:30 pm, prime time for photography and spotting some of the mammal residents and birds settling in for the evening.

For complete details, starting time and reservations at \$35 per person, visit www.orchidswamp.org and click "Tours and Events."

Local Event!
Killing Mr. Watson
December 11, 11:00 & 2:00 PM
Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee, FL
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What's Happening At The Museum of Everglades

→ Exhibit

Pioneering the Past:

The Story of the Brickell Family

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Museum of the Everglades

Guest curator Cesar Becerra a noted Florida historian and "Everglades Evangelist", created this traveling tribute to William and Mary Brickell: early pioneer settlers in South Florida whose story has been largely diminished or even ignored in favor of a more romantic narrative. The exhibit explores the marginalization of the couple's role as the co-founders of Miami as well as their contributions to the birth and growth of commerce in South Florida as a whole. Mr. Becerra was the speaker for September's Third Thursday lecture and discussed the topic in depth. Copies of his new book "Orange Blossom 2.0" were available at the talk.

→ Third Thursday Lecture Series:

The Skunk Ape, "South Florida's Bigfoot"

OCTOBER 21 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The roots of the Bigfoot/Yeti archetype in cultures around the world will be examined along with local Native American legends and historic sightings of this odiferous, swamp-dwelling furry humanoid. A Q&A session following the talk will feature local authors and experts on the topic.

→ Third Thursday Lecture Series:

Trading Posts of South Florida- Early Commerce on Florida's Frontier November 18, 3:00-5:00 pm



In recognition of National Native American Heritage Month, this presentation will focus on the role of frontier trading posts in the development of relationships between the indigenous people of South Florida and white settlers who came to live in the region. The evolution of trade and commerce in frontier society—

beginning at remote outposts accessible only by water and later all but eradicated by the building of the Tamiami Trail—will be discussed at length.

→ Event

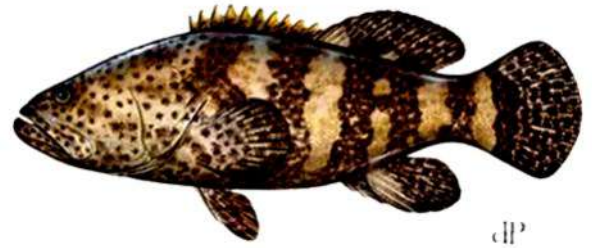
Historical Talk

Stories of a Sportsmen's Paradise: A Folk Art Experience November 18, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Step back in time at Museum of the Everglades, where you'll hear rich stories of how the Ten Thousand Islands became a magnet for avid anglers and enthusiastic adventurers—including why Everglades City just might be the birth-place of the modern fishing lure. But this experience offers much more than fanciful fish tales. Step behind the scenes with the museum's curator, and explore an exclusive archive of previously unseen works of local folk art. To complete the adventure, each participant will receive their own personal rustic masterpiece as a souvenir of the experience. This immersive experience redefines how stories are told and will leave you wanting more and ready to explore. \$35 per person includes intimate guided tour, exclusive access to rare artifacts, and the opportunity to make a piece of personal folk art (all materials provided). Minimum of 4, maximum 12 participants.

**Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com
OR by calling the museum at 239-252-5026 during museum
hours, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm. Thank You!**

FWC APPROVES A DRAFT PROPOSAL FOR LIMITED, HIGHLY REGULATED HARVEST OF GOLIATH GROUPEL



At its October meeting, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) approved a draft proposal for a limited, highly regulated harvest of goliath grouper in Florida state waters. Staff were directed to explore additional changes before bringing the proposal back for final approval at the March 2022 meeting. If approved in March, this proposal would provide additional stakeholder access to goliath while continuing to allow access through catch-and-release, ecotourism and dive viewing opportunities.

"I think we are going to learn a lot through the process, while continuing to promote continued rebuilding of the population," said **FWC Chairman Rodney Barreto**.

"Conservation is not about closing a resource forever; it's about closing it as a management measure and giving access back when we can," said **Commissioner Robert Spottswood**. "I believe we are at this point, and it is a small and productive step in the right direction."

