



# The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands

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RESTAURANTS  
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## Stone Crab Season Off to a "Slow" Start, But Big Demand

The stone crab harvest began on October 15th and warm weather and light winds contributed to a fair start to the season.



Lighter harvest with high demand is driving prices up a bit, but crab connoisseurs don't seem to mind

evidenced by the busy restaurants and stone crab markets in the Everglades area.

Week two saw temperatures dropping and winds picking up which is good news for the crabbers.

We had our first crabs of the season and they were absolutely delicious. See the lineup of our local eateries & seafood markets on page 11.

## No Sign of Red Tide in Everglades City & Chokoloskee

After getting hammered by the hurricane last year, it's a relief that our area was spared the wrath of another natural disaster...red tide.

There has been so much news about red-tide, many people simply assume we too must be dealing with it.

Fortunately, our waters are clear. And, no matter who you talk to, they will tell you that the fishing is as good as it has been in many years.

This is great news for residents and visitors. So...if you have been on the fence about coming but worried about water conditions...worry no more, pack your bags and c'mon down. We are crystal-clear!

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## Lions and Tigers and Bears, Oh My! Trunk or Treat Celebration Was a Fun-Filled Evening for Kids & Adults



"Party Animal" Hank Pernas

Last year's Halloween celebration was confined to a "safe to navigate" zone out of necessity. Our town was still littered with hurricane debris and many people were simply not ready to host trick or treaters. The Lion's Club stepped up and the celebration went on.

Based on last year's success, this years celebration was also held by the access road to Seaboard Villas in Everglades City and it was quite a party.

The event was hosted by the Everglades City chapter of the Lions Club and Lions Cecil and Connie Barker were doing what they do...and that is help, host and cook hot dogs!

On this evening over 150 hot dogs provided by the Lions Club and cooked to perfection by Cecil Barker were served with homemade Chili (thanks to Pam Hilton), sodas, delicious cupcakes (thanks to Margaret Johnson), popcorn and candy.

Mayor Grimm was at the event and Dottie Joiner hosted a table by the City for all of the little ghosts and goblins.

Judging by the smiles, a fantastic time was had by all. Many thanks go out to the local chapter of the Everglades Lions Club, the Barkers for hosting the food at their home, Geri Freiburger for making such great popcorn, and everyone else who came out. We look forward to next year's event that is already being planned. Here are some photos taken at the event by Tim Brock. We hope you enjoy them!



Photos: Top left, Chef Cecil Barker hotdog extraordinaire with Connie (Mustard!) and Mayor Grimm.

Top Center: The Evg. Lions Club Setup at the Barkers. Top right, kids and adults eat, visit and enjoy the event.

Bottom left, a princess, a pumpkin and their entourage pick up treats.

The evening was a blast! Can't wait 'til next year.

If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email us at: [mulletrapper@gmail.com](mailto:mulletrapper@gmail.com) or call us at: 954-662-7003.

**NOVEMBER 4, 2018 – DECEMBER 8, 2018**

| <u>SUN</u>  | <u>MON</u>              | <u>TUES</u>  | <u>WED</u>  | <u>THURS</u>                 | <u>FRI</u>   | <u>SAT</u>   |
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December 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Year's Eve

January 1: New Year's Day

January 4: Museum Event, TBA

**AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:**

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: Dec 1st, Every Sat, 9 am to 3:30 pm  
 DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.  
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738  
 LIONS CLUB: Meet 2nd Thursday of Month, 6 pm  
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008  
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer.  
 REACH OUT: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall  
 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989  
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturday 11 am to 3, see p.3.  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Swamp Buggy Races**


**Nov. 3 & 4, Florida Sports Park, Naples**

The 70th anniversary of the Swamp Buggy Races will be celebrated this year. The park is in East Naples off of Rattlesnake Hammock Road. Visit [www.swampbuggy.com](http://www.swampbuggy.com) for info

**Welcome Back History Talk**

**Friday, Nov. 16th, 5:30**

**Jinkins Hall, Evg. Comm. Church**




Local resident and historian, Marya Repko will talk about the Everglades City Bank Building, its history and what the future may hold for the historic structure.

You will learn about the building's history during the Collier era, and the glory days of Everglades City as the Collier County seat.

To save your seats call Marya @ 239-695-2905, or email [ESHP@hotmail.com](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com).

**Art-in-the-Glades**

**Saturday, Nov. 17th, 10 am to 1 pm**




Come out to McLeod Park for Art-in-the-Glades on Saturday, November 17th from 10 am to 1 pm.

There will be live music, goodies for the kids (and adults) and plenty of local arts and crafts. It's a great time to get some early (and unique) holiday gifts and a great excuse to spend a few hours at the park!

