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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table**

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TRUNK OR TREAT NIGHT!

Saturday, October 29th.

5:00-8:00 pm, McLeod Park

The Everglades Lions Club will serve free

hot dogs! Cupcakes & Cookies!

Everyone is invited to attend.

We hope to see you there.

Schedule Changes, Openings, Closings

Hook'em in the Glades Fishing

Fundraiser on October 22 & 23

Fundraiser has been canceled and will be rescheduled to another date.

City Hall- offices are closed for repairs.

See article on this page for more info.

The Post Office-a remote post office has been set up in the PO parking lot while the building is repaired.

The Everglades Area Visitor Center is

Closed and will reopen on Nov.7th.

The Everglades Thrift Store is closed for repairs and will reopen soon.

The Museum of the Everglades is closed for repairs.

Stone Crabs are here & fish houses and restaurants are open!

Right Choice Supermarket is open.

Ladies Coffee is now on Thursdays.

By the time you read this, most businesses will be reopened or opening soon. Call them to double check.

What Happens to Birds in Hurricanes? By Kathy Brock



After a storm we are often so pre-occupied with our own problems to solve we tend to forget about the wildlife and how a storm may impact their existence.

October is the peak of the fall migration for birds so there is no doubt some met up with Hurricane Ian during their journey.

According to Audubon, some birds fly to avoid storms by detouring around them. Tagged shore birds have been documented using the headwinds for their advantage.

Some birds get into the eye and find no way to escape, and others get jettisoned to weird locations.

Birds can detect the changes in barometric pressure that occurs when a severe storm is approaching.

Even a bird as tiny as a hummingbird can survive a hurricane. They are known to hunker down in thick vegetation or sit right up against the trunk of a tree to get out of the winds. Their little feet are incredibly strong and can hold them in place until the weather passes.

Other wildlife and nature are impacted by a storm as well. After Hurricane Andrew the damage to the coral reefs in Dade and Broward county was severe. Large corals could be found completely ripped from the sea floor sitting up-side-down.

Many animals take cover much like we do and just ride it out.

The good news is that nature can and will recover...just like we will.

Photo of Painted Buntings by Tim Brock

Update on the Bank of Everglades Building Project by Patty Huff

Progress on the Bank of Everglades continues although Hurricane Ian set us back a few weeks.

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation Board Members would like to express our gratitude to Bill Storrs, Steve Huff, and Donald Kim who pulled together the Sunday after the September 28 hurricane to clean out the mud. Only a few inches of water entered the building but enough to leave a thin layer of mud.



Our engineers are working on the final design and their recommendations to repair the foundation, and we are in the process of receiving bids to remove the 1950s back addition.

Our architectural firm, MHK, has continued to send us drawings of the interior despite experiencing damage to their own building in Naples.

We're moving ahead and would like to thank all of our supporters. If you wish to donate funds to assist with our ongoing repairs, please visit our website www.save-boe.org or send a check to ESHP, P O Box 46, Everglades City, FL 34139, and note that you are donating to the Bank of Everglades.

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SWFL Coast tide predictions, maps, tours & more at www.visitevergladescity.com! Call us @ 954-662-7003

~ EVENT CALENDAR - October 30, 2022 - December 2, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	31 Halloween Day	Nov 1 City Council Mtg 7 pm, p.3	2 Food Pantry	3 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a	4	5
Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting	ECC, 9:30-12pm	Early Voting	Early Voting	Early Voting
6 Clocks back 1 hour!	7 ESH, 9 am	8 Full Moon Election Day	9 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	10 Ladies Coffee HavAnna, 8:30a	11 Veterans' Day	12-Rapper Art-in-the-Glades See p. 5 Bike Tour, p. 8
13	14	15	16 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	17 Ladies Coffee Isl Café, 8:30a History Talk, MOE, see p. 9	18	19
20	21	22	23 New Moon Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	24 Thanksgiving! No Ladies Coffee	25	26-Rapper Praise Night, See p. 3
27	28	29	30 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	December 1 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a	2	3

Book Club: November 17, see page 7 November 25: Black Friday December 10 Art-in-Glades
December 25: Christmas Day January 1: New Year's Day

