

The MULLET RAPPER



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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table

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Dead Sawfish Shows Illegal Trade is Still a Big Problem

The disturbing news that 7 endangered smalltooth sawfish were found dead alongside the causeway between Everglades City and Chokoloskee is a stark reminder that illegal trade for the fish's rostrum (the "saw") is still an international problem.

According to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) a market still exists for the rostrum and fins for use as a novelty item for display, as "teeth" used in cockfighting in parts of South America, and as treatments in some traditional medicines.

Earlier this year, it was suggested that the rare pangolin, the "scaled" anteater native to parts of Africa, that was illegally exported from Africa into China may be responsible for the initial transmission of Covid-19 to humans from the animal.

In June 2020, China banned sale of pangolin at markets in China in an attempt to dry up demand for the animal lowering its trade value.

At home and abroad much more needs to be done to stop the illegal trade of endangered wildlife.

Applying pressure to our international trade partners whose country is on the receiving end of the illegal trade is a good place to start.

Seven Dead Small Sawtooth Sawfish Dumped Along Canal in Everglades City There is a \$25,000 Reward for Information

Submitted by NOAA

NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement is conducting an investigation involving the deaths of seven critically endangered smalltooth sawfish in Everglades City, Fla. An employee with Everglades National Park reported the dead sawfish and two dead bonnethead sharks to NOAA experts. Two of the sawfish are missing their rostra (saws). One other had its meat removed, leaving only the carcass.

The animals were found along the causeway between Everglades City and Chokoloskee Island, Fla. A sawfish biologist from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission will perform a necropsy on the animals to try to determine the cause of death.

Smalltooth sawfish are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act.

They were once found in the Gulf of Mexico from Texas to Florida and along the East Coast from Florida to North Carolina. Their distribution has decreased greatly in U.S. waters over the past century. Today, the species is generally only found off the coast of Florida, especially southwest Florida where sawfish give birth. They reproduce every other year and give birth to just 7-14 young. The loss of these six animals is nearly equivalent to one mother's entire litter.



NOAA officials seek information from anyone who may have details about this incident and are offering a reward up to \$20,000 for information leading to a criminal conviction or the assessment of a civil penalty. The Center for Biological Diversity announced an additional \$5,000 reward, increasing the overall reward to \$25,000.

Smalltooth sawfish were added on the Endangered Species List in 2003. Killing a sawfish is a Class-A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

**Please call the NOAA Enforcement Hotline at 1-800-853-1964.
Tips may be left anonymously.**

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Fishing in the 10,000 Islands by Captain Mike Merritt

Fall is definitely in the air! This past week those NE winds were blowing the tide out and it's a precursor of things to come. For those that do not have a lot of local knowledge it pays to be cautious. I saw at least a half dozen boats run aground this past week. Not only can it be costly to the boat owner but it causes some pretty good damage to the bottom. Running over grasses or oyster bars may not seem like a big deal, but multiply that by all the boat traffic over the year and you can see my point. Please be careful!


Despite the challenging tides and winds the fishing has remained strong. Lots of Redfish still being caught all the way down the coast. These are most active on a rising tide. They are being caught on just about every bait there is. From jigs to live baits and of course shrimp. Bottom rigs and corks are both working and it pays to mix it up so you can find out their preference at any particular spot. More of these fish should start making their way into the back country as water temps continue to drop.

Snook fishing is still strong with large numbers of smaller Snook being caught. Its great to see this and hopefully the Snook had another good spawn this year! We have been catching plenty of slot fish and even some oversize beauties. Live baits are working great but jigs and sub surface lures are catching plenty. Outgoing and incoming tides are producing. It seems as long as you have some current the fish are biting. November is the last month of Snook season till next March so if your looking for a Snook dinner time is running out.

Tarpon are still being caught and we have hooked some real big fish this past week. The rivers seem to be full of smaller fish but there are some big fish passing thru. Most of the big fish I have hooked have been on the outside. We have been using live baits for these but you never know when you will get one on while Snook fishing!