**Diamonds Tea**

**Thursday, November 29th, 2 pm to 4 pm**


**Jinkins Hall, Evg. Comm. Church**



Each year Reach-Out hosts Diamonds Tea for the ladies in our area 70 or over. This year the event will be held at Jinkins Hall at Everglades Community Church. If you have not received your invitation, please contact Anne Mitchell at 239-695-2009. We hope to see everyone there!

**Boat Parade**

**Saturday, December 8th, 6:00 pm**



Mark your calendars so you can be a part of a growing tradition!

The annual boat parade will be on December 8th, with boats meeting at the mouth of the Barron River at 6 pm, and making their way around the island in true Everglades City style.

This year, we hope to add many more boats and continue growing this into a true town tradition (Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade watch out!). Start planning your decorations and we will see you on the 8th!

**Dinner & Music at McLeod Park  
Hosted by the Lions Club  
November 17th, 6 to 9 pm**

Featuring Cecil's "famous chicken" with beans & slaw, drink & dessert, \$12. Hotdogs or hamburger, chips & drink, \$6.

Live music will be played by The Magic Mitch Ensemble. There will be a 50/50 drawing & door prizes.

Proceeds of this event will be used for McLeod park restoration. We hope to see you there!



**A Message from Fire-Chief  
Kingman Schuldt**

I am pleased to report that the Greater Naples Strike Team of firefighters that deployed to the panhandle has returned home safely. I am extremely proud of our personnel and other Collier County first responders who offered to stand in the gap for those dealing with the aftermath of Hurricane Michael.

On October 23rd the Collier County Commission recognized Greater Naples Fire Rescue Lieutenant/PM Kevin Nelmes for his accomplishments as a 2018 Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Public Service Award for Fire Safety. Serving the community for more than 20 years, Lieutenant Nelmes has demonstrated selfless professional service. His experience with private security, the intelligence community, and his specialization with sensitive missions makes him a key player in our public service community. He is a dedicated advocate and agent for change in anti-human trafficking efforts abroad and has proven to go above and beyond his duties as a first responder.

This month the District had the pleasure of presenting the Germain Honda dealership with a few tokens of our appreciation for use of their old facility on Davis Blvd. for valuable fire rescue training. This acquired structure provided significant training opportunities to our firefighters to sharpen their skills in areas such as search and rescue, structural collapse, and fire attack operations. The site, set to be demolished, provided the District the opportunity to host countywide and regional training events including other fire rescue agencies from Collier, Broward, and Miami-Dade counties as well as our recent Cohort of eight international firefighters. The District was able to utilize the facility for three months and included a large-scale multi-discipline mass casualty incident where all county first responders were invited to participate. We cannot thank Germain Honda enough for affording the District such a fantastic opportunity.

To show support of our military and to honor our veterans, the Fire Foundation will be selling a Veterans Day t-shirt. Short sleeve shirts are \$15 and a limited amount of long sleeve shirts are \$20. You may contact Administrative Assistant Judy Schleiffer at the Administrative Headquarters to order yours. She can be reached at 239-348-7540 or [jschleiffer@gnfire.org](mailto:jschleiffer@gnfire.org).

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*The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus* will be in Everglades City on **November 20th** from 8 am to 4 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. For more information or an appt: call 239-986-7323.

**THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN!**

**Wednesdays noon to 2pm**


Everglades Community Pantry, a proud partner agency of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, is open every Wednesday from noon to 2 in Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Everglades Community Church. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

**DOCTOR'S CLINIC**



Dr. Kirk DeMartino is seeing patients in his Marco Island Office. You may call his office to schedule an appointment to see him there: (239) 642-5552.

**NATURAL MEDICINE**




Dr. John Martin can see patients in Everglades City. Appts: from 10 am to 6 pm. Call to confirm: 813-787-9738.

**CEDR Hurricane Disaster Recovery  
Assistance is Available**

Communities of Everglades Disaster Recovery works in conjunction with the Salvation Army and have a team set up in Everglades City Hall (right inside the front door). They will have advocates there from **10 am to 3 pm** on Mondays to assist people still in need of help. Stop in the office or you can call Elaine at 239-695-2695 for more information.

**NEW THRIFT SHOP**

**Saturday 11 am to 3 pm**



The new thrift shop is open Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. Come see the new store! Please do not leave donations on the porch outside where they can get wet or damaged! Please do not drop off damaged or dirty items.



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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation  
History of Sawfish in the United States**

Their odd appearance and awesome size made them a prized catch for recreational fishermen. Their unique elongated, blade-like snouts, studded with teeth on both sides, were often kept as trophies. Net fishermen on the other hand considered them a nuisance because of the damage they would cause to their gear.

