

The MULLET RAPPER



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

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Dear Readers:

It has been an honor serving as the publisher of the Mullet Rapper for the last seven years - covering everything from graduations to storm damage...and some fun stuff in between.



But the time for someone new to take over has come, and I am happy to introduce Denise Wauters. Denise will be taking over as the new publisher of the Mullet Rapper and www.VisitEvergladesCity.com.

Denise is a resident of SW Florida and president of Paradise Web. She has both the expertise *and love* of the area that it requires to stay on top of the news and deliver it to the residents and visitors of our area regularly.

Most importantly, I am confident that Denise and her team will do a fantastic job. They are excited and ready to get to work.

I look forward to my next chapter in life here in Everglades City, and to reading the Mullet Rapper as a subscriber! Welcome Denise! **Photo: Denise (left) & Kathy**

SPREADING THANKSGIVING CHEER



Each Thanksgiving the ladies from our local churches get together for the annual Thanksgiving Gift and Greeting Day to bring gifts (and smiles) to our local widows and widowers from our community.



This year, Helen Bryan and Hazel Mitchell visited with over 30 of our community members to let them know that they are not alone this holiday season.

Each was presented with a beautiful gift bag and some big smiles and hugs!



These are a small sample of those visited by Helen & Hazel over a two-day period.

Thank you Helen Bryan and Hazel Mitchell. Your commitment to the members of our community make this a better place to live.

Your efforts are appreciated by us all.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Fishing the 10,000 Islands With Captain Mike Merritt



Fishing this month has been hit and miss. We have had some good fishing on the better tides. But we have also had some really slow days. Fronts and slow moving water make it

tough.

The Snook bite has actually been my most consistent bite. Reds are still scarce even if we have caught a few good ones. The Seatrout are around but seem scattered on the flats.



Tarpon are still here, but now that water temperature dropped this week we can expect more of them to head south.

I am having my best luck working as much shoreline as possible. Moving around until we locate the fish, then move along when they slow down.

Some boats are catching Tripletail and even a few Permit. There were some Pompano on the flats with the Trout too. With water Temps dropping and more fronts likely we will see more variety being caught. Live shrimp will soon be the best bait and they will catch everything!

Good luck fishing and remember to be courteous out there with all the newcomers running around! Capt. Mike Merritt

Fish With Captain Mike Merritt

561-252-4324 or email

SnookFishing1@juno.com

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~ EVENT CALENDAR - November 27, 2022 - December 31, 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 27	28	29	30	December 1	2	3
			Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	Ladies Coffee City Seaf 8:30a MOE, see p. 9		Tree Lighting, See p.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, See ad p. 6 Bike Tour, p. 8 Boat Parade, p.3
11	12	13	14 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	15 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8:30a Book Club, p 7 MOE, see p. 9	16 Museum Talk, See p. 9	17
18	19	20 P & Z	21 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	22 Ladies Coffee City Seaf 8:30a	23 New Moon	24-Rapper Christmas Eve
25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	29 Ladies Coffee HavAnna 8:30a	30	31 New Year's Eve

January 1: New Year's Day

January 14: Everglades Music Festival , p. 4

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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

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*What's
Happening!*

Praise Night

**Saturday, November 26, December 31
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, 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, 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.

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.



Saturday, December 3rd

**Everglades Booster Club
& The City of Everglades**

Come out and get in the Christmas Spirit!

2022 Tree Lighting & Light Parade

5:00 pm Food, Drinks, and Raffle at McLeod Park

5:30 pm Tree Lighting at City Hall

6:15 pm Golf Cart (and other vehicles) Light Parade. Line up behind the fire station.

6:45 pm Parade around McLeod Park

Saturday, December 10th

Everglades Boat Parade



Every year the boat parade keeps getting better and better. Get creative and join in or watch along the Barron River!

To participate, boats line up by Outward Bound just before sunset. Everyone is welcome to join in!

We hope to see you there!



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**New Stars to Perform at
Everglades City Music Festival on
January 14, 2023**

Tickets are on Sale!

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 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. To book tickets for the music festival visit www.Save-BOE.org/events or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905

Attention Everglades Area!

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

**Hurricane Debris Removal Ahead of Schedule
Thanksgiving Milestone Reached**



Collier County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division has reached its hurricane removal milestone ahead of schedule. With over 80% of debris removed to date,

debris removal contractors are ahead of the 75% by Thanksgiving originally pledged.