The proposed draft rules include:

- ◆ A recreational harvest of up to 200 goliath per year, with a maximum of 50 from Everglades National Park.
- ◆ Requiring a recreational goliath harvest permit and tag, issued via a random-draw lottery, to legally harvest a goliath (staff will explore setting the cost of the tag, currently proposed to be \$500, based on the cost of managing the program).
- ◆ Limiting harvest to one fish per person per open season with permit and tag.
- ◆ A March 1 through May 31 season.
- ◆ Allowable gear would be hook-and-line.
- ◆ A slot limit of 20 to 36 inches total length (staff will explore raising the slot minimum size limit to 22 or 24 inches total length).
- ◆ Harvest would be permitted in all state waters except those of Palm Beach County south through the Atlantic coast of the Keys (staff will update the proposal to include Martin County).
- ◆ Harvesters would also be subject to post-harvest requirements.

In addition, staff will explore modifying gear regulations to minimize impacts from catch-and-release fishing on goliath grouper spawning aggregations.

The FWC will continue to monitor the status of the stock using alternative metrics approved by the Commission in 2018.

The FWC will also continue ongoing efforts that recognize goliath's role in the ecosystem and promote stock rebuilding.

Learn more about [goliath grouper](#) at MyFWC.com/Marine by clicking on "Recreational Regulations" and "Goliath Grouper" under the "Reef Fish" tab.

View the [Commission meeting agenda and documents](#) at MyFWC.com/Commission by clicking on "Commission Meetings" and the agenda under "Oct. 6-7, 2021."

The Island Life Recipes

1-ingredient Banana Ice Cream
Submitted by Elaine Middelstaedt

We had so many positive responses...we are running it again!

Start with soft, very ripe bananas. Peel the bananas and chop into small pieces. It doesn't matter what shape or size the pieces are in, as long as they are evenly sized. Place in a freezer-safe glass bowl or freezer bag. Freeze until solid, at least 2 hours but ideally overnight.

Transfer the frozen banana pieces into a small food processor or high-speed blender. (We've found that a small food processor or chopper works best.) Pulse to break up. The banana will look crumbly. Keep pulsing. At first the banana pieces will look crumbled or smashed. Scrape down the food processor.

Switch to blending. It will look goeey, like banana mush. Scrape down the food processor. Keep blending - the banana will look like oatmeal. Keep blending. It will get smoother but still have chunks of banana in it. Scrape down the food processor.

Watch the magic happen! Suddenly, as the last bits of banana smooth out, you'll see the mixture shift from blended banana to creamy, soft-serve ice cream texture. Blend for a few more seconds to aerate the ice cream. (If adding any mix-ins, like peanut butter or chocolate chips, this is the moment to do it.)

Transfer to an airtight container and freeze until solid. You can eat the ice cream immediately, but it will be quite soft. You can also transfer it back into the airtight container and freeze it until solid, like traditional ice cream. ENJOY!



My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

Our lifestyle is so serene here that sometimes you forget that we live in the Everglades...with, and among, the nature.

In the morning, if you get outside just before sun-up, you can see the flocks of ibis, egrets and other waders flying in from their overnight roosts. Today, it seemed the flocks were particularly large.

At night, you can hear the sounds of croaking frogs, hooting great-horned owls and other noises I am not able to identify.

In years past, we have spotted a coyote roaming the streets, but these have not been seen since Hurricane Irma.

I often get asked, "Are there pythons in Everglades City?" In years past, I would answer, "no," because there were no sightings on the islands.

However, this has changed. In the past few months, two fairly large pythons were captured behind Island Café by the vacant lots to the west of the café.

There have been a few on Chokoloskee as well, and I would imagine there may be one or two slithering around Plantation Island.

This isn't a call for alarm, but it is a reminder that if you have a small child or pet they may not be safe if you leave them outside unattended, especially at night.

Pythons are not the only night-time concerns if you have little ones. Scorpions are prevalent here and they are most active at night. They can inflict a painful sting on a human. A toy breed of dog could get quite sick from such a sting.