Two species of sawfish were once found in the U.S.: the largetooth sawfish, *Pristis pristis*, and the smalltooth sawfish, *Pristis pectinata*. The largetooth sawfish was found throughout the Gulf of Mexico but was more common in western Gulf waters of Texas and Mexico. The smalltooth sawfish ranged from Texas to North Carolina and was most plentiful in the eastern Gulf waters of Florida. Both sawfish species were considered "abundant" and "common" in the early 1900's. Numerous postcards, photographs, and newspaper articles from that era bear the scene of fishermen hauling in countless sawfish to boats, docks, and beaches across the country.

Unfortunately, the largetooth sawfish has not been seen in the United States since the last confirmed record in 1961 in Texas. The smalltooth sawfish has fared better and still remains in U.S. waters, though at greatly reduced numbers and geographic range. Today the smalltooth sawfish is found predominately in southwest Florida, notably including Everglades National Park (ENP). The vast expanse of natural habitat within ENP, and limited fishing pressure, likely served as a refuge for sawfish as the population was under constant pressure.

What happened to these grand fish? What caused them to vanish from much of our coastal waters? The decline was due to a combination of three primary factors: (1) overfishing, (2) low reproductive potential, and (3) habitat loss.

Fishing mortality contributed significantly to the decline of sawfish in the U.S. Many sawfish caught recreationally were landed and displayed for photographs. Others were killed as anglers removed their saws for trophies. Commercial fishermen killed sawfish to save their gear, not wanting to cut their valuable nets to remove captured sawfish. And sawfish were over-exploited for a variety of other reasons. Their meat was used for food, their skin for leather, and their liver oil used in lamps and as a source of vitamin A. Their fins are valued for shark fin soup, their rostral teeth used as artificial spurs in cock-fighting, their cartilage ground-up for traditional medicines, and their saws sold as curios and ceremonial weapons.

The reproductive strategy of sawfish doesn't help them withstand these threats. Sawfish bear live young, take many years to reach sexual maturity, and produce very few offspring per reproductive cycle. This doesn't allow sawfish to replenish the population very quickly. This was especially problematic historically as they were being removed far more quickly than they were able to reproduce. And it's why now it is crucial to keep fishing mortality low in order to recover this endangered species.

Born at about 2 feet in length, juvenile sawfish rely on very shallow, coastal and estuarine waters close to shore for ample food and safety from predators, such as sharks, during the first years of their life. However, these shallow coastal waters are the same areas that have been converted to waterfront development. Now much of the natural shoreline vegetation has been developed into seawalls, beaches, marinas, roads, canals, and docks. Therefore, the natural vegetation and shallow habitats previously used by sawfish as important protective nursery areas have been greatly reduced in quantity and all but eliminated in some areas.

Due to the dramatic decline of the sawfish populations the smalltooth sawfish was classified as Endangered in 2003, making it the first fully marine fish and first elasmobranch (sharks, skates, and rays) protected by the Endangered Species Act. The largetooth sawfish was listed as Endangered in 2011. Will sawfish in the United States recover? Unfortunately, the largetooth sawfish is probably locally extinct and gone for good from U.S. waters. The smalltooth sawfish just might make a comeback; the population is already showing promising signs following protective measures.

One of the best methods of monitoring the population as it recovers is the use of public sawfish encounters. If you catch or see a sawfish take a quick photograph of it, estimate its size, note your location, and share the information with scientists. The details of your sightings or catches help to track recovery progress. You can share your information by calling 1-844-4-SAWFISH (1-844-472-9347) or emailing sawfish@myfwc.com. Information about historic catches or the location of any old sawfish saws is also appreciated.

Remember, due to their protected status it is illegal to target, harm, harass, or handle sawfish in any way. The number one rule to remember when handling and releasing a sawfish is to leave it in the water at all times. Do not lift it out of the water on to your boat or a pier, and do not drag it on shore.

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A Message From Everglades City School Principal James Ragusa



Literacy is Front Stage

We are excitedly looking forward to the Fall Book Fair the week of November 12th. Our media specialist, Melissa Owen, does a tremendous job making this a special event for our students as we celebrate literacy across our campus.

The fall sports are concluding and basketball season is approaching quickly. After the challenges of last season, it will be awesome to see our athletes practicing and competing in the gym this season.



We will also be serving our students a special Thanksgiving lunch on November 15th in our school cafeteria.

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School Calendar-No School Days

Nov. 21-23.....Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23- Jan. 3.....Christmas Break

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Marco Island Sunrise Rotary Club Dictionary Donation Mrs. Baumler's 3rd Grade Class is Taught to "Look it Up"



Each year the Marco Island Sunrise Rotary Club purchases dictionaries and donates them to students at Everglades City School.

Craig also spoke with Assistant Principal Mrs. Wheeler who shared how she would have her students use crayons to mark the words they looked up, using a different color each year.

This would allow the students (and educators) to look in the books to see how many words they looked up over the years!