The weather and fishing are great so whatever you decide to do should be enjoyable. Even the Seatrout are showing back up in good numbers! So enjoy the great fishing and respect our surroundings! We can enjoy another lifetime of what we have. Good luck fishing!

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Everglades City School News



At EVG We L.E.A.D. (Learn, Encourage, Aspire, Dream) Small Town, Small School, Big Education! By Athletic Director, Jill Whitcomb



Where did the logo Small Town, Small School, Big Education come from you ask? Well our very own Trey Bee came up with it! We have adopted it along with At EVG We L.E.A.D. (Learn, Encourage, Aspire, Dream) created by Chance Huffman and Jack Snyder!

As the school year is progressing, we are seeing more and more of our students rising above to lead our school. When Covid-19 shutdown our school and cancelled all spring sports AND our annual Sports Banquet which is put on by the Gator Booster Club, our athletes were left hanging. We were all hoping to be back to normal when

we returned in the fall.

As we all know, it is a new normal and that was not going to happen. Our high school student leadership team volunteered to plan and host the 2019-20 sports banquet during lunch for all student athletes from last year that are still on campus. Junior, Morgan Herrin, rose to the top as the student leader to tackle this task! Morgan recruited Taylor Dahlke and Austin Fussell to be her co-leaders. Morgan and her team worked diligently to plan the seating, organize the set up and tear down, plan the decorations, inventory the awards, and delegate responsibilities.

Morgan approached the Culinary Class and asked if they would be able to plan and prepare the meal. Mr. Baumler's class knocked it out of the park! They planned a turkey/ham sub sandwich, chips, Gatorade, and Oreo Cookies for the meal! He had to calculate how much meat, bread, cheese, lettuce, and dressing to purchase for the 50+ people they would be feeding. The Sports Banquet was a huge success!

I sat down with Morgan to reflect on her first experience of organizing an event and the people it would take to pull it off. I asked Morgan, "Did the experience of planning an event go like you expected?" Morgan said, "Well, it didn't really go like I thought. I thought I would just do it all myself so I could get it done, but the task was too big for just one person. I had to delegate some responsibilities." I asked her what the toughest part of planning the event was. She said, "Telling people what to do and then when they didn't do it the right way having to get it fixed." Morgan also said her favorite part of this experience was seeing the end result and gaining new experiences. She said she learned better organization and leadership skills that will follow with her in all aspects of life! Everglades City School is excited to see the transformation of our school from being led by adults to student led!

NEW this year at Everglades City School, we will have a VIRTUAL Scholastic Book Fair!

Usually, at this time, our media center is transformed into a magical book fair. But, due to COVID we are unable to offer such an experience! Students and families will shop the Scholastic book store site for an ON-LINE VIRUAL Book Fair to support literacy at Everglades City School. The school will benefit from a percentage of the proceeds!

Families can enjoy wonderful new books for the students. The Scholastic Store Online as expansive selection of exclusive, new releases, value packs and more. All orders will be shipped directly to the home and book-only orders over \$25 ship for free. Every purchase will benefit our school and help develop a love of reading!

The Virtual Book Fair at Everglades City School is open November 2 – 15, 2020!

To shop the fair – just go to https://www.scholastic.com/bf/evergladescityschool1.

EVG is in need of teacher classroom book sponsors! Please support literacy at EVG by sponsoring new books from the virtual book fair to go in the teachers' classroom libraries and the media center! Our teachers will hand select perfect books for their students from website. These books will be placed in a special on-line order and businesses can sponsor. Please call the media center, (239) 377-9810 or email Mrs. Owen at owenm3@collierschools.com, if you have any questions. Please help us purchase one or all of our teacher books! This is an incredible opportunity for our teachers to replenish their classroom libraries! All book sales benefit EVG's library! Thank you!

