

# The MULLET RAPPER



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**Small Twister Touches Down in Carnestown, Knocks Power Out for Nine Hours in Community**



On Sunday, August 22 it seemed like a normal summer afternoon. The afternoon thunderstorms were building and rain was in the forecast.

When the rain started around 2 pm, it seemed a bit gusty, and then the power went down. Only this time, it stayed out. For nine hours.

Resident Harry Henkel took a drive to see what happened, and what he saw surprised him. Four cement power poles were down and wooden ones were downed too. In fact, one was split in half!

This certainly seemed more than a thunderstorm, and it was confirmed on Monday. A small twister touched down damaging equipment along US41, just south of SR29.

LCEC came out in force. Several trucks were on the scene and crews worked carefully to restore power that evening. Thank you LCEC. *Photo by Harry Henkel*

**Adventures of the Saltwater Cowboy**

**“Hang on Loosely” by Jon Edward Edwards**

The following is a work of fiction based loosely on actual events



He told her to hang on and opened the throttle all the way up. The skiff shot out of the water like a bat out of hell. Seventy horses in his left palm accessible with a twist of a tiller handle. Her tan leg flexed as she braced it against the side of the boat, hand cupped under the gunnel, rolling with the rhythm like it wasn't her first rodeo. He surfed across a quartering Coon Key Pass to Sugar Bay, twisting, skipping, and hitting straight a-ways all the way to the Blackwater River.

There was a nice oyster bar tucked in a flat off a river main point that he needed to try. He stopped up-current, cut the motor, snatched a live shrimp the size of a prawn from the live well, and pushed a circle hook under the horn in front of the black spot. It dangled two feet under a popping cork with every bit of one ounce.

She made a ninety-degree turn with her body, loaded the tip, and made a swooping cast. The line rolled off the spool, bumping her fingertip until about two o'clock when she caught it in the first

crease and flipped the bail on the spinning reel. Not only did she not sling the bait off, but she dropped in the strike zone. This was nothing to sneeze at.

They drifted. Big Boy got nervous, jumping out of the water like a scalded dog. The cork disappeared. “You gonna get that?” He snickered, watching the line move away.

Distracted by a flock of curlews loitering in the mangroves, the rod was nearly snatched from her hands. “Zzzzz, Zzzzz, Zzzzz ...,” the drag zinged, and she felt the weight and strength of the fish as it swam against the incoming water, the rod bending in surges.

“Oh Oh ...,” he said with quick breaths, “You got a big ole good un.” He got out of her way and took the Boga Grip out of the rear console. She fought the over-slot-sized redfish alongside the boat where he closed the Boga around its lip and lifted it out of the water. After a quick photo, he laid the fish back in the water, moved it around a little bit, and released it to watch it swim away.

Negotiating the snap bends of Gill Rattle Creek with quick bursts of acceleration, losing control then gaining it back, and trimming it out on the straight-a-ways, he chose all the right turns to Buttonwood Bay. They caught trout, snapper, ladyfish, and one too many hardhead catfish moving from point to point. With their poisonous fins, sliming the line ... One flip away from a life of pain, you are (for the next however long.)

As he walked down the narrow gunnel to leave, a manatee surfaced and gave the boat a playful bump, nearly sending him overboard. She laughed hard and made a futile attempt to video an act of nature in its purist form that few rarely see. She didn't need to record it. How can the memory be made viewed through a lens? With a flip of its massive fantail, it waved goodbye, the white flesh around three propeller scars on its back waned into Buttonwood Bay's muddy water.

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~ EVENT CALENDAR - SEPTEMBER 5, 2021 - OCTOBER 9, 2021 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 5 Clyde Butcher Event, p. 5	6-New Moon ESHP, 9 am Labor Day	7 City Council, 7 pm	8 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	9 Lions Club, 6 pm	10	11
12	13	14	15 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	16 Museum Event See p.9	17	Sept 18—Rapper
19	20-Full Moon	21 P & Z	22 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	23	24	25 Bank Event See p. 3
26	27	28	29 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	30 Museum Event See P.9	October 1	Oct. 2—Rapper
3	4 City Council 7 pm	5 ESHP, 9 am	6-New Moon Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	7	8	9

Oct. 23 & 24: Butcher Event, see p. 5      Oct. 23 & 24: Hook'em Fishing Tourney, p. 3      Oct. 30: Bank Event, see p. 3  
 Oct. 30: Local Halloween      Oct. 31: Halloween      Nov 6: E City Music Festival, see p. 3

**AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:**

AA: Wed., closed until further notice  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2:00p  
 DR DEMARTINO: Seeing patients in Marco, call: (239) 642-5552  
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 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of the month. 6 pm. Locations TBD  
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026  
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer  
 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 11 am to 5 pm, 239-695-2989  
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Thursday. 11 am to 3 pm, more info on p. 3  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10:30am-1pm  
 VISITOR CENTER: (239)-232-4037 Summer Hours Vary. Please Call!