Thank you to the Marco Island Sunrise Rotary Club for their generous donation and for their support of our local school children.

Photo: Craig Woodward, Mrs. Baumler, and the 3rd-grade class.

Garbage Pickup 101—The Ins & Outs of Local Service

As our winter residents are making their way back to the area, it's a good time to review the dos and don'ts of our local trash pickup service.

Garbage Roll Carts, Curbside Containers, Recycling Roll Carts, Recycling Bins, Yard Trash/Biomass Containers, and any non-containerized waste appropriate for Curbside collection should be placed Curbside prior to 6:00 a.m. on the scheduled collection.

Residential Customers may use heavy-duty plastic bags for excess Garbage or Rubbish.

Cardboard placed in a Recycling Roll Cart or Recycling Bin shall be flattened and, if necessary, cut to a size to fit into the Recycling Roll Cart without binding or preventing the release of the recycling during collection.

Discarded materials from small household repairs, renovations or projects may be placed in a Garbage Roll Cart. No other Commercial and Demolition (C&D) Debris shall be placed at the Curbside.

Yard debris can be put into the Roll Carts or must be tied together in 4 ft sections and placed at the curbside.

Here's Some Really Good Garbage News

Carnestown weigh station which has been tough to find open recently...will be open every Saturday from 9 am to 3:30 pm starting on December 1st.

It's important that we use the station so that they are motivated to keep it open for us. This is where you can bring anything that doesn't get collected by the regular service like, over-flow garbage and large amounts of yard debris, old paint, construction material and yard waste.

Yard waste is only picked up if it fits into the roll cart or if you tie it into 4 ft sections. If you have large piles of yard debris, Waste Management will not pick up with the regular service and will leave a green tag on the pile instructing you what to do.

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**Cycle Tours through the Everglades**  
*Join Us for the Loop Road Ride Nov. 11th!*

One of the all-time great bike rides in south Florida is located in three separate counties: Collier, Monroe and Miami-Dade.

Loop Road, located south of the Tamiami Trail, has an interesting history in itself but the beauty of the environment is one of its outstanding features.

We should see lots of wildlife as we bicycle through this off-road rural area 17 miles east of Everglades City. Plan to meet and park at 9:00 a.m. at Monroe Station and we'll cycle a little over two miles to the Gator Hook Hiking Trail. As we continue along this gravel lane, we'll pass by the southernmost point of the 1,400-mile long Florida National Scenic Trail.

There are many culvert crossings in this area where we should find alligators to photograph. At 16.5 miles we will reach the paved section of Loop Road where we will turn around and travel back to Monroe Station, a total trip of 33 miles. For more detailed information about Loop Road, visit the National Park Service website: <https://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/upload/bicy-loop-road-scenic-road-final-2.pdf>




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**Biking Event Schedule**

- ◆ Nov. 11 – Loop Rd, Big Cypress (33 miles)  
Meet at West End of Loop Road
- ◆ Dec. 9 – Everglades City/Chokoloskee (10 miles)  
Meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City
- ◆ January 13 – James Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee (17 miles). Meet at Fakahatchee Strand Headquarters in Copeland
- ◆ February 10 – Ave Maria (40 miles)  
Meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City
- ◆ March 10 – Bear Island in the Big Cypress  
Meeting Location TBA

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Solution to October 20, 2018 Puzzle



*My Little Slice of Paradise*  
by Kathy Brock

**The Third Annual Plant (and Treasure) Sale Benefiting Everglades City School Will be Held on December 15th Find Great Gifts - 100% of the Proceeds go to the School**



The third annual Everglades City plant sale will be held on December 15th at McLeod Park. This year's sale will also include crafts, gift items and other treasures, "a little something for everyone."

This year, we are inviting anyone who wishes to participate to bring items to the park and sell them. It's a great opportunity to recycle your treasures so that others can enjoy them, while helping our school children by providing needed funds that they can use for supplies, uniforms, or any other school-related needs.

Our plant selection will include herbs, vegetables, palms, terrestrial orchids, butterfly host plants, and ornamentals.

Last year, we raised over \$700 for the school. This year our goal is to eclipse the \$1000 mark.

If you have any plants or plant pots you would like to donate, we will gladly take them.

If you have other items you would like to sell, please bring them to the park and set up by 8 am. Things we are looking for are, Christmas decorations, knickknacks, and other "treasures" in excellent condition. We would also love to have local crafts. The sale will be from 8:30 am to 11:30 am. We will have refreshments and snacks for visitors.

If you have any questions, please contact us at 954-662-7003. If you would like to donate plants or pots, please call me to arrange a drop off date. We could use some volunteers to help us that day. Please let me know if you can donate some time to help out. We hope to see everyone there.