“Despite the challenges the hurricane has brought, we are grateful this Thanksgiving for our progress in getting our community cleaned up,” said Division Director Kari Hodgson. “I’m pleased to report that we have collected 80% of the debris that has been placed at the curb. We realize that there is more to do and want to reassure our residents that all debris will be removed.”

In order to help the county assess remaining debris removal needs, residents are asked to place all hurricane-generated debris at the curb by Sunday, Dec. 4. Residents of Evacuation Zone A, which includes the City of Naples, City of Marco and Everglades City, have until Thursday, Dec. 15 to place all hurricane debris at the curb.

Debris contractors will continue their important work, after a break from Nov. 23 to 27. This allows the crews, many of whom live outside the area, to go home for the Thanksgiving holiday.

For more information on the correct way to separate hurricane debris at the curb, visit colliercountyfl.gov/hurricaneprep. To determine your zone, visit the Collier County evacuation zone map. For the latest news on solid waste collection, follow social media channels including www.facebook.com/CollierGov and www.twitter.com/CollierGov. Residents with questions may call Public Utilities Customer Service at 239-252-2380. (Note: Everglades area is in zone “A”)

FWC extends the deadline for waivers for unsalvageable vessels following Hurricane Ian

Following Hurricane Ian’s landfall, vessel owners were given a 45-day grace period to bring derelict vessels into compliance or remove them from state waters. The grace period ended on Nov. 15. The number of impacted vessels is significant and many residents are still assessing damages. Taking these factors into consideration, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has decided to extend the waiver acceptance deadline through the end of December.



Owners are still encouraged to hire a salvage company themselves to recover their vessel to provide the safest method possible for the vessel and the environment.

Vessel owners may release ownership of a displaced vessel through the waiver

process if they don’t have the resources to salvage or bring the vessel out of derelict status themselves. The FWC will then facilitate the removal and destruction of the vessel, and owners will not be charged for removal costs. 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.

The FWC and partner agencies are unified to ensure the continuity of the vessel removal operation. Over 4,000 vessels have been assessed and more than 500 of the vessels assessed are derelict. The number is expected to change as more vessels are discovered and assessed or vessels are removed by owners or insurance companies. If your vessel is missing or you have located a vessel on state waters displaced by the hurricane, please report it to our Hurricane Ian Vessel Hotline: 850-488-5600.

The newly created State Debris Cleanup Program will assist Hurricane Ian survivors with the removal of displaced and abandoned titled property. Residents can request the removal of debris including vehicles, vessels, motorcycles, trailers and ATVs. To make a request, visit IanDebrisCleanup.com to report the presence of debris.

Hurricane Ian Vessel Hotline: 850-488-5600.

*****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.



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A Note From Principal Dr. Cherie Allison



Congratulations Jason Mayberry for representing Everglades City School as the Champions for Learning Teacher of Distinction for 2022-2023!! Although Everglades City School has many exceptional teachers, Jason works consistently to keep his students engaged and actively learning. He tirelessly helps other teachers and is instrumental in athletics and after school activities. Jason also oversees our Positive Behavioral program and the Elementary Student Leadership Team!

Jason now has the opportunity to share his ideas and best practices across the county with his colleagues and the community through the Golden Apple Teacher Process. Jason will be able to demonstrate his excellent teaching and ideas to hopefully be recognized as one of the Golden Apple teaching recipients! Thank you, Mr. Mayberry!!



In the tradition of Everglades City School, faculty and staff dressed as turkeys and served all students their Thanksgiving Lunch to show just how grateful we are for all of your students. We wish everyone a fabulous holiday season.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING TO THE STUDENTS
AND STAFF
AT EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL**

Holiday Season Activities in Collier County



December 1

Tree Lighting at ZOCALO

Thursday, December 1, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cost: FREE
Zocalo Park, 107 North 1st Street, Immokalee, (239) 252-4677

December 3

Snowfest 2022 at Paradise Coast Sports Complex

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$5 advance / \$8 gate. Paradise Coast Sports Complex, 3940 City Gate Boulevard North, Naples, (239) 252-4000.