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*What's  
Happening!*

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Fishing Tournament  
October 22-23**

Hook 'em is back! This year's tournament will feature great prizes and a fantastic Captains Meeting & Dinner which will be catered by Camellia Street Grill.

Best of all, proceeds from this event support Everglades City School programs including, Leader-in-me, and athletics! Sign up and learn more at our official site [www.HookemintheGlades.com](http://www.HookemintheGlades.com)

**Exclusive Tour of  
Bank of Everglades Building,  
Lunch at Rod & Gun Club  
Oct. 30, 2021**

These exclusive tours include a discussion about the history of the Bank of Everglades Building, lunch at the Rod & Gun Club, and a beautiful Donald Sunshine framed print of the historic building. Tickets are \$150. Each tour is limited to 10 persons. For ticket information, go to [www.SaveBOE.com](http://www.SaveBOE.com), and click on "events".

**Everglades City Music Festival  
November 6, 2021, 11:00 am—6:00 pm  
At the Historic Rod & Gun Club**

Mark your Calendar! You won't want to miss the Everglades City Music Festival!

The day will feature great local performers, live auctions, and arts and crafts booths. The event is hosted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP), and proceeds from the event will go towards the renovation of the Bank of Everglades Building, the future permanent home of the Everglades Area Visitor Center and Trail Town Headquarters.

Reserved Seats are \$50/person, includes souvenir program, and general admission is \$40/car or \$20/motorcycle or \$20/pedestrian. For tickets or more information about the event visit [www.SaveBOE.com](http://www.SaveBOE.com) and click on "events". For information about ESHP and the bank building renovation project visit [www.eshp.org](http://www.eshp.org) or [www.SaveBOE.com](http://www.SaveBOE.com). Thank you for your



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**Thrift Store**

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205 Buckner Ave, Everglades City**

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**

There are two brochure racks at City Hall with information about local businesses. You can visit City Hall Monday—Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

You may also go to the area website [www.VisitEvergladesCity.com](http://www.VisitEvergladesCity.com). Here you can access our business directory by category. Each business listing provides a map and link to the business' website.

**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 Drive South, Suite #204, Naples FL 34104. Office Phone (239) 403- 2377. Office FAX (239) 403-2388.

**OOPSIE!**

For the 2nd consecutive year (at least we are consistent), we published the snook season dates for the Atlantic and not the Gulf Coast, and we are sorry! Correct dates are; September 1, season opened. December 1 the season will close.

**~Area Fishing Guide Memorial~  
Your Input is Needed!**

**Captain Mike Merritt**, longtime resident of Everglades City and fishing guide, is working on a project to photograph and document all of the fishing guides who have worked and fished the 10,000 Islands out of our area.

If you are a guide, or if you know one, who may be interested in this project being spearheaded by Captain Merritt, please call him so he can explain the details. You can call **Captain Merritt at 561-252-4324**.

The guides who share their love and knowledge of the area, and help educate others about the importance of the 10,000 Islands, should be remembered as ambassadors of the Everglades forever. Please contact Mike at **561-252-4324**, with any information.

**Furniture Left in Bank to Be Sold to  
Raise Money for the Renovation of the  
Bank of Everglades Building**

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation needs help with repairing old furniture that was left in the Bank of Everglades Building. Most are smaller wooden pieces like end tables, chairs, desks that have cracks or broken pieces.

There are also some pieces of upholstered furniture that will require repair or new upholstery.

**\*\*\*There are also some pieces of furniture for sale including chairs, tables, and headboards!\*\*\***

If you are interested in furniture or helping, please contact Patty Huff at 239-719-0020 or [snookcity@gmail.com](mailto:snookcity@gmail.com).



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



September is already upon us! Snook season is open! The fishing has been great and the big Snook should be even thicker in the Islands now. We have caught some big fish this year and they have been in the backcountry, in the Islands and outside points, and even offshore. Jig fishing the Islands has still been my go to technique. These big fish are a sucker for a well presented jig. There are a lot of great products out there on the market today and our local tackle shops have plenty to choose from for this area!

If you're bait fishing then this month will be exciting as the Mullet are in, the Pilchards should get thicker and there are Threadfin Herring along the coastline. These big Snook are coming off the spawn and will be feeding aggressively on the rising tide. How you hook your bait depends on how you want to present it. No one method works all the time. From the knots you tie to the size hooks you use, leader size, weight, no weight; all these things matter for everyday success. Experiment, change up, and you will figure out what works best and when. There is something to be said for the guy that learns through trial and error rather than just being shown everything. There is a satisfaction in learning that can't be beat. Just don't be one dimensional.