OTHER AREA MEETING/HOURS INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, 1st Baptist Church, 416 School Dr., Everglades City
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2:00p
 DR DEMARTINO: Seeing patients in Marco, call: (239) 642-5552
 LIONS CLUB: Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm.
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026
 SKATING RINK: Closed for repairs
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Open daily 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Closed for repairs
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10 am-1 pm
 VISITOR CENTER: Closed. Reopening soon.
 FLORIDA STONE CRABBERS ASSOCIATION (FLSCA): Email: floridastonecrabbers@gmail.com, www.floridastonecrabbers.org
 MOBILE PET VET: Check Dates and make appointments online: https://hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic/

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 Everglades City (239) 695-2174
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 Ochopee (239) 695-2099
 (M-F: 8 am to 10 am, noon to 4 pm; Sa: 10 am to 11:30 am)



*What's
Happening!*

Praise Night

**Saturday, October 29 & November 26
1st Baptist Church**

On the last Saturday of each month, First Baptist Church of Everglades City will have a "Praise Night" with a light supper at 6:30 pm, followed by praise music and fellowship. Come and See!

November 1, 2022

City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm

Monthly City Council meeting held in City Hall, 2nd floor. The public is invited to attend.

*****Rescheduled Event*****

**Everglades Music Festival
January 14, 2023**

Get your tickets to the Everglades Music Festival at the historic Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City.

Great local performers will be on stage throughout the day as attendees enjoy food, beverages and the amazing views down the Barron River.

Arts and crafts booths, silent auction items, and some surprises too.

Proceeds benefit the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation's (ESHPP) efforts to renovate the beautiful Bank of Everglades Building.

ESHPP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.

For more information visit the websites www.eshpp.org, www.save-boe.org.

**Everglades Seafood Festival
February 17, 18, 19, 2023**

The Everglades Seafood Festival will take place on the third weekend in February in 2023!

The 2023 festival will feature great new booths, Gulf seafood, including delicious and local stone crabs.

This year's festival lands on a three-day weekend for most and not up against the Superbowl that many of us like to watch, so make your plans early.

In addition to local hotel rooms and Air B&B's there are RV spaces available for the weekend as well.

For more information about the festival, its organizers, or what you can expect, go to www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com. The festival is organized by the Florida Stone Crabbers Association,

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
& INFORMATION**

THE FOOD BANK NEW HOURS!

Wed. 9:30 am to 12:00 pm

Food is distributed from the rear of Everglades Community Church located at 101 S. Copeland Ave., Everglades City. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Thrift Store

Closed for repairs.

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. The Visitor Center is currently closed due to effects from hurricane Ian. We expect to reopen very soon! While we are closed, you can access area info on our website.

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

Veterans Assistance

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

FWC UPDATE: DERELICT BOATS

As part of the ongoing response efforts following Hurricane Ian, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has deployed 17 additional officers dedicated to responding to displaced vessels on state waters.

"The nature of the post-storm marine assessment response is complicated but crucial," said Boating and Waterways Section Leader Maj. Rob Beaton.

If a displaced vessel is insured, vessel owners should work with their insurance company to safely recover, remove, and if necessary, arrange for the disposal and destruction of the vessel. Vessel owners are further encouraged to hire a salvage company to recover their vessel to provide the safest method possible for the vessel and the environment.

For tips and best practices regarding owners removing their own vessels, please see the guidelines posted at MyFWC.com/boating. Click on "Best Practices for Removal of Vessels Hurricane Ian."

Owners of derelict vessels who lack the resources to have their boat repaired, or if their vessel is determined to be beyond repair, may release ownership of their vessel. This process can be initiated by contacting the FWC through the Hurricane Ian Vessel Hotline at 850-488-5600 and requesting to turn over a derelict vessel. An FWC representative will then contact the owner to explain the waiver process and facilitate the potential turnover of ownership. To date, the FWC has received 15 waivers from affected boat owners.

For questions related to vessel removal or recovery on state waters, to report storm damaged, lost or abandoned boats on state waters, or to initiate the waiver process, please call the Hurricane Ian Vessel Hotline at 850-488-5600 between the hours of 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday.