Breakfast with Santa at Immokalee Community Park

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$5
Immokalee Community Park, 321 North 1st Street, Immokalee, (239) 252-4449

Winter Celebration at Golden Gate Community Center

Saturday, December 3, 2022, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$3 per person (3 & older). Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Pkwy, Naples, (239) 252-4180

December 10

Cookies & Milk with Santa at Donna Fiala Eagle Lakes Community Park. Saturday, December 10, 2022, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$2
Donna Fiala Eagle Lakes, 11565 Tamiami Tr E, Naples, (239) 252-3527

Christmas Around the World at Immokalee Sports Complex

Sat., December 10, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Cost: FREE Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia St, Immokalee, (239) 252-1951

December 16

Rudolph and Friends at Vineyards Community Park

Friday, December 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$20 per couple, \$7 for each additional person. Vineyards Community Park, 6231 Arbor Boulevard West, Naples, (239) 252-4105

Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park Grinchmas Family Event

Friday, December 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$7
Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park, 810 39th Avenue North East, Naples, (239) 252-4900

Christmas Party (5 - 11 Years) at Max Hasse Community Park

Friday, December 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$20 per couple, \$7 for each additional person. Max Hasse Community Park, 3390 Golden Gate Boulevard West, Naples, (239) 252-4200

December 17

Pancakes & Pajamas at Immokalee South Park

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$5
Immokalee South Park, 418 School Drive, Immokalee, (239) 252-4677

Santa Paws at Veterans Community Park

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$10
Bring your dog to the Veterans Park's Rover Run on Saturday, December 17, to get a picture with Santa! Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Parks Drive, Naples, (239) 252-4682

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Saturday, December 10

10am - 1pm

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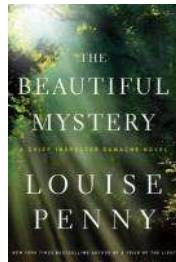
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BOOK CLUB

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.



December 15 - The Beautiful Mystery by Louise Penny. This meeting will be held at Geri Frieberger's home in Everglades City.

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 by Brian Kilmeade

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.

November 12, 2022 Puzzle Solution

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Where Have All the Magic Words Gone?

By Rev. Bob Wallace

The other day my wife and I spent \$43.32 for three separate purchases. Each one wasn't large, but there's a principle missing in all of them that goes back to my childhood. I was taught that having manners was what set you apart from everyone else.

And if you didn't show your manners, you were rude! I was taught to say, "May I?" when I wanted something, especially at the dinner table, such as, "May I have some more potatoes?" And the way you got them was to add "Please." It went like this: "May I please have some more potatoes?" That was the magic word! Without it, your chance of getting another helping of potatoes was pretty slim. Then, after you said your magic word and it worked because the potatoes were on their way, you followed it up by saying, "Thank you." Now, that's not too hard, is it?



But for some people it apparently is!

For example, my wife and I were standing at the pharmacy store pick-up window to pick up her prescription when the woman in front of us asked the pharmacist for a recommendation for a certain kind of medication. He abruptly pointed to an aisle and sent the woman on her way. He then looked at my wife, who also asked a question, when suddenly, the pharmacist's assistant came over and asked a question. The pharmacist immediately exploded in anger at having to answer, what seemed to him, so many questions. Strange, isn't it? Two customers. One assistant. And he can't take the pressure?

As he reached for my wife's \$3.29, he acted as if he were doing her a favor to even let her stand before him. No "Thank you for shopping with us." No "Have a nice day." Or anything! Oh, well. There are other pharmacies who will be more than happy to take our \$3.29.

Then, the other day I took our car to have it washed. It was filthy! I wanted a super-duper wash with extreme shine, tire shine, fancy air-freshener, and a good vacuuming out. It was on special for \$29.00. At the cash register, the attendant didn't even look at me. She just held her hand out and said, "That'll be \$29.00!" Then she handed me a stick. I asked what the stick was for and was told, "To get your car!" With that, she deposited my \$29.00 in her cash register, closed it, and walked away! No "Thanks." "Have a nice day." Nothing! Oh well, there are other car washes.

Then, after getting my car good and clean, the little sticker on my windshield said it was time to get an oil change. So, off I went, and I wasn't surprised by the service I got there. Once more, a hand was held out into which I placed my credit card. The card was scanned and handed back to me. Not one word of appreciation!

Now, I know it's not just me. A lot of people like hearing their business is appreciated. But what's the customer to do? If enough customers brought this to the attention of management, maybe service will improve. But, if people are not taught how to say the "magic words" at home, perhaps it not too late for employers to teach good manners on the job. Kind of like 'Miss Manners' in the workplace. This should be at the top of an employer's list. And I don't think I'm being too picky on this. If they will just do it, I will be the first to say, "Thank you."

And don't you forget to say those "magic words". It sure makes a difference!

