

# The MULLET RAPPER



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

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## Best Pumpkin Bread Recipe Ever?



You be the judge.

Try out the recipe on page 10.

## Schedule Changes, Openings, Closings

### Mail:

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

### Closed Until Further Notice:

\*The Everglades Thrift Store is closed

### C'mon In. We Are Open!

\*City Hall- offices are now open.

\*The Everglades Area Visitor Center is open daily 10 am to 2 pm.

\*Stone Crabs are here &

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Right Choice Supermarket is open.

Our Marinas & Bait Shops are open.

Win-Car Hardware & Gifts is Open

\*The Museum of the Everglades is Open

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**It's Manatee Awareness month: FWC reminds boaters to go slow, look out below**



November is Manatee Awareness Month, an important time for boaters to go slow and lookout below to watch for manatees as

they travel to warmer water sites around the state.

Manatees depend on water generally warmer than 68 degrees Fahrenheit to survive the winter, so in the fall they travel to Florida springs, power plant discharges and other warm-water sites.

While manatees are large, they can be difficult to see in the water. That is why it is important to: follow guidelines and follow all manatee protection zones; look out while boating; wear polarized glasses and always give them space. Manatee protection zones are marked by waterway signs and maps of manatee protection zones are available online at [MyFWC.com/Manatee](http://MyFWC.com/Manatee) by clicking on "Data and Maps."

During the colder months, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being injured or killed by motorboats or personal watercraft. Boat strikes continue to be a major threat to Florida manatees. Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) law enforcement officers are on patrol in state waters to inform boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and take appropriate enforcement actions. Boaters are reminded to abide by the regulatory signs they see on the water.

Remember, disturbing manatees at warm-water sites can cause them to swim out of protected areas and into potentially life-threatening cold water. Manatees are a protected species and it is illegal to feed, harass, disturb or harm them.

Physically handling a distressed or stranded manatee can cause more harm. Instead, report injured, distressed, sick or dead manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or by dialing #FWC or \*FWC on a cellphone so trained responders can assist.

**Ian Trash Removal Hits Milestone In Collier County**  
 By Kathy Brock

Hurricane Ian left a huge mess in Collier County. So much so that in a recent press release from the County, they announced that they have hauled away over 1,000,000 cubic yards of hurricane debris.

The County is picking up all debris throughout the county using an independent contractor Ash-Britt, Inc.

The huge, double container haulers with the claw arm in between have been sweeping through neighborhoods in Everglades City, Marco, Naples, Port of the Islands, and affected unincorporated areas.

Over 20,000 loads have been picked up so far...with more still to come.

In the Everglades area, there has been no announcement regarding when the County will cease the pickup operation but the county's goal is to be "substantially complete" by Thanksgiving.

The trucks are running from 7 am to 7 pm throughout the county daily. The county focuses on areas where there is "an immediate threat to health and safety" first, and then moves onto other areas.

If you have not had your debris picked up, please be patient...the trucks will get there as soon as they can.

**Internet/ Phone Services Restored in Everglades Area for Most Customers**

In a world run by computers all connected by the internet...having no internet can be quite frustrating.

Although most of the Everglades area's residents have had their internet services restored, the service is still quite spotty. For example, my internet has been on and off for the past couple of days.

Xfinity trucks are still working in the area to fix any remaining outages. Hopefully, continuous service will return soon!

**Cell Tower Still In Process**

The new cellular tower is up but it is not yet connected...so cell service is still bad as usual. Hopefully, this will change soon!