**It's Garden Time in SW Florida**

Fall is a great time of year in SW Florida. The temperatures are cooling down and gardening season is here.

We have been planting a vegetable garden at our home in Everglades City for about 8 years now. We have had some great success stories, and also some not-so-great outcomes. I will share some of our discoveries here.

The spiraling whitefly is really bad right now. This is a pest from South America that has set up all over south Florida. Some plants are very susceptible, some are not. Tomatoes do really well. I have the best luck with the small cherry tomatoes. They are not finicky about our warm temps and you can still get a good fruit set in a warm spell. Whiteflies leave them alone (so far!).

Peppers did really well for us for 2 years and then the whitefly moved in. They are hard to control unless you use toxic chemicals...so out came the peppers (no more jalapeno poppers!).

Herbs all seem resistant. We grow basil, mint, chives, dill, sage and rosemary and they all do really well with no sign of infestation.

Beans are resistant to whitefly...but they will get attacked by spider mites. I use water to control them by spraying under the leaves...and they do well here.

Radishes are super easy and grow quickly. If you want to start with something easy...radishes are a great way to get things going.

No matter what you plant, enjoy it. There is nothing better than going outside to pick something to eat for a meal.

**Island Life Recipes**  
*Delicious, Baked Spaghetti Squash*  
Cooked & Tested by Kathy Brock

**1 large spaghetti squash, cut in 1.5 inch slices**  
**Olive oil**  
**Garlic powder**  
**Black pepper**

Spaghetti squash can be very delicious. My issue was how to cook it. I found this recipe while reading a blog, tried it and it is delicious...and quite unique. Here is what you do:

**Directions:**  
Wash the outside of the squash with soap and water. Carefully cut the squash into 1.5 inch slices. This is tricky so be super-careful and protect your fingers! Remove seeds from centers.  
Brush each slice with olive oil on both sides. Place onto a cookie sheet or low sided baking pans lined with parchment paper. Sprinkle garlic powder and black pepper on the tops and place into a 350° oven, uncovered, for about 40 minutes...until the tops are slightly browned. Serve hot with butter.  
The squash easily separates from the crisped skins and has a delicious, nutty flavor. This is a great accompaniment to any main meal and for special occasions. Once you try this, it is a dish you will go back to time and time again. Enjoy.

**MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD**

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**Living Gulf Coast**  
by Charles Sobczak

**Black-crowned Night-heron** (*Nycticorax nycticorax*) Other names: quock, Indian pullet / Status: FL= increasing. IUCN=LC / Life span: to 21 years / Length: 22-28 in. (56-71 cm) / Wingspan: 42-44 in. (106-112 cm) / Weight: 1.6 lb (.62 kg) / Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: All SW Florida Counties: coastal, near coast / Months found: jfmamjASONd.



With a range that spans five continents, the black-crowned night-heron is one of the most widespread herons in the world. A beautifully fashioned bird, the night-heron is a favorite of many photographers. Similar to the yellow-crowned night-heron, which is far more commonly seen, this attractive bird can be seen along the riprap in the J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge, as well as in the Ten Thousand Islands region. It is seldom seen along the beaches.

Although it generally hunts at night, during the nesting season it may also be

observed feeding during the day. Like the equally successful cattle egret, the night-heron feeds on a wide assortment of creatures including frogs, rodents, snakes, crabs, and young birds, as well as plant material and eggs. That being said, fish is their primary forage. The adult black-crowned night-heron does not distinguish between its own young and those from other nests and will occasionally brood chicks not its own.

**Yellow-crowned Night-heron** (*Nyctanassa violacea*) Other names: crab-eater, crabier, gauldin / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 6 years / Length: 22-28 in. (56-71 cm) / Wingspan: 42-44 in. (107-112 cm) / Weight: 1.6 lb (.72 kg) / Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: All Counties: coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFmamjASONd.

Found only in North and South America, the yellow-crowned night-heron is virtually identical in size to its close relative, the black-crowned night-heron, but has less than one-third the life span. The easiest way to tell the two birds apart is by the large, yellowish tuft of feathers on the yellow-crowned heron, making it appear to have a punk-style haircut. Its wings are also much more variegated than the solid gray wings of the black-crowned heron.

The yellow-crowned heron tends to feed more often during daylight hours and does not have as diverse a diet as its cousin. As its nicknames imply, the yellow-crowned night-heron specializes in eating crabs. A curious habit of this bird is that it carefully removes all the legs on a captured crab before eating. It is monogamous and tends to nest in small colonies of other yellow-crowned night-herons. Snakes and other birds prey on its eggs, and alligators and bobcats take the adult bird. Its population is stable, but it suffers from habitat loss resulting from the drainage of wetlands and coastal development.