The great-horned owl is a fierce night-time predator. I have a neighbor who took his bunny outside in the evening. At that time, he lived in my current home and I lived behind him. The owl picked up the bunny right out of the driveway. The bunny weighed 6 or 7 pounds, or as much as a toy breed of dog.

Pythons are known to target small dogs and cats as prey. When I was a girl living in Broward County, there was a period when small dogs and cats kept going missing. The local news stations would cover the story wondering if they were being stolen or poisoned.

Then, one day in a neighborhood in east Fort Lauderdale, a woman needed some plumbing done on her old wood-frame home. Underneath the home the plumber found a huge python. Months later, another was found. End of mystery. Everyone figured out why the animals were disappearing.

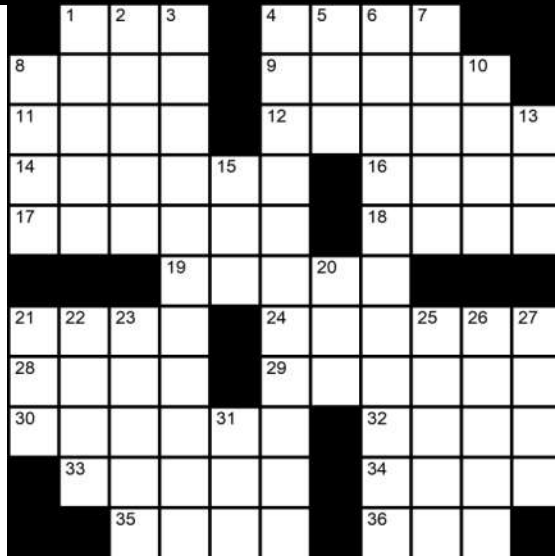
Living in the Everglades is wonderful. It puts us in touch with nature. Since they live here too, it's a good idea to take a few extra steps to monitor your pets and children so they do not get into harm's way.

A flashlight at night is a good idea. Leashing small pets at night is a good idea too. Enjoy the nature but understand not all of it is something you want to see up-close and personal.

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Across

- 1 Syrup's source
- 4 Type of broth
- 8 Miami's county
- 9 Blue ribbon
- 11 General _____ Bradley
- 12 "Pride and Prejudice" heroine Elizabeth ---
- 14 Acquire
- 16 Hi or 'bye in Italy
- 17 Where Dorothy was blown away
- 18 Quick sharp bark
- 19 Monica Lewinsky's "friend" Linda ---
- 21 Former Russian ruler
- 24 Seismic event
- 28 "Before I forget ..."
- 29 "I Want ---!" (1958 Hayward movie)
- 30 How trains run if they're on schedule
- 32 "Olly Olly --- free"
- 33 It has a World Series, like baseball
- 34 Trig function
- 35 Torn clothing
- 36 "--- a Heartache" (Bonnie Tyler song)



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Down

- 1 Girl Scout cookie
- 2 "He's --- fool!"
- 3 1980s Soviet policy of reconstruction
- 4 Distributing tasty bribes gets home helps
- 5 "You --- it to yourself"
- 6 Nosy pelican flapped about in the House
- 7 Orange Sesame Street room-mate
- 8 Charging station
- 10 Distribute cards
- 13 Beat
- 15 Ingot
- 20 Sports moneymaker
- 21 Make lace
- 22 Farm fare
- 23 Mary --- of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 25 Start fighting
- 26 They take the cake
- 27 "Pandora's Box" painter --- Magritte
- 31 Eldest of the "Little Women"



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Local Event Recap

The Blessing of the Fleet

On Saturday, October 2nd the 13th Annual Blessing of the Fleet took place at the beautiful Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City. Each year the event is organized by **Tod Dahlke** owner of Tour the Glades and Hole in the Wall Pizza in Everglades City.



On this perfect day, Pastor Bob Wallace offered the blessing of the fleet, Matt Chappell provided music and the kids played outside anticipating the frog jumping contest.

The only snag in the plan? Some of the frogs refused to hop in the right direction!

Of course, the coconut guava cake contest took place, and the winner was **Pat Madalena** from Naples! Thank you for your delicious entry, Pat and congratulations on winning this prestigious, annual award!



Thank you to Tod for continuing this wonderful event. It was a great day!



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