SWFL Coast tide predictions, maps, tours & more at [www.visitevergladescity.com](http://www.visitevergladescity.com)! Call us @ 954-662-7003

~ **EVENT CALENDAR - November 13, 2022 - December 17, 2022**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 13	14	15	16	17 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8:30a Book Club, p. 7 History Talk, p. 9	18	19
20	21	22	23 New Moon Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	24 Thanksgiving! No Ladies Coffee	25 Black Friday	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 MOE, see p. 9	2	3
4	5 ESHP 9:00	6 City Council, 7 pm. See p. 3	7 Full Moon Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	8 Ladies Coffee HavAnna 8:30a	9	10-Rapper Art in Glades Bike Tour, p. 8
11	12	13	14 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	15 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8:30a Book Club, p 7	16 Museum Talk, See p. 9	17

December 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Year's Eve

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/

**The Local Area Code is 239**

**POST OFFICE INFORMATION:**

Chokoloskee (239) 695-4468  
 Mail pickup is at Everglades City Post Office, see times below  
 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)

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 BIG CYPRESS: (239)-695-2000  
 CITY HALL: (239)-695-3781  
 CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP (239)-252-2380,  
 (CALL TUESDAY FOR THURSDAY PICKUP)  
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*What's  
Happening!*

**Praise Night  
Saturday, 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!

**December 6, 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](http://www.eshpp.org), [www.save-boe.org](http://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.evergladeseafoodfestival.com](http://www.evergladeseafoodfestival.com). The festival is organized by the Florida Stone Crabbers Association, [www.stonecrabbers.com](http://www.stonecrabbers.com).

**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 open daily from 10 am to 2 pm. After hours, use the online directory. Also see p. 11 for other business listings.

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

**Veterans Assistance**

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

**FEMA Lodging Expense  
Reimbursement. Who Qualifies?**

**Rental Assistance for Temp. Housing**  
FEMA may be able to provide rent, including a security deposit if your primary residence was made uninhabitable by the storm. The assistance includes essential utilities such as electricity and water.

**Major Repairs/Out-of-Pocket Expenses**  
FEMA's Individuals and Household Program assistance is intended to meet the basic needs of your household, not to restore your home and all your personal property items to a pre-hurricane condition.

"Housing Assistance" covers repairs to structural parts of your home. This includes windows, doors, floors, walls, ceilings, cabinets, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning system, utilities (electrical, plumbing and gas systems), and entrance ways. FEMA may also reimburse for repair or replacement of your furnace, well and septic system.

"Other Needs Assistance" may provide reimbursement to homeowners and renters for such uninsured or underinsured, hurricane-related expenses as:

**Medical and dental expenses;** funeral and other necessary expenses related to Hurricane Ian.

Your personally owned, disaster-damaged cars and trucks may also be eligible for repair or replacement by FEMA.

FEMA may be able to reimburse applicants who rented or purchased generators for their primary residence during a power disruption caused by Hurricane Ian.

**Apply to FEMA**

To be eligible for any FEMA Individual Assistance program, apply to FEMA. Apply online at [DisasterAssistance.gov](http://DisasterAssistance.gov), download the FEMA App for mobile devices, or call toll-free 800-621-3362.

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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](http://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 the Bank of Everglades Building" restoration project and ensures this classic 1927 edifice is available for future generations. The plan is to use it as 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](http://www.eshp.org). To book tickets for the music festival visit [www.Save-BOE.org/events](http://www.Save-BOE.org/events) or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

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

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All-ages Sunday School: 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Worship: 6:00 p.m.

416 School Drive / P.O. Box 550, Everglades City, FL 34139, Call Us:(239) 695-3871

**Derelict Boat Grace Period Ending November 15**

Vessel owners have until 45 days after Ian crossed the state to get their vessels out of derelict condition. **The end of the grace period is Nov. 15 according to the FWC.**

Owners are encouraged to hire a salvage company to recover their vessel to provide the safest method possible for the vessel and the environment. If they are unable to salvage their vessels, lack the resources to have their boat repaired or if their vessel is determined to be beyond repair, they may release ownership of their vessel. **Waivers are available for removal and destruction and owners will not be charged for any removal costs.** This process can be initiated by contacting the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (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 approximately 50 waivers from affected boat owners in the Lee County area.

If a derelict vessel is not brought into compliance or removed from the water by Nov. 15, it will be treated as any other derelict vessel. At this time, the FWC will not be charging displaced vessel owners with a criminal violation of Florida law but the decision to hold vessel owners responsible for removal, destruction and disposal costs could be made at a future date.