Thrift Store Notice The Thrift Store will be open one day per week so that families can get many items right here at home! Clothes, collectibles & ?? Open Thursday's from 11 am to 3 pm 205 N. Buckner Ave., Everglades City, FL

Virtual Book Fair ***** Visit us Online! www.scholastic.com/bf/evergladescityschool1 November 2 - 15, 2020

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- ◆ When: November 14, 2020
- ◆ Time: 8:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Yard sale

Farmers Market - If someone is interested in doing it, please contact us!
Food- Hot Dogs, chips, drinks, Desserts
Cake Walk

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We Are What We Eat
By Katherine S. Tullie
Want to feel better, live longer and have more energy? Healthy eating will help achieve those goals. With healthy foods in your day and you can have plenty of energy to go on your way! My poem is called "WE ARE WHAT WE EAT."

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healthy eating is the best thing to do
Our bodies and our minds
will benefit, too
When we are on a healthy kick
each and every day
We will feel good about ourselves
in a variety of ways
By adding some fitness
to our daily routine we will see
A healthier you and a healthier me
Let's all start our mornings
on the right foot as we awake
Starting out with a healthy energy
breakfast, for goodness sake
Let's all make healthy food choices
throughout our day
We will be happier and satisfied
as we pave a healthy way
We are what we eat, for sure
Healthy food choices
are part of the cure
And stay away from
too many tempting sweets
A healthy lifestyle
will make you feel so complete!



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TIDE TABLE-BARRON RIVER

10/31/2020	Sat	2:40 AM	3.02	H
10/31/2020	Sat	10:23 AM	0.16	L
10/31/2020	Sat	3:38 PM	2.83	H
10/31/2020	Sat	10:31 PM	0.78	L
11/1/2020	Sun	2:01 AM	3.03	H
11/1/2020	Sun	9:58 AM	0.09	L
11/1/2020	Sun	3:15 PM	2.75	H
11/1/2020	Sun	10:00 PM	0.84	L
11/2/2020	Mon	2:18 AM	3.01	H
11/2/2020	Mon	10:34 AM	0.05	L
11/2/2020	Mon	3:58 PM	2.65	H
11/2/2020	Mon	10:26 PM	0.91	L
11/3/2020	Tue	2:33 AM	2.97	H
11/3/2020	Tue	11:12 AM	0.04	L
11/3/2020	Tue	4:45 PM	2.54	H
11/3/2020	Tue	10:50 PM	0.97	L
11/4/2020	Wed	2:53 AM	2.93	H
11/4/2020	Wed	11:53 AM	0.06	L
11/4/2020	Wed	5:39 PM	2.43	H
11/4/2020	Wed	11:14 PM	1.03	L
11/5/2020	Thu	3:23 AM	2.87	H
11/5/2020	Thu	12:38 PM	0.11	L
11/5/2020	Thu	6:40 PM	2.36	H
11/5/2020	Thu	11:46 PM	1.09	L
11/6/2020	Fri	4:04 AM	2.78	H
11/6/2020	Fri	1:33 PM	0.17	L
11/6/2020	Fri	7:48 PM	2.34	H
11/7/2020	Sat	12:36 AM	1.14	L
11/7/2020	Sat	4:58 AM	2.66	H
11/7/2020	Sat	2:38 PM	0.23	L
11/7/2020	Sat	8:51 PM	2.38	H
11/8/2020	Sun	2:46 AM	1.15	L
11/8/2020	Sun	6:21 AM	2.54	H
11/8/2020	Sun	3:46 PM	0.26	L
11/8/2020	Sun	9:45 PM	2.46	H
11/9/2020	Mon	4:18 AM	1.02	L
11/9/2020	Mon	8:53 AM	2.53	H
11/9/2020	Mon	4:47 PM	0.29	L
11/9/2020	Mon	10:32 PM	2.57	H
11/10/2020	Tue	5:20 AM	0.81	L
11/10/2020	Tue	10:16 AM	2.64	H
11/10/2020	Tue	5:43 PM	0.32	L
11/10/2020	Tue	11:12 PM	2.71	H
11/11/2020	Wed	6:13 AM	0.56	L
11/11/2020	Wed	11:27 AM	2.79	H
11/11/2020	Wed	6:35 PM	0.38	L
11/11/2020	Wed	11:48 PM	2.87	H
11/12/2020	Thu	7:04 AM	0.28	L
11/12/2020	Thu	12:28 PM	2.93	H
11/12/2020	Thu	7:24 PM	0.45	L
11/13/2020	Fri	12:20 AM	3.03	H
11/13/2020	Fri	7:51 AM	0	L
11/13/2020	Fri	1:22 PM	3	H
11/13/2020	Fri	8:09 PM	0.54	L