*Charles Sobczak is a Sanibel author whose works include the novel Six Mornings on Sanibel, and two local guide books, Living Sanibel – A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands and The Living Gulf Coast – A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida. His books are available online. For more information about Sobczak's writing go to [www.indigopress.net](http://www.indigopress.net).*



**Fishing in the 10,000 Islands**  
by Capt. Mike Merritt

Fishing has remained really good this past month. Snook fishing on the outside was as good as it gets, and so far has continued to be hot. As the waters continue to cool down there will be more fish in the back country, but the outside islands should continue to produce action all month.



With all the bait fish there are - the fish will stay as long as the bait fish do. Live bait fishing has produced plenty of fish but jigs, and even top water lures, have caught their share this month. Moving water is key to getting a good bite and if you find areas where the Snook can ambush the baits in the current your chances for Snook action go way up.

The Redfish bite never really happened like it usually does in the fall. We have caught some nice Reds but never really found the large schools that should have been here. There were also plenty of smaller fish caught but not sure what kept the schools of bigger fish from showing up.

I think maybe the Red Tide that was all along the coast might have prevented those schools from migrating in. But, that's just my opinion as I am not sure. I just know they did not show up. We hope they come late! Better late than never!


Other fish being caught are Seatrout and Snapper. There are still Tarpon being caught as we landed a 60lb. fish today as I am writing this. We have been catching Goliath Grouper inshore too, and of course all the others like Jacks, and Ladyfish. The offshore fishing has also been good with the live bait producing Snook, Cobia, Goliath Grouper and Permit, all of them are being caught out there.

November should bring some cooler water temps so things will change gradually this month. Black Drum should show up and maybe the Reds will come with them! This will add another species to target. Sheepshead will also show up if the water temps drop enough to bring them in.

This month is a great time so get on the water and enjoy the fishing. Lots to choose from and mild weather makes for great days on the water.

~Good Luck Fishing, Capt. Mike Merritt

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**Poetry Street**

by Katherine Tullie

*There is too much negativity in the world today. We can all help to change our own little corner of the world by greeting people with a smile on our face. That is the theme of my poem called "Greet In A Positive Way."*

**THINK POSITIVE, & POSITIVE THINGS WILL HAPPEN**

Let's us greet everyone we meet in a positive way

It will make for a much better day

Place your best foot forward and give a sincere grin

Let's be a positive force so we may win  
Spread happiness all around to all we meet  
Surround ourselves with positive people that are so sweet

Negative people will get the hint, I say  
They may even turn around in a positive way

By moving forward in positive ways, for sure

We may find that the goodness in our hearts is the cure

Let's show our positive inner light in every way

To all we greet every day

This is one way to change our corner of our world, for sure

Let's be a positive force for a successful cure!



Email:

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Look for #PoetryStreet on Twitter!

**Local News Extra**

**Super Saturday Recap**



October 27th was a busy day with "Stomp in the Swamp" featuring author Tim Dorsey's crazy Serge books and a gaggle of

Florida folk musicians at the old Depot during the afternoon. While this was happening, there was also a short "Meet & Greet" at the Museum with photographer Matt Stock whose gigantic pictures have been on display. His work explores the interaction between man and nature as seen through night-time environmental portraits of vehicles long abandoned in the Everglades ecosystem.

The photos can be viewed now at [www.abandonedvehicles.com](http://www.abandonedvehicles.com). It was a good day, and a taste of the many exciting events this winter, so keep your eye on the Rapper to see what's happening around town.

**Seafood Festival 2019 Sponsorships are Still Available!**

**Featured Businesses are Seen by Thousands at the Annual Festival on Feb. 8, 9 & 10**

Planning for the 2019 festival started immediately following the close of the 2018 festival. The attendance for next year is expected to increase - meaning even better exposure for sponsors and more customers for the vendors.

There are several tiers of sponsorships available with something suitable for any business or brand's budget.

If you would like to have your business featured at this much anticipated annual event, please contact the organizers: 239-695-2277 or visit: [www.evergladeseafoodfestival.org](http://www.evergladeseafoodfestival.org).

**Local CERT Chapter Would Help Us Be Better Prepared for Future Emergencies. Please Attend: November 10, 10:00 am Everglades Community Church**

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

Since 1993, CERT has impacted communities across the country, building essentials skills and capabilities to prepare for and respond to any disaster. There are now CERT programs in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories; each unique to its community but all essential to building a Culture of Preparedness.

The CERT program was designed as a grassroots initiative and specifically structured so that the local and state program managers have the flexibility to form their programs in the way that best suits their communities.

CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly, and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well.

Please join us to learn how you can be a part of the CERT solution in our area. The training is free and attending the discussion does not obligate you to anything.

We need a minimum of 10 volunteers in our area...and we hope you can become a member of our local CERT team. Please join us on November 10th to learn more.