If you have located a vessel on state waters displaced by the hurricane, please report it to our Hurricane Ian Vessel Hotline: 850-488-5600 for vessels abandoned on water, 850-961-2002 for vessels abandoned on land.

Public safety remains the number one priority at the FWC. The FWC would like to remind the public that officers are assessing submerged vessels and marking underwater navigational hazards with hazard buoys but there are still a large number of underwater hazards.

"We take the quality and safety of our waterways very seriously," said Boating and Waterways Section Leader Maj. Rob Beaton. "Remember to avoid hazards by keeping a minimum wake in the areas around neighborhoods in southwest Florida still under water and to keep a safe distance from our officers while they perform their duties."

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

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.

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

**TAXING THINGS by Mike the Tax Guy**

The Administration has declared Florida locales impacted by Hurricane Ian as a Federal Disaster Area

This means that certain tax rules are rescheduled and also allows for deductions for damaged and destroyed properties.

The declaration permits the IRS to postpone certain tax-filing and tax-payment deadlines for taxpayers who reside or have a business in the disaster area. Individuals who had a valid extension to file their 2021 return now have until February 15, 2023, to file.

The February 15, 2023, deadline applies to the quarterly estimated tax payments, normally due on January 17, 2023 and to the quarterly payroll and excise tax returns normally due on October 31, 2022, and January 31, 2023. Businesses with an original or extended due date also have the additional time, including calendar-year corporations whose 2021 extensions run out on October 17, 2022.

Affected taxpayers in a federally declared disaster area have the option of claiming disaster-related casualty losses on their federal income tax return for either the year in which the event occurred, or the prior year.

Individuals may deduct personal property losses that are not covered by insurance or other reimbursements.

Losses, can include vehicles, structures, and especially, business related items; fishing equipment, boats, traps, computers, mowers, and all other losses that directly impact your business.

If possible, estimate the fair market value of items at the time of loss – not replacement costs.

Affected taxpayers claiming the disaster loss on their return should put the Disaster Designation, "FL Hurricane Ian" in bold letters at the top of the form. Be sure to include the FEMA disaster declaration number, DR-4673-FL, on any return.

**Need Tax Help? Email Mike at [nfn19842@naples.net](mailto:nfn19842@naples.net)**



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**ART-IN-THE-GLADES**

**Saturday, November 12**

10am - 1pm

McLeod Park, Everglades City



**Arts & Crafts Fair**

**No Charge ~ Everyone Welcome!**

**School News**

**By Principal Dr. Cherie Allison**

Even after a very difficult experience EVG continues to thrive!! We have an amazing community!! Thank you for all who reached out to our families and faculty!!



Congratulations Mr. Stein EVG's music teacher. He received a grant from Champions for Learning to acquire 12 keyboards to start teaching our kids to read music and play piano!

Everglades City School had a student that made EVG history! A huge congratulations to Nora Potter. Nora Potter is in the eighth grade and cross country team runner since sixth grade! She set a goal three years ago – to be the first student ever at EVG to qualify for middle school states!



Nora worked hard every cross country season to qualify. The past two years, she was one spot away from earning her way to states! She never gave up! Finally, this year at the Palmetto Ridge meet she qualified, coming in the top 10% of the runners! Then, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> you might have heard the police sirens as EVG had a huge middle school states send off for Nora. Nora had a police

escort, as all of EVG came out to the car loop to cheer her on as she left for Lakeland, Florida to compete! Saturday, September 29, 2022 Nora ran her best time ever with a personal PR (personal record) of 13 minutes and 15 seconds! It was an incredible experience for Nora! She came in 50<sup>th</sup> place out of 154 of the elite middle school female runners in Florida! Congratulations Nora!

(Attached photo – Nora Potter celebrating her incredible run at states with her grandma- Crystal, dad – Nick Potter, brother, sister and coaches (Coach Owen and Coach Whitcomb)!