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New Stars to Perform at
Everglades City Music Festival on
January 14, 2023
(Rescheduled Date!)

There will be two new faces joining the well-known regulars at the Musical Festival sponsored by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) on January 14th at the Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City.

SAVE the Bank of Everglades Building

MUSIC
-FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 14
 Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City
www.Save-BOE.org



Sarah McCullough grew up in the nearby Big Cypress, so her album "The Sawmiller's Daughter" has a strong local connection. And, for the first time, Tom "Skid Row" Skudiero, another Southwest Florida star, will also entertain us. They will share the billing with popular names such as JRobert, Raiford Stark, Val Wisecracker, Marie Nofsinger, and The Florida Boys.

They are all donating their time & talents to make it a fun day out that benefits ESHP and the "Save Bank of Everglades Building" restoration project and ensures this classic 1927 edifice is available for future generations. The plan is to use it for a visitor center, artists' galleries, and a communal meeting place. The project and the event are being organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit concerned with keeping the unique heritage and atmosphere of this remote rural town which was the first seat of Collier County back in 1923.

To learn more about the Bank of Everglades Building rehabilitation visit www.eshp.org. To book tickets for the music festival visit www.Save-BOE.org/events or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

*****Attention Everglades Area! *****

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Wednesday Worship: 6:00 p.m.

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*****Plantation Island Residents*****

**Plantation Island Waterways Pre-Design Study
Public Information Meeting Canceled**

The Plantation Island Waterways Pre-Design Study Public Information Meeting that was canceled due to impacts from Hurricane Ian will be rescheduled at an as yet to be determined date.

A new date will be announced soon so stay tuned...

**For more information, call the Transportation Management Services Department at
239-252-5728.**

**COVID-19 Funeral Expense Assistance
Elaine Middelstaedt**

Do you know anyone who had to pay funeral expenses for a loved one who died of COVID-19? If so, you should pass along this information about a FEMA program to reimburse up to \$9,000 in funeral expenses. A friend whose husband died from COVID-19 verified that she applied for and did receive benefits.

There are, of course, a lot of hoops to jump through. First, the death had to occur in the United States or its territories, and after January 20, 2020. The death certificate must state that COVID-19 was the direct or indirect cause of death. If the death certificate was issued before May 16, 2020, and does not mention COVID-19, there is still the possibility of qualifying, but that is an additional wrinkle.

The person applying for the Funeral Assistance benefit would have to show that he or she was responsible for the eligible funeral expenses. This should be done by providing FEMA with a signed funeral home contract, invoices, receipts, or other documentation that includes the name of the applicant, the name of the person who died, the itemized expenses, and proof that the expenses were incurred on or after January 20, 2020.

All applications are taken over the phone. Visit the FEMA COVID-19 Funeral Assistance page for instructions on how to apply, and what information must be provided. You will find the phone numbers at <https://www.fema.gov/disaster/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance> along with other contact information.

TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

Standard Mileage Rate Increased for 2nd Half of 2022

In recognition of recent gasoline price increases, the IRS made the following special adjustment for the final months of 2022.

For the final 6 months of 2022, **the standard mileage rate for business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile**, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of the year.

The new rate for deductible medical or moving expenses (available for active-duty members of the military) will be 22 cents for the remainder of 2022, up 4 cents from the rate effective at the start of 2022. **These new rates become effective July 1, 2022.**

While fuel costs are a significant factor in the mileage figure, other items enter into the calculation of mileage rates, such as depreciation and insurance and other fixed and variable costs.

The optional business standard mileage rate is used to compute the deductible costs of operating an automobile for business use in lieu of tracking actual costs. This rate is also used as a benchmark by the federal government and many businesses to reimburse their employees for mileage.

Taxpayers always have the option of calculating the actual costs of using their vehicle rather than using the standard mileage rates.