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Abandoned Hotel at Port of the Islands Will Be Torn Down by County

The abandoned hotel at the Port of the Isles will be torn down by Collier County.

After years of unpaid taxes and litigation, Collier County took ownership of the property after no buyer surfaced for the property three years after the published sale.

The eyesore along US41 is now the county's responsibility and they intend on tearing the building down.

The county received eight bids for the removal of the building, including asbestos removal. The project will cost the county \$388,444 to demolish the building, dispose of the debris and grade and level the parcel. The county has no immediate plans for the parcel.

Hurricane Zeta Moves Into Gulf, Expected to Strengthen and Head Towards Louisiana (again)

For the eighth time this hurricane season, another storm is heading towards Texas, Louisiana and the Panhandle of Florida.

Residents of the area are still reeling after multiple storms have impacted the area with storm-surge flooding, heavy rains and wind.

Zeta, the latest to threaten the area is expected to strengthen to a Category 1 and impact the area.

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- 3 stalks celery, diced
- 1/2 lb. sliced mushrooms
- 1 tbs Worcestershire sauce
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 2 cups water
- 3 beef bouillon cubes (can use beef broth or other beef base)
- 1 tbs fresh garlic
- 1/4 tsp sage & rosemary (optional but good!)
- 1 tbs olive oil
- 1/4 cup flour for thickening

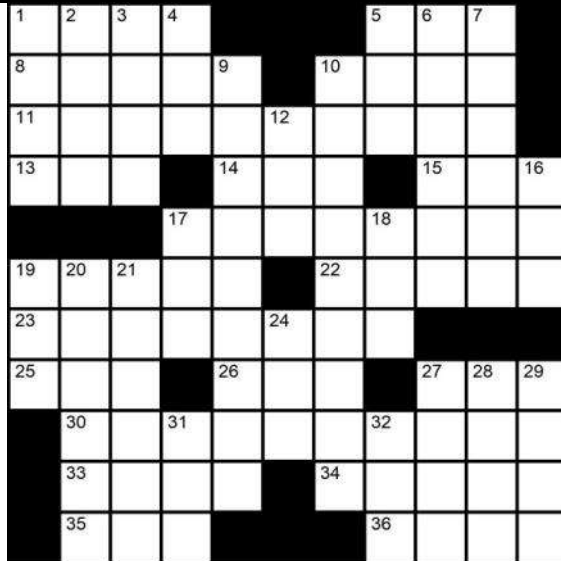
Cook noodles drain and blend in 1 tbs of butter and set aside.

In a large skillet, sauté onions, celery and mushrooms in olive oil until tender. Remove and set aside. Thinly slice and brown meat, add the cooked onions, celery and mushrooms and cover with water. Add bouillon, herbs and Worcestershire sauce, and bring to a boil. In a bowl, mix flour with some water and dissolve. Slowly add to skillet and cook until thickened. Add more if you want it thicker. Remove from heat and stir in sour cream until blended. Serve over noodles.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 "--- the torpedoes!" (Rear Admiral David Farragut)
- 5 Jam holder
- 8 Fend off
- 10 Artistic inspirer
- 11 Procession illumination
- 13 She-sheep
- 14 Rocker Stewart
- 15 Pinch
- 17 Put in a _____ / _____ (praise)
- 19 Humphrey's successor
- 22 Comes down to Earth
- 23 Some bleu cheese
- 25 Make lace
- 26 Direct a gun
- 27 Bathwater tester?
- 30 Moving ahead
- 33 Digestive spasm with "up"
- 34 Acknowledge
- 35 Not happy
- 36 Biz bosses