**COYOTE SPOTTED IN EVERGLADES CITY**



Please note that we have 2 reports of a coyote on the streets in Everglades City.

It was spotted walking along the Barron River just south of the School, and also down by the sewer plant on November 3rd.

Coyotes are timid but they will attack small dogs or cats. They weigh about 35 lbs. Please leash and keep your eye on any small pets when out at night!

**Fishing the 10,000 Islands With Captain Mike Merritt**



First, I want to say I hope everyone is doing okay. I know we were affected by Hurricane Ian, and our town is slowly getting back to operational. I hope everyone has a good season and recovers as best as they can!

The fishing since the storm has been really good. I have been consistently catching some big Snook and they are still biting! We are catching plenty in the backwaters and on the outside. It seems they are liking the falling tide right now but that can change any day. Live bait is still plentiful, but we have caught a lot of big fish on the lures and jigs. The deeper you fish the better right now. Deep running lures and jigs are producing.

The Redfish bite tapered off big time but is slowly getting better. We are catching a lot more fish now and there are a lot of small fish around too. The incoming tide is working best for these guys as is typical. Live bait, shrimp, and jigs all produce.

If you're coming in town to get in some good fishing, please make sure you stop at one of the local businesses and help support them. Even if you could've got it cheaper somewhere else, stop in and help them survive! Don't just drive thru and then leave again without helping out a local business. It will be greatly appreciated!

Then, get out and enjoy the great fishing! Snook, Reds, Trout and Tarpon are all here! Good luck and good fishing!

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# BOOK CLUB

## EVERGLADES BOOKCLUB SCHEDULE

The Everglades Book Club will meet the **3rd Thursday** of the month at **9:30 am (unless noted otherwise)**. Anyone is welcome to attend. Questions, call Diann Lock 812-361-7402.

**November 17- Protective Custody** The true story of Elaine Middelstaedt's relative during the 2nd World War. Fantastic read and she has two extra copies if anyone needs one. We will meet at **Elaine's home at 11 am.**

**December 15 - The Beautiful Mystery** 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 Erdrich

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

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



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## October 29, 2022 Puzzle Solution

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**Sometimes Things Left Alone Cause Trouble**  
By Rev. Bob Wallace

I took my car into the shop last week. It had been running a little rough; however, the mechanic who usually works on my car told me he couldn't see anything wrong. It sounded okay! We should just wait and see what develops, which means, we'll let it go for now to see if anything's really wrong. That's what I call a conservative approach to "mechanic-ing"! It usually winds up costing you a bundle of money! Doctors use that approach. There are times when you not only don't feel good, but you know there's something wrong with you. Then, after lots and lots of tests, poking, feeling, listening – and waiting – the doctor tells you he's going to have to fix it! And just like your car, it will cost you a bundle of money!

Now, that's not all bad. In fact, it can be encouraging, if nothing's too serious. There are times when the doctor can't find anything wrong to "fix" and says, "You'll just have to live with it!" If nothing's wrong with your body, there's hope nothing will develop in the long run. And sometimes, things just have a way of working themselves out.



Now, it's normal to be concerned about your health. And it's normal to occasionally be worried about it. But sometimes, constant, excessive worry over imagined poor health can get you into trouble. A constant state of depression over imagined poor health and being centered only upon yourself, can lead to hypochondria. That's

imagining you're sick. You may have no physical symptoms. You may believe normal body sensations or minor symptoms are signs of severe illness, even though a thorough medical exam didn't reveal a serious medical condition. You may experience extreme anxiety that body sensations, such as muscle twitching or fatigue, are associated with a specific serious illness.

A lot of people may joke about someone "letting their imaginations run away with them". Some people can take a very small, or meaningless symptom and blow it completely out of proportion. They can actually talk themselves into being sick! That's when it becomes serious! But if a person is a true hypochondriac, nothing really helps reassure that person nothing is wrong. No amount of reassurance from physicians, family members or friends helps.