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Sawfish News by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

Respect-Release-Report: Guidelines for Interactions with Endangered Sawfish in the United States

Sawfish are majestic marine animals that were once found in coastal waters of the United States from Texas to North Carolina. Unfortunately, decades of mortality in fisheries and the loss of important nursery habitats led to dramatic reductions in both their numbers and range. Now they are generally only found in Florida and most commonly in southwest Florida around Everglades National Park. Sawfish are federally protected as endangered species under the Endangered Species Act and need your help to survive and avoid extinction. It is illegal to target, harm, harass, or handle sawfish in any way. The guidelines below will teach you how to Respect, Release, and Report sawfish you encounter while diving or catch while fishing.

RESPECT

Divers: These guidelines will aid divers in safely, respectfully, and legally enjoying their encounter with a sawfish. The most important thing to remember when viewing a sawfish is to not disrupt its natural behavior. If a sawfish swims away because of your presence, then you are too close. So, if you are lucky enough to see a sawfish while diving, please keep your distance and don't chase, feed, or touch any sawfish you encounter.

RELEASE

Anglers: While it is technically illegal to catch a sawfish, captures do occur while fishing for other species. These guidelines will teach you about quick, safe, and legal release of incidentally caught sawfish. If you catch a sawfish, leave the sawfish, especially the gills in the water at all times. Removing sawfish from the water is a clear violation of the law so do not lift it out of the water onto your boat or a pier, and do not drag it ashore. Only if it can be done safely and with the sawfish in the water, untangle any fishing line wrapped around the rostrum or saw. You may need to cut the line along the saw with scissors or a knife to be able to free the line from the sawfish. Always cut the line as close to the hook as is safely possible. Any sawfish caught while fishing must be released as quickly as possible. Don't use a gaff or ropes to secure or handle a sawfish as this may cause injury to the animal and delays the release. It is illegal to remove a sawfish's rostrum; sawfish use their rostrum for detecting and catching food so removing the rostrum ultimately leads to starvation.

REPORT

If you see or catch a sawfish, note its estimated total length, and the date, time, and your location with GPS coordinates if available. Scientists use your sawfish encounter data to track recovery of the population, and steer research and conservation efforts. Please share the information by visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, emailing sawfish@myfwc.com, or entering the details in the FWC Reporter App.

The ultimate goal is to recover the United States population of smalltooth sawfish to the point that it no longer needs the protections of the Endangered Species Act. Following these Respect, Release, Report guidelines will help prevent extinction and aid in population rebuilding and ultimately recovery.

Sawfish Are Endangered

Respect • Release • Report

Sawfish are protected by State and Federal laws:
It is illegal to harm, harvest, or handle sawfish



You Can Help Save Smalltooth Sawfish

<p>Angler Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Release sawfish immediately ▶ Never lift from the water or drag ashore ▶ Do not use gaffs or ropes to secure ▶ Cut the line as close to the hook as possible 	<p>Diver Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Keep your distance ▶ Avoid disturbing sawfish ▶ Do not chase or pursue ▶ Never feed or touch
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BOOK CLUB

LADIES BOOKCLUB SCHEDULE

The Ladies Everglades City Book Club will meet the **3rd Thursday** of the month at **9:30 am**. Anyone is welcome. Questions, call Diann Lock 812-361-7402.

November 17- Protective Custody The true story of Elaine Middelstaedt's related during the 2nd World War. Fantastic read and she has two extra copies if anyone needs one. We will meet at Elaine home.

December 15 - The Beautiful Mystery at 9:30 at Geri Frieberger's home

January 19 - West With Giraffes at Diann Lock's home

February 16 - The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

March 16 - The President and the Freedom Fighters

April 20 - The Sentence by Louise Erdich

*****Recommended books for extra fun reading:**

Miss Benson's Beetles, and The Book of Lost Friends



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The Gulf Coast Visitor Center is currently closed due to damages from Hurricane Ian. We expect to resume 10,000 Islands Boat tours sometime in mid-November 2022. Please check our website for details.