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**Regional News**

**FWC Reminds Residents in Panther Country to Take Steps to Protect Small Livestock**



Because of recent incidents of Florida panthers taking livestock and pets in Golden Gates Estates in Collier County, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is advising residents in the area

to take the necessary precautions to properly shelter animals such as goats, sheep, calves, pigs, donkeys and chickens.

"The best way for people to protect small livestock is to keep them in a secure fenced enclosure with a roof, especially at night," said FWC panther team leader Darrell Land. "We encourage people who live in panther country to take the necessary steps to protect their animals from being taken by a panther or other predators such as bears, bobcats and coyotes."

Similar safety measures should be taken to protect pets like dogs and cats by keeping them indoors at night or in an outdoor panther-proof pen.

The FWC is investigating and monitoring depredations on multiple miniature horses. Biologists have documented that panthers have killed two miniature horses and a pony in recent weeks.

People can learn more about living in panther country from the brochure, A guide to living with Florida Panthers. This resource reminds people, for instance, not to feed deer or other wildlife around their homes since that can attract panthers looking for prey.

People who have problems or concerns about panthers should call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or \*FWC on a cellphone. To report a panther sighting to the FWC, go to MyFWC.com/Panther Sightings.

Additional information about Florida panthers is available at MyFWC.com/Panther

**Panther Deaths Up in 2018**



Panther deaths are up in 2018 from 2017 statistics and the most common cause is vehicle accident.

So far in 2018, 26 panthers have been recovered by FWC. Sixteen of the deceased panthers were male

and 10 females.

Eleven of the panthers were recovered in Collier County and the rest in Lee and Hendry Counties.

Panthers are most active at dusk and dawn. Please be very careful on rural roads like SR 29 at this time of year where visibility can be reduced due to foggy conditions. Panthers are most common in SW Florida parks and eastern reaches of the west coast counties.

If you see an injured or deceased panther please contact FWC, 888-404-FWCC (3922).

**Fakahatchee Strand News**

**November is a Cool Time for a Fakahatchee Swamp Walk or Tram Tour-Book Now!**

Cooler temperatures make November the perfect time to experience a swamp walk or tram tour in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. The park, east of Naples, is Florida's largest and has been called "the Amazon of North America."



Ghostrider Tram Tours of the park from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. get underway Nov. 8. The naturalist led tours are offered for \$25 per person most Thursdays in November and



December and are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

The Naturalist Led Tram Tour and Swamp Walk begins Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This \$60 adventure takes visitors into knee-high water and is offered on most Tuesdays during the season.

For directions, complete details and required reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures, visit [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org) and click on Tours and Events. Please be advised that tours sell out quickly so it is recommended to call and schedule your dates as soon as possible!

**Local Happenings**

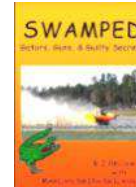
**FREE Movie Night**

Friday, November 16th, 5:30  
Museum of the Everglades

Come out to the Museum of the Everglades for Movie Night to see "Distant Drums" starring Gary Cooper. Please arrive early to get your seats! For more info call 239-695-0008.

**New Book Features Everglades City "Swamped - Gators, Guns and Guilty Secrets"**

by Marilyn Smith Neilans and B J Gillum



Everglades City residents will easily recognize local landmarks such as The Rod and Gun Club, Speedy's Airboat Tours, Joanie's Blue Crab Café, the Ochopee Post Office, and the Tamiami Trail in a new book by a long-time Naples seasonal resident Marilyn Smith

Neilans and co-author B J Gillum.

Based on the adventures and misadventures of a crew of fictional swamp buggy owner/drivers, the action takes place primarily in the Everglades and nearby areas.

The writers will launch the title at the upcoming Swamp Buggy Races on November 3-4 (see page 3). You can purchase the book on Amazon.com.

**Book Club Meeting Nov. 15th**

The book club in Everglades City is back for the season! Anyone interested is invited to join in. We will provide meeting locations in the paper as the dates draw closer.

**Nov. 15: An American Family** by Khizr Khan, Hosted by Patty Huff

**Dec. 20: The Phony Hermit** by Al Seeley and Elizabeth Pardichizzi, Hosted by Dianna Pollock and reviewed by Elaine Middelstaedt

**Jan 17: Undaunted Courage** by Stephen Ambrose, Hosted by Sadie Stroud

**Feb. 21: Watership Down** by Richard Adam, Hosted by Linda Williams

**Mar. 21: Being Mortal** by Atul Gawande, Hosted by Judy Jury

**Apr. 11: Lilac Girls** by Martha Kelly, Hosted by Diann Lock



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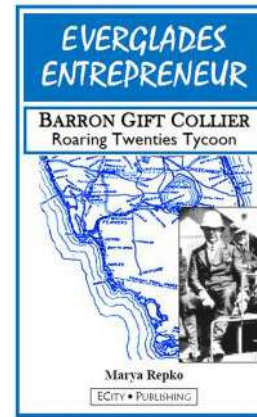