However, a person suffering from an imagined illness may become so accustomed to it that they may overlook a real disease when it manifests itself. Sometimes a hypochondriac person may seek out unlicensed persons who practice medicine and offer alternative, and often unnecessary, or extreme treatments for imagined diseases. In such a situation, the family should use tact and reassurance, yet not agree to any unrealistic fears. It may be necessary to eventually get such a person into psychotherapy or psychological counseling.

So, sometimes it may be possible to take a "look-see" attitude, such as my letting my car go a little longer just to see if anything really is wrong with it. It may be okay to let your doctor do the same thing with your body. But use your good sense when dealing with hypochondria. Don't be afraid to seek professional help. Because in the long run, you may be sorry you didn't!

*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](http://www.EvergladesCommunity.Church)

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**  
**Season Schedule of FREE Area Bike Tours**



The Friends of the River of Grass Greenway will have its first, free bike tour on November 12. Each tour (see schedule below) will begin at 9:30 am followed by lunch at one of our local restaurants. Email [snookcity@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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*

**\*\*\*Special Notice\*\*\***

**The Museum of the Everglades is open! The main exhibit hall was not damaged during Ian. The new exhibit, "Gearheads in the Glades" will be opening soon!**

**About the Museum of the Everglades:** First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat.

—————→ **Exhibit**  
**Coming Soon 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:**

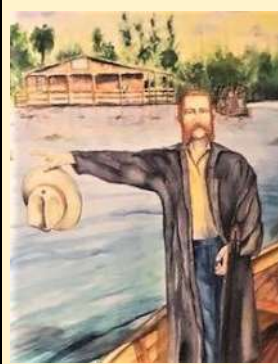
**How Men Modified Machines to Tame the Everglades**

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. Part primitive, part folk art, Mr. Jay's prolific work captured not only the essence of life in Florida's Last Frontier, but the spirit of the people living it..

*Some events require reservations. Please make reservations online at [colliermuseums.com](http://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**



Burrowing Owl (*Athene cunicularia*) Other names: ground owl, howdy owl, burrow owl / Status: FL = species of special concern, IUCN = LC / Length: 7.5 -9.8 in. (19-25 cm) / Wingspan: 21.7 in. (55 cm) / Weight: 5.3 oz (150 g) / Life span: to 9 years / Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: AC, near coast, mainland / Months found: jfMAMJjasond (lower case indicates nesting season).



The burrowing owl is best described as **adorable**. It was the subject for the 2002 children's book *Hoot* by Carl Hiaasen and is a popular wildlife calendar subject in Florida. Its diminutive size, coupled with its long legs and large yellow eyes make it a favorite for photographers everywhere. One of the best places to find this owl is in Cape Coral, where it has adapted to living in a suburban environment. There are an estimated 1,000 breeding pairs located in the greater Cape area (see the Four-Mile Ecological Park in the Lee County section of this book for specific locales to find these owls). Every winter Cape Coral celebrates this fascinating bird with the Burrowing Owl Festival.

The conversion of much of its former range into farmland, suburban, and urban settings has had a major impact on the burrowing owl. It is believed that before these changes in the landscape, the burrowing owl inhabited every state in the union. Today its eastern range is limited to Florida, where it is a species of special concern. Its New World range runs from Tierra del Fuego at the tip of South America all the way into the Northwest Territories of Canada. In this vast and open range it is not considered endangered.

As the name implies, the burrowing owl lives in burrows. While capable of digging its own burrow, it often takes up residence in abandoned gopher tortoise nests, prairie dog holes, and an assortment of human excavations. It is both diurnal and nocturnal, feeding on insects during daylight hours and small rodents such as moles and mice during the evening. The burrowing owl has been known to bring mammal dung to its burrow to attract dung beetles, which it then consumes. It is, in essence, bird farming. Because it is a ground-dwelling and nesting bird, the burrowing owl is preyed upon by feral cats, snakes, and coyotes. Its nests are often raided by snakes and rats.

*Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island. The book is available on [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and other online booksellers.*

*Photo of burrowing owls by Dick Fortune and Sara Lopez*

## Island Life Recipes

The Best Pumpkin Bread by Kathy Brock

**Ingredients:**

- 1- 15 ounce can solid pumpkin
- 1 2/3 cups sugar
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 2 tsp vanilla
- 4 eggs
- 3 cups all purpose flour
- 2 tsp baking soda
- 1 tsp salt
- 1 tsp cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp cloves
- 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 cup golden raisins, 1/2 cup nuts (if desired)



Use lower rack on oven so that the top of the loaf pan is in the middle of the oven, and heat to 350°. Grease bottom of one 9 x 5 x 3 loaf pan or two 8 1/2 x 4 1/2 x 2 1/2 loaf pans. Mix pumpkin, sugar, oil, vanilla, and eggs in large bowl. Stir in remaining ingredients except raisins and nuts. Once blended, fold in nuts and raisins (if desired).

Bake 8 inch loaves 50 to 60 minutes. Bake 9 inch loaf 1 hour and 20 minutes. Serve at room temperature. Cream cheese is yummy on this bread. Try slicing and toasting for a morning treat!



## My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

Where does the time go? How can it possibly be 3:00 pm already?

I seem to ask myself this almost daily as we are working through repairs, and tackling life's other recurring chores.

Tim and I joke about our glacial-paced progress and wonder, "what happened to those productive weekend warriors that we used to be"?

Heck, we'd get more done in a weekend than we do in a week now! Why? When did our productivity slip so? Then it dawned on me...

It all started with Covid and the isolation and not going anywhere when I rationalized that it would be a good time to get a (pandemic) puppy. Oh my.

His name is Odie and he is now one and a half, and Sunny's best friend, and the reason that our productivity has plummeted in the last 14 months!

We have always had dogs, but for the last 20 years they have all been adopted as adults. A puppy is something quite different! They are adorable and they require your time and attention. Honestly, Odie is so adorable I want to spend more and more time with him so I don't miss his puppyhood it goes by so fast!

I say this all with a smile because, of course, it is not entirely Odie's fault that our productivity has slipped...we are guilty too!

I start each day with a list of things I must do. The list is still long; painting, repairs, yardwork, and everything else we are obligated to.

However, about every 2 or so hours I find myself outside with the puppy, throwing the ball, playing with him, doing anything but the things on "the list".

Don't get me wrong, I am not complaining. We have thoroughly enjoyed what will very likely be our last puppy.

The number of smiles a puppy brings everyday is unmatched. Their unfettered joy just chasing a bug or tossing around a dead anything is priceless. The zoomies. I almost forgot about dog zoomies it had been so long!

Then, I was almost guilty of the biggest puppy-mom fail ever. I left the shower door open after a shower. I leave to towel off, go back in the bathroom and find Odie with the razor in his mouth. He's got a hold of the handle and I got it from him before anything bad happened...but, it was so close, too close.

Ah, yes. There is nothing like a puppy. They really remind you about the simple things. Watching them simply enjoy the day for what it is. They are what they appear to be, their actions are pure.

There is nothing quite like a joyful puppy running up to you, overjoyed to see you, jumping and leaping just because you entered the room.

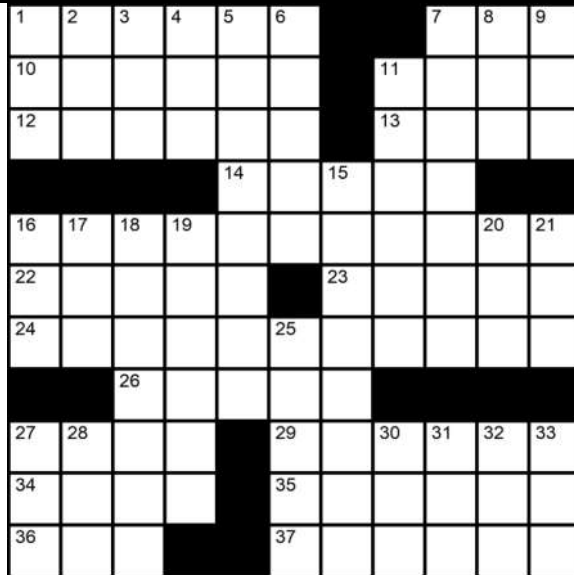
Of course, there are the holes, the middle of the night wake ups, and the countless naughty things a puppy does that drive some people crazy...but I'll take it.