October 15, 2022 Puzzle Solution

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What to do about the Forrest Gump Syndrome
By Rev. Bob Wallace

Tom Hanks won his second Academy Award for his portrayal of the central character in the award-winning movie *Forrest Gump*. And there was another film that emphasized the behavior of a slow-witted person. It starred Jim Carrey in *Dumb and Dumber*. Some people say that draws too much attention to persons who are underachievers by setting the wrong example and rewarding them for their behavior. But does it? So, what is a Forrest Gump syndrome? Someone who is different in the eyes of others usually fall into that category. Many times, people who have problems with physical movements or speech patterns are viewed as being Forrest Gumps. It often draws stares or rude comments.

This happens not only to young people who get picked on, but to elderly folks as well. When people grow older, their thoughts sometimes slow down. It takes them longer to recall certain things from memory. Their speech may become deliberate and hesitant. Physically, the senior citizen may sometimes find it difficult to move swiftly due to physical ailments, aches, or pains. These signs of aging should not be given the role of retardation or inferiority. It is a part of the natural aging process. And just because people grow old doesn't mean they have become Forrest Gumps!

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a box of chocolates
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what you're
going to get

Everyone is not created equal when it comes to thinking processes. Some have a very high intelligence yet have difficulty expressing their thoughts and inner feelings. If it takes a person a little longer to express themselves, it does not mean they are inferior. Given enough time, and without peer pressure, someone may often surprise others with the depth of thought and insights they have. So,

try being a good listener. Don't hurry someone. Give them time to express themselves without interruption. Don't always be correcting them.

That's what makes life so interesting. If we were all alike, looked the same, talked the same, and had all the same thoughts, life would be pretty dull! But you know, we all start out being young and then wind up being old. I've never seen, or heard, and older person making hurtful fun of a younger person. Usually, it is the other way around! Oh, maybe occasionally an older person will remark about the funky clothing and excessive hairdos and makeup of young people. And yes, some senior citizens may remark about the rudeness or lack of manners I some young people today, and their being seen as radical. But when you get right down to it, some of those older people probably did the same things in their youth.

Some young people are often intolerant of the infirmities and awkwardness of their grandparents. The problem is, the younger set has not yet lived long enough to be critical of their elders. Our world needs to be reminded, we need both the young and the old to survive. The younger people are needed to replenish mankind. And the older people are needed for their wisdom and experience. Without both, nothing constructive would ever happen. And just because someone is old does not mean they don't have a place in life. They still have something to contribute.

It is like Forrest Gump sad, "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." Now, think about that!

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Schedule of Area Bike Tours



The Friends of the River of Grass Greenway will once again offer free monthly bike tours beginning November 12. These tours will begin at 9:30 am followed by lunch at one of our local restaurants. Email snookcity@gmail.com or call Patty Huff at (239) 719-0020 for more specific information and reserve your space. The tentative schedule is as follows:

- November 12** – Ride through the Fakahatchee – off-road bikes recommended (meet at Fakahatchee Ranger Station).
- December 10** – Tour historic Everglades City and Chokoloskee – on-road/bike path (meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City).
- January 14** – Tour historic Everglades City and Chokoloskee followed by Music Festival at the Rod & Gun Club to benefit the Bank of Everglades Building project (visit website www.save-boe.org and click on Events to purchase tickets to the festival).
- February 11** – Loop Road – off-road bikes recommended (meet at Monroe Station)
- March 11** – Bear Island Tour in the Big Cypress (call for specifics)
- April (TBA)**



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Here's What's Happening At The Museum of Everglades

*****IMPORTANT NOTICE*****

The Museum of the Everglades is currently closed for repairs. Although the building was not flooded inside, there was damage done to the electrical system under the building. There is no timeline (yet) for reopening. We will keep you updated on the museum's progress and when they expect to reopen. As of this writing, future events have not been canceled but this could change based on the speed of the repairs!

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.

—————→ **Exhibit**
Once reopened through January 28, 2023
Gearheads in the Glades

This exhibit thoroughly explores the ways that swamp ingenuity was used to modify machines and motor vehicles to traverse and tame the Everglades. Both airboats and swamp buggies were spawned by mixing surplus airplane parts with boats, cars, trucks, and tractors. The history of these hybrids and mechanical Frankenstein creations will be told, with both vintage photos and actual vehicles included in the displays.