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!

Next Free Bike Tour is on Dec. 10th!



The Friends of the River of Grass Greenway will have its first, free bike tour on December 10. Each tour (see schedule below) 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:

- December 10 – Ride through the Fakahatchee – off-road bikes recommended (meet at Fakahatchee Ranger Station).**
- January 14 – Tour historic Everglades City and Chokoloskee – on-road/bike path (meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City).**
- February 11 – 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).**
- March 11 – Loop Road – off-road bikes recommended (meet at Monroe Station)**
- April (TBA)– Bear Island Tour in the Big Cypress (call for specifics)**



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

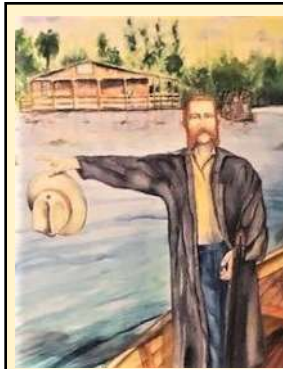
Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear will discuss the poignant and often whimsical way that artist Dick Jay captured historic events and personalities with paint and sculpture. Part primitive, part folk art, Mr. Jay's prolific work captured not only the essence of life in Florida's Last Frontier, but the spirit of the people living it.

—————→ **Exhibit**
February 14, 2023-May 13, 2023
"The Story of the Southwest Mounted Patrol"

When the Tamiami Trail opened to automobile traffic in April of 1928, it spanned over 100 miles of desolate sawgrass prairie and swampland.

The Southwest Mounted Patrol was not only the precursor to the Collier County Sheriff's Department, but also predated the Florida Highway Patrol by more than 10 years. This exhibit, featuring a vintage 1929 Harley-Davidson JD as its centerpiece, celebrates Collier County's colorful contribution to law enforcement history and the role of the motorcycle in taming Florida's last frontier.

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



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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak
Roseate Spoonbill

Roseate Spoonbill (*Platalea ajaja*) Other names: pink curlew, pink / Status: FL=species of special concern, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 15 years / Length: 30-40 in. (76-101 cm) / Wingspan: 50-53 in. (127-135 cm) / Weight: 2.54 lb (1.13-1.81 kg) / Nests: in remote rookeries throughout SW Florida / Found: AC, coastal, near coast / Months found: JFmamJJASOnd (lower case indicates nesting and breeding season).



Without question, the roseate spoonbill is the poster child of Southwest Florida bird lovers. A difficult bird to add to anyone's life list, the roseate is commonly found in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge year round and thus attracts thousands of avid birders annually to the islands. It is probably the most photographed bird on Sanibel Island. Because of its pink coloration, the roseate is sometimes mistakenly confused with the flamingo. Flocks of spoonbills can also be found in Everglades National Park and the Myakka River State Park.

Unmistakable for its spatulate bill, bald head, and flamboyant pink coloration, the roseate was nearly extirpated from Florida during the 1800s. Not only was it taken by the plume hunters, it was also killed for its meat, and its rookeries were repeatedly raided for eggs. Now recovering, the numbers of these lovely birds are still only a fraction of what they were when Ponce de Leon first landed in Florida.

The roseate's feeding style is unique, similar to wood storks. It swishes its spatula-shaped bill back and forth through the soft, exposed muck of a tidal flat. When it comes across a shrimp or crustacean, it claps its bill together, eating the prey, then quickly resumes feeding. It also has a unique behavior called "skypointing" where it extends its bill and neck upward toward other spoonbills flying overhead.

The roseate is monogamous and tends to nest with other wading birds. Its nests are sometimes raided by raccoons and other predators. It needs extensive tidal flats to survive, and it suffers from polluted waters, as well as long-term habitat loss.

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

Photo roseate spoonbill in flight by Richard Fortune.

Editors Note: Roseate spoonbills are often seen roosting on mangroves around Everglades City and Chokoloskee. They are very skittish. To view them, it is best to use a good pair of binoculars at a distance.

Island Life Recipes

Holiday Sausage Balls

By Kathy Brock

Ingredients:

- 1 pound pork sausage, uncooked
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp granulated garlic
- 1/4 tsp cayenne pepper
- 1/4 tsp onion powder
- 1 tsp dried parsley
- 3 cups shredded sharp cheddar
- 1/2 cup shredded parmesan



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 350°. Prepare a large baking pan with parchment paper and set aside. Mix all dry ingredients together and then mix with the uncooked sausage. It is easiest to mix with your hands.