So, if you know us, and you've been wondering what happened to us over the last year, now you know. Blame Covid. We got a pandemic puppy.

## MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

**Across**

- 1 "Take These --- from my Heart ..."
- 7 Plot of ground in a garden
- 10 Blacktop
- 11 Carbonated canful
- 12 Eurasian grassland
- 13 "Good heavens!"
- 14 "--- Q T"
- 16 Rolling residences
- 22 Lying flat
- 23 Celtic whiskey
- 24 Oaf stated he busted a ruler
- 26 Of the kidneys
- 27 Travel on
- 29 Already committed
- 34 Commentators' piece
- 35 From square one
- 36 Impair
- 37 Chartered



**Down Continued**

11/12/22

**Down**

- 1 Pennies
- 2 "The Man Who Mistook His Wife for a ---" (Oliver Sacks)
- 3 119.6 square yards metrically
- 4 Gremlin
- 5 Failure broke down on one lap
- 6 Part of an act
- 7 Artsy area

- 8 Boston's Liberty Tree, for example
- 9 Light time
- 11 One tenth of a Roman legion
- 15 Autobiography of Sidney Poitier
- 16 Measure of tennis serving speed
- 17 Metal-bearing mineral
- 18 Paying guest
- 19 Undeniably
- 20 Savannah setting
- 21 --- who must be obeyed
- 25 Deadly
- 27 CD- ---
- 28 Kind of beer, briefly
- 30 It contains periods
- 31 --- Moines, IA
- 32 Exploit
- 33 College prof.'s degree



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11/12/2022	Sat	3:07 AM	2.87	H
11/12/2022	Sat	12:06 PM	0	L
11/12/2022	Sat	5:56 PM	2.29	H
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11/13/2022	Sun	3:41 AM	2.72	H
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11/26/2022	Sat	11:23 AM	-0.48	L

**Obituary**

**Olivia Storter Savidge**



Olivia Storter Savidge, age 99 of Burns, TN, formerly of Naples, Fla, died October 17, 2022.

Our mother loved God's word. An early childhood memory, growing up in Naples as a fisherman's daughter, was her daddy placing his hand on her head as she repeated "Jesus, make me a good girl and take me to heaven." In the early morning hours on October 17th the One who loves her the most took our virtuous Mother to heaven.

Born September 7, 1923, she lived 99 years, as a good daughter to parents, Robert and Marilea Storter, sisters Betty and Marguerite, brother Lemuel, loving wife for 70 years to William (Bill) Savidge, and mother to four daughters, ten grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren and one great great-grandson. Her final years were spent in the loving care of daughter Billie and granddaughter Mindy in Tennessee.

A wise mentor, counselor and prayer warrior, family and friends could call day or night, and knew the moment the phone was down she'd be on her knees. At all times, "In her tongue was the law of kindness." Her hands were always ready to prepare food for family and those in need. A joy in later years was sewing over 200 comfort quilts for friends and strangers. "She will do good all the days of her life." And she did. We have been left a heritage far above rubies.

Oliva was preceded in death by her parents, husband, and daughter, Peggy Gammell.

She is survived by her daughters; Billie Mochow, Barbara Cain, Betty Briggs, 10 grandchildren, 22 great-grandchildren, and one great great- grandson.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, November 2, 2022 from 12:00 - 2:00 PM at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens, 525 111th Ave N, Naples, FL 34108 followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM and interment in Naples Memorial Gardens.

Fond memories and expressions of sympathy may be shared at [www.hodgesfhatnaplesmg.com](http://www.hodgesfhatnaplesmg.com) for the Savidge family.

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Sunny & Odie Brock

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