—————→ **Event**
November 17, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
Engines in the Everglades:

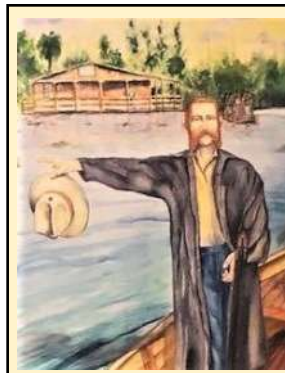
How Men Modified Machines to Tame the Everglades

This companion lecture to the current "Gearheads in the Glades" exhibit at museum of the Everglades explores the ways in which mechanically-inclined Gladesmen combined parts from airplanes, boats, cars, trucks, and tractors to create hybrid vehicles that could traverse the swampy terrain of South Florida.

—————→ **Event**
December 15, 2022, 2:00 to 3:00 pm
The Art of Dick Jay

Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear will discuss the poignant and often whimsical way that artist Dick Jay captured historic events and personalities with paint and sculpture.

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



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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Striped Mullet (Mugil cephalus) Other names: jumping mullet, finger mullet / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE / Life span: to 16 years / Length: 4-30 in. (10-76 cm) / Weight: 1-3 lb (0.45-1.3 kg) / Spawns in the near shore waters / Found: SFP, CWFP, MZ, BB, REDP, GB, OFFSR.

The striped mullet once formed the backbone of the Southwest Florida fishing industry. Before the regulation changes that banned the use of gill nets in 1994 there were hundreds of mullet boats working the inshore and near-shore waters of the Gulf. Most of these boats were not interested in the mullet for their meat, but for their roe, which could fetch as much as one-hundred dollars a pound in Japanese fish markets.

Even after the net ban the demand for the roe continued and roe fisherman, using high-speed boats and mullet cast nets, would come into Florida from as far away as south Texas to harvest mullet roe for the Asian markets. There were so many mullet fisherman prying the waters in and around Sanibel and Captiva that the State of Florida stopped issuing permits to harvest mullet to out of state anglers in the early 2000s. On a good night's catch, a skilled mullet cast netter can make more than \$1,000 from the sale of the valuable roe. The fish itself was sold as bait or for use as fish meal.



Mullet eat zooplankton, bottom dwelling organisms and detritus. They consume vast amounts of marine algae and plant waste. They are the grazers of Southwest Florida and form the basis of the food chain in large

part created by the falling leaves and detritus of the red mangrove. While the smaller finger mullets (juveniles) are consumed by ladyfish, jacks and a host of other predators, the adult mullet are a favorite target of bottlenose dolphin, sharks, large snook, mackerel and cobia.

A fascinating aspect of the striped mullet is the fact that they jump. These leaping mullet are the fish most often seen in Ding Darling. While some people claim that they jump to escape predators, studies have indicated that this is not the case. Other theories involved the removal of parasites from the gills of jumping mullet but that too has not been verified. A more recent theory is that mullet jump to somehow obtain oxygen from the air. The trouble with this theory is that there does not appear to be any physiological mechanism in the fish that would allow it to take in this oxygen. The last theory is that mullet jump simply for the fun of it .

The truth is that no one has yet to be able to explain why mullet jump. They do jump however and generally clear the water by at least a foot, tending to jump in patterns of three consecutive leaps. I have had several striped mullet jump into my jon-boat, with one rather large one hitting me in the chest.

For food, mullet are best smoked as they have an earthy taste similar to freshwater suckers or carp. Being almost entirely herbivores they are nearly impossible to catch on hook and line. Some people claim you can catch them using frozen corn kernels but the thought of baiting a hook with corn seems silly. The best method of catching them is by throwing a special, wide meshed cast net aptly called "a mullet net." Regular baitfish can swim through it because its mesh is very large and the sinkers used along the perimeter of the net are heavy, causing the net to sink quickly.

Cut mullet is a favorite for tarpon fisherman in the spring and can also be used for shark, cobia and bottom fishing. Mullet fishing is still a viable commercial activity along the west coast of Florida, though not at the same level of harvest it was before the net ban of 1994.

Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island. The book is available on Amazon.com and other online booksellers.

Illustration by Diane Peebles.