By teaspoonfuls, roll into balls and place 1 inch apart on a the parchment-lined baking sheet. Bake for 20 to 25 minutes until golden brown. Serve warm. You can store them in the refrigerator and reheat for a tasty snack!



My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

In May 2015 I took over the reins at the Mullet Rapper. In total, I have been the publisher of this great little paper for 189 editions. That's a lot of news!

Prior to my tenure, Patty Huff created and published the Mullet Rapper for 15 years.

Undertaking this project was a commitment that I took very seriously for the past 7 years. It is not an easy task. The news never sleeps, and often neither did I as a deadline was looming over me.

I loved publishing the Mullet Rapper....I loved it! But like everything in life, there is a time to move on.

The decision to turn the paper over to someone else did not come easily to me. It was important for me to find someone who could commit to producing the publication twice a month, every month without interruption.

Optimally, I would find someone who had a connection to the community and has the expertise and commitment. I feel very fortunate to have found that individual.

Publishing the Rapper is not a solitary job. It requires a team. I am very thankful for the team I worked with at the Rapper.

I would like to thank my team for their commitment and dedication these past seven years.

Photojournalist Helen Bryan, thank you for capturing the events in pictures. Your photos have documented the good and not-so-good things that have happened over the years. Your talent is second only to your heart. You are a community treasure.

Historian Marya Repko, thank you for keeping me accurate! I can always count on you to know the history of this area. Thank you for reviewing the Rapper for historical accuracy and for keeping the calendar accurate!

Proofreader Elaine Middelstaedt, your review of the Rapper before publishing was invaluable to my sanity. You have the "eagle eye" needed to catch errors, and the commitment to do so even when you are on vacation. Thank you!

Founder Patty Huff, thank you for showing the confidence in me to take this project on. Your guidance and example has helped me grow both personally and professionally.

I would like to thank my husband Tim. Thank you for putting up with the schedule I have had to keep for the last seven years. My commitment became your commitment too. Thank you for never complaining. I am not sure I would have been as nice!

Lastly, I would like to thank the readers. Without you the Rapper would not exist! Thank you for your encouragement, comments and support over the years.

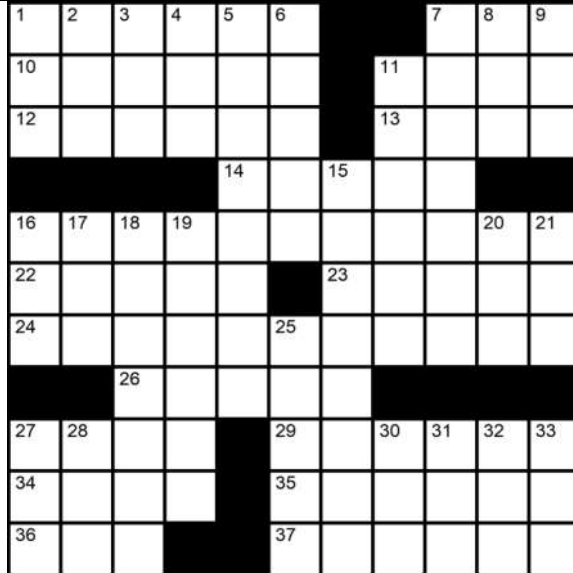
The next publisher will also need your support and patience as they work through what should be a smooth transition. Please support them they way you have supported my efforts these past seven years.

I look forward to my next adventure in life. I will start by becoming a subscriber. I will look forward to the paper every two weeks...but I will not miss the production schedule and deadlines.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

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Chokoloskee Family Church Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship
Copeland Baptist Church Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
Everglades Community Church 11:00 am Sunday Worship
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
Holy Family Catholic Church Reopening November 27th
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES

11/26/2022	Sat	5:31 PM	2.33	H
11/26/2022	Sat	11:08 PM	0.94	L
11/27/2022	Sun	3:11 AM	3.18	H
11/27/2022	Sun	12:16 PM	-0.38	L
11/27/2022	Sun	6:33 PM	2.26	H
11/28/2022	Mon	12:02 AM	0.96	L
11/28/2022	Mon	4:11 AM	2.98	H
11/28/2022	Mon	1:12 PM	-0.22	L
11/28/2022	Mon	7:34 PM	2.23	H
11/29/2022	Tue	1:11 AM	0.95	L
11/29/2022	Tue	5:37 AM	2.73	H
11/29/2022	Tue	2:15 PM	-0.03	L
11/29/2022	Tue	8:29 PM	2.26	H
11/30/2022	Wed	2:38 AM	0.87	L
11/30/2022	Wed	7:27 AM	2.51	H
11/30/2022	Wed	3:21 PM	0.16	L
11/30/2022	Wed	9:17 PM	2.34	H
12/1/2022	Thu	4:01 AM	0.7	L
12/1/2022	Thu	9:00 AM	2.37	H
12/1/2022	Thu	4:23 PM	0.33	L
12/1/2022	Thu	10:00 PM	2.44	H
12/2/2022	Fri	5:08 AM	0.48	L
12/2/2022	Fri	10:24 AM	2.3	H
12/2/2022	Fri	5:20 PM	0.48	L
12/2/2022	Fri	10:40 PM	2.56	H
12/3/2022	Sat	6:06 AM	0.25	L
12/3/2022	Sat	11:47 AM	2.29	H
12/3/2022	Sat	6:12 PM	0.6	L
12/3/2022	Sat	11:18 PM	2.67	H
12/4/2022	Sun	6:57 AM	0.05	L
12/4/2022	Sun	12:53 PM	2.3	H
12/4/2022	Sun	7:01 PM	0.69	L
12/4/2022	Sun	11:54 PM	2.77	H
12/5/2022	Mon	7:43 AM	-0.12	L
12/5/2022	Mon	1:41 PM	2.29	H
12/5/2022	Mon	7:45 PM	0.76	L
12/6/2022	Tue	12:27 AM	2.83	H
12/6/2022	Tue	8:25 AM	-0.24	L
12/6/2022	Tue	2:20 PM	2.26	H
12/6/2022	Tue	8:26 PM	0.8	L
12/7/2022	Wed	12:58 AM	2.85	H
12/7/2022	Wed	9:05 AM	-0.31	L
12/7/2022	Wed	2:55 PM	2.21	H
12/7/2022	Wed	9:04 PM	0.82	L
12/8/2022	Thu	1:27 AM	2.84	H
12/8/2022	Thu	9:45 AM	-0.34	L
12/8/2022	Thu	3:31 PM	2.17	H
12/8/2022	Thu	9:41 PM	0.84	L
12/9/2022	Fri	1:56 AM	2.81	H
12/9/2022	Fri	10:24 AM	-0.33	L
12/9/2022	Fri	4:10 PM	2.13	H
12/9/2022	Fri	10:17 PM	0.86	L
12/10/2022	Sat	2:24 AM	2.74	H
12/10/2022	Sat	11:04 AM	-0.29	L

FLORIDA PANTHER UPDATE



The remains of a female panther were discovered on November 11th on SR 29 in Collier County.

So far in 2022, there have been 25 deceased panthers recovered.

Of the 25 panthers, 15 were female and 10 were males.

Thirteen of the deceased cats were discovered in Collier county, with the others discovered in Hendry, Lee, and Glades County.

Biologists gain valuable information by examining panther remains. Report injured or dead panthers to the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

Vehicle collisions are the primary cause of death for Florida panthers. The FWC encourages motorists to slow down and observe all posted speed limits, especially in panther zones, which are in place in several counties across South Florida and coincide with areas where panthers are known to cross. These panther speed zones help ensure the survival of the endangered Florida panther and protect motorists from personal injury.

Florida residents can support panther conservation efforts by purchasing a "Protect the Panther" license plate by going to the website <https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/wildlife/panther/plate/>.

FWC Trophy Catch program to give away 10th new bass boat!

Ahoy, anglers! One lucky person will soon take home a brand-new bass boat package during a live, random drawing at the Bobby Lane High School Cup Bass Fishing Tournament in Lake Wales on Dec. 3. "This \$65,000 boat package is a truly sweet ride," said Thomas Graef, director of FWC's Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management. "And It's made a reality only by the generous contributions of partners such as Phoenix Bass Boats, Mercury and others who share our passion for bass fishing and bass conservation."

A live reverse drawing will determine the winner from among five randomly selected TrophyCatch registrants and club winners. The finalists will be revealed on the Facebook.com/TrophyCatchFlorida. Anglers who wish to participate — and who want to be included in next year's boat drawing — can visit **TrophyCatch.com** to register and learn more.

For more information about the Div of Freshwater Fisheries Management, contact Michelle Kerr at 850-510-4776. or Michelle.Kerr@MyFWC.com.

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