10/31/20

Down

- 1 Booking
- 2 Acknowledge frankly
- 3 No better than
- 4 Atomic safety org.
- 5 Liquid holder
- 6 Actor Kutchner
- 7 Impede
- 9 Like some uniforms
- 10 Go-betweens
- 12 Old trick-taking game
- 16 Oral specialist
- 17 Precious stone
- 18 Bunch of cash
- 19 DeNiro does it
- 20 Charts cousin
- 21 Coypu fur
- 24 Prevaricate
- 27 Periodic movement of the sea
- 28 Upon
- 29 Causes of personality clashes
- 31 Repetitive condition?
- 32 Sawbones



My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

We live in an incredibly beautiful area. Especially when you take the time to notice the natural beauty all around you.

October and November are the months that set the stage for our beautiful winters here.

The growing season is still in full swing yet the evenings are a bit cooler and the days are getting shorter.

Just last week (Oct. 25), 5 new species of migratory birds showed up. The bald eagle has been hanging out in the Australian pines behind pleasure island. The eagle's call can be heard if you listen for it. A pair of osprey have been trying to drive him out of their territory. So far it has not worked!

The beautiful painted buntings are back. A beautiful male is at my feeder each morning just before dawn. The eastern phoebe, house finches and American kestrel have also returned. Each day more and more are making their way down. Soon the majestic white pelicans will be here. Their large flocks can be seen soaring high when they do arrive.

This is also the time to get your garden going. My tomatoes, beans and herbs are all in the ground and growing. Cherry tomatoes are easy to grow here and can be used in so many tasty recipes. Gardening is rewarding and good for the soul!

Try not let the craziness of the outside world dampen your spirits. Take the time to relax and enjoy what brought you here, or what is keeping you here, in the first place.

Take time to notice the nature that surrounds you. It is something positive you can count on, day after day, year after year. Once you learn more about it, you appreciate it more. It also provides a nice distraction from all of the outside noise.



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FOR SALE: Large Outdoor Resorts waterfront lot #149 w/ aluminum boat lift. Overlooks Chok Bay, new Trex deck, steps for kayak launch, custom landscape + ORA amenities. Call Jennifer Brown at 239-494-7270 or Dan at 954-579-2364.

BOAT RENTAL WANTED: 73 Y/O responsible experienced previous boatowner looking to rent small pontoon or small skiff just to fish locally. Possibly 5-10 times/month. Call 330-819-8636.

www.VisitEvergladesCity.com

LOCAL BUSINESS INFO

For a complete directory of businesses: www.visitevergladescity.com.

RIGHT CHOICE SUPERMARKET

9 am—7 pm Daily

WINCAR HARDWARE

8: 30 am—5 pm MON—SAT

CAMELLIA STREET GRILL

M-SAT, 11am—7 pm, (239) 695-2003

CITY SEAFOOD

9 am-3 pm M-F, 9am-5pm Sat & Sun (239) 695-4700

HAVANA CAFÉ, daily 9—4

239-695-2214

GRIMM'S STONE CRAB

M-Sat 8am-5pm, 239-695-3222

HOLE IN THE WALL PIZZA

M-Th 11-7 pm, Fri & Sat 11-9pm

(239) 695-4444

ISLAND CAFÉ

6 am -9 pm Daily (239) 695-0003

MARATHON GAS/NELY'S

6 am—10 pm (239) 695-4222

ROD AND GUN CLUB

12 pm—8 pm (239) 695-2101

TRIAD SEAFOOD

Open Daily 10:30 am—4:00 pm

MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES

Open 9 am— 4 pm Tues-Sat

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN!

Wednesday, 11 am to 2 pm

Everglades Community Church

Drive up service only. Food is

distributed on the back deck.

General Questions:

If you have any questions, call Everglades City Hall (239) 695-3781.

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