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MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Nasal grunt
- 6 Against
- 10 Look attentively
- 11 Barnyard butters
- 13 --- Is Born (2018 movie)
- 14 Star ---, a culinary and medicinal spice
- 15 Little Red Book chairman
- 16 "Black" C I A activities
- 18 Write
- 19 He does give a hoot
- 20 Sound power units
- 21 A pulse and heartbeat
- 25 Concerning, in legalese
- 26 Sun --- - Sen, former Chinese leader
- 27 An intelligence org.
- 28 "--- Love You" (Beatles hit)
- 29 Small child
- 32 Lightheaded
- 34 Providence, --- Island
- 36 Longhorn
- 37 Corporate identifiers
- 38 Exhort
- 39 Light and leap

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Down

- 1 Crawled, perhaps?
- 2 Sky Org?
- 3 "The Simpsons" bus driver
- 4 "His Master's Voice" company
- 5 Tosses
- 6 "Jumpin' Jack Flash, it's --- ..."
- 7 Quebecer's turndown
- 8 Taiwanese capital
- 9 "Thou art the thing ---"
- 12 Inward feeling
- 17 Devious maneuvers
- 19 Single unit
- 20 Diner sandwich
- 21 Spills the beans
- 22 Positioned
- 23 Gerard goes out to fix the road
- 24 With justice
- 28 Funeral fire
- 29 "Animal House" party attire
- 30 Bad aroma
- 31 "--- of the D'Urbervilles" (Thomas Hardy)
- 33 Temp. abbreviation
- 35 Garden tool

10/29/22



My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

It is almost one month ago today that Hurricane Ian tormented the SW Coast of Florida.

After a month, you can pretty much see what will, and what will not, survive in the landscape.

One thing I do know. Mangrove trees mode of propagation is perfect for a flood. There are mangrove beans everywhere so expect them to be popping up where you do not necessarily want them in your landscape (here locally)!

Young trees can have an especially tough time surviving a hurricane and flood, so you need to help them along as much as possible.

First, try to stabilize any trees and plants that may be wobbly from the storm. If your flooding included saltwater, flushing your plants with fresh water can help. Create a drainage path to move water away from the tree so it has a chance to dry out.

As the days and weeks pass, you see die-back and leaf-drop on some of your trees. That does not mean your tree will die, but it does not mean it will not either! It tells you it is in shock from the stress.

Give them time to recover and help them along by clipping off obvious deadwood.

If you have time and the means, a light dose of liquid fertilizer can help. Flooding leaches the nutrients from the soil leaving it depleted. The fertilizer is good for your lawn, trees, and shrubs. I will do a light dose once a month to help them along.

My father swore that it can take 5 years for trees to recover from a hurricane. I believe him! Our small avocado struggled for 3 years after Irma and finally rebounded in 2021. This year, it had a bumper crop just as Ian came to town.

I am sorry to say that I am pretty sure that Ian provided the knock-out blow for that tree. I suspect there will be many others like it in our area since they are all dealing with the second flood in 5 years.

Now, I did say "pretty sure" so I will wait a couple of months to see if there are any signs of regeneration before removing the tree from the landscape.

Some garden shrubs are shockingly resilient to the flooding. Ixora are unbelievable. I have some in my back yard that look amazing. You would never know they were completely under saltwater 1 month ago. They are covered with flowers and beautiful.

Crinum Lilies do not seem to mind the flood. They are the large green, and sometimes purple-ish lilies you often see in highway medians. The ones I have are thriving.

I can say with confidence that chives survive! I have a large clump that has now gone through Irma and Ian, and they are still healthy and green! Unfortunately, it is the only herb in my garden that survived.

Royals, Everglades, and coconut palms did very well. If they do not get knocked over, they seem to take the inundation well.

There is still time to get some herbs and veggies going for a winter crop, and it is a great diversion from all of the other stuff you did not want to deal with...but you must.

Get outdoors. It is good for the soul.

EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

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Everglades Community Church 11:00 am Sunday Worship
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10/29/2022	Sat	12:17 AM	1.03	L
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11/12/2022	Sat	3:07 AM	2.87	H
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