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| <b>City Seafood (695-4700):</b><br>8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast<br>Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner   |
| <b>Glades Haven Marina (695-2091):</b><br>Deli Closed. Marina is open.<br>Live bait available at marina                               |
| <b>Havana Café (695-2214):</b><br>Open Daily, 7 am to 4 pm<br>See our ad on page 10!  |
| <b>Island Café (695-0003):</b><br>6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily  |
| <b>Ivey House (695-3299):</b><br>6:30 – 9:30 am; daily  |
| <b>Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):</b><br>11:00 am – 4:00 pm<br>Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday & Sunday                               |
| <b>Rod &amp; Gun (695-2101):</b><br>11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily   |
| <b>Tastes of the Everglades</b><br>Open Tues.—Sunday 3 pm till closing  |
| <b>Triad Seafood &amp; Café (695-2662):</b><br>Open Every Day<br>10:30 am-5 pm  |
| <b>MARKETS</b>  |
| <b>Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):</b><br>9:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily   |
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| <b>SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES</b>   |
| <b>Chokoloskee Church of God</b><br>Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship<br>Wed. 7 pm Hr. of Prayer                                      |
| <b>Copeland Baptist Church</b><br>Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship   |
| <b>Everglades Community Church</b><br>11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 11   |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Everglades City</b><br>9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship<br>6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study |
| <b>Holy Family Catholic Church</b><br>Closed. Opening soon, see San Marco below   |
| <b>St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples</b><br>Phone: 239-417-2084   |
| <b>San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.</b><br>239-394-5181  |

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| 11/8/18  | Thu | 1:53 AM  | 3.18  | H |
| 11/8/18  | Thu | 9:52 AM  | -0.11 | L |
| 11/8/18  | Thu | 3:22 PM  | 2.76  | H |
| 11/8/18  | Thu | 10:02 PM | 0.75  | L |
| 11/9/18  | Fri | 2:22 AM  | 3.14  | H |
| 11/9/18  | Fri | 10:34 AM | -0.11 | L |
| 11/9/18  | Fri | 4:06 PM  | 2.64  | H |
| 11/9/18  | Fri | 10:42 PM | 0.82  | L |
| 11/10/18 | Sat | 2:52 AM  | 3.05  | H |
| 11/10/18 | Sat | 11:16 AM | -0.07 | L |
| 11/10/18 | Sat | 4:53 PM  | 2.53  | H |
| 11/10/18 | Sat | 11:22 PM | 0.89  | L |
| 11/11/18 | Sun | 3:26 AM  | 2.91  | H |
| 11/11/18 | Sun | 11:59 AM | 0.01  | L |
| 11/11/18 | Sun | 5:43 PM  | 2.43  | H |
| 11/12/18 | Mon | 12:03 AM | 0.96  | L |
| 11/12/18 | Mon | 4:05 AM  | 2.75  | H |
| 11/12/18 | Mon | 12:45 PM | 0.12  | L |
| 11/12/18 | Mon | 6:37 PM  | 2.36  | H |
| 11/13/18 | Tue | 12:51 AM | 1.01  | L |
| 11/13/18 | Tue | 4:57 AM  | 2.57  | H |
| 11/13/18 | Tue | 1:36 PM  | 0.23  | L |
| 11/13/18 | Tue | 7:36 PM  | 2.33  | H |
| 11/14/18 | Wed | 2:00 AM  | 1.04  | L |
| 11/14/18 | Wed | 6:16 AM  | 2.4   | H |
| 11/14/18 | Wed | 2:37 PM  | 0.34  | L |
| 11/14/18 | Wed | 8:33 PM  | 2.35  | H |
| 11/15/18 | Thu | 3:25 AM  | 1.01  | L |
| 11/15/18 | Thu | 7:50 AM  | 2.29  | H |
| 11/15/18 | Thu | 3:40 PM  | 0.42  | L |
| 11/15/18 | Thu | 9:25 PM  | 2.4   | H |
| 11/16/18 | Fri | 4:33 AM  | 0.9   | L |
| 11/16/18 | Fri | 9:06 AM  | 2.26  | H |
| 11/16/18 | Fri | 4:38 PM  | 0.47  | L |
| 11/16/18 | Fri | 10:12 PM | 2.48  | H |
| 11/17/18 | Sat | 5:27 AM  | 0.76  | L |
| 11/17/18 | Sat | 10:13 AM | 2.29  | H |
| 11/17/18 | Sat | 5:29 PM  | 0.52  | L |
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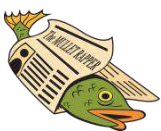
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