The Reds have started showing up and they will continue to increase in numbers and in size this month. It used to be said you could count on our schools of Reds showing up about the 3rd week in August. But it seems like that is more like September these days. But we will have good Red fishing now through the beginning of next year!

These guys will take the same jigs. Tip it with some shrimp and work it as slow as you can on the bottom for best results. Live shrimp, of course, is hard to beat. Fish this on the bottom or on a cork. Again, don't be afraid to keep changing up if your not getting any action. And, if you fishing a rising tide sometimes you just need to be fishing tight to the roots. I had clients today fishing shrimp on a cork and they kept fishing 2-3 ft. from the shore. After 10 minutes of no bites I casted one of them tight to a little pocket and he caught a Red after about 30 seconds. A six inch difference in your cast can mean the difference between a slow day and a great day.

There are still tons of small Tarpon around. I am seeing these guys in the backcountry, in the rivers and in the Islands. Small white jigs or bucktails are producing plenty of action. Bigger Tarpon are also around, and September is usually a good month for these along the outside of the Islands and offshore.

This has always been one of my absolute favorite months, and this year should be no exception. The fishing has been great! So good luck, and hopefully take only what you need for a fish dinner. That way you have to go back out for more! See you on the water!

*Capt. Mike Merritt is an experienced fishing guide in Everglades City, FL. Schedule a trip with Mike by calling 561-252-4324 or email [SnookFishing1@juno.com](mailto:SnookFishing1@juno.com).*

Clyde Butcher & Big Cypress Gallery Events

**Big Cypress Gallery Open House**  
September 4 - September 5  
11:00 am—4:00 pm



Meet Clyde & Niki Labor Day Weekend at their Big Cypress Gallery, Saturday & Sunday 11am-4pm September 4 & 5, 2021. This will be Clyde's first public appearance and book signing since his new book "The Everglades" has been released.

**Swamp Celebration for the Parks**  
8th Annual / Big Cypress Gallery  
October 23 & 24, 8:00 am-3:00 pm



Our annual two-day swamp walk fundraiser is back once again! This exclusive event gives supporters of The Alliance for Florida's National Parks an opportunity to explore the private property surrounding Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery within Big Cypress National Preserve.

These adventurous outings are in support of Big Cypress's youth environmental education program, which serves every 6th-grade student in Collier County each year. With support

from The Alliance, around 3,000 kids are able to experience the natural and wild wonders of Southwest Florida through this program.

During the Swamp Celebration, swamp walks will take place on Saturday, October 23, and Sunday, October 24, from 8 am – 3 pm each day.

Each walk will be spaced 30 minutes apart and will be limited to 10 adults and up to five children per walk. Tickets are \$75 per adult and \$25 per child age 12 and under. The first 25 adult tickets purchased can receive the \$50 early bird ticket price using code SWAMP2021.

This event sells out every year so get your tickets early! Call (305) 665-4769 with questions, or go to [clydebutcher.com](http://clydebutcher.com).



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Saltwater Cowboy, "Hang on Loosely"



He navigated hazards by memory east across the bay to a narrow cut that led to the mouth of another tight and serpentine creek. After a quick stop at a mangrove snapper hole, he ran across Dismal Key Pass, behind White Horse Key, and past what used to be the grass flats of Hog Key onto Panther Key.

They walked along the beach at Panther, stepping that way you do barefoot over shells, like on hot coals that aren't hot. Whitebait darted in and out of sandy depressions, silver flashes fading to

deeper water. Her legs were "all day" long, and he admired her physique in the bikini as she walked ahead, seemingly not as tender footed as he.

Eyes the color of the water beneath the Seven-Mile Bridge in the Keys, she was the kind that relegated him to brunettes and the occasional redhead. Allergic to blondes, he was, breaking out in broken hearts. What hell it must be to be allergic to your addiction. An East wind knocked down the seas for the ride from Panther to Cape Romano. Gullivan Bay was turquoise clear, and he easily stayed in the troughs around the sand bars. Their view of The Cape Romano Dome Houses looked far offshore when they rounded the Cape, like something out of a science fiction novel.

He knew of a tiny river tucked behind a wide sand bar that only boats like his could access. From within, the view of the Gulf was unobstructed, but from the Gulf looking in, it was secluded. Several yards off the beach, he shoved a long pole into the sand and tied the boat to it so they wouldn't be aground when the tide fell.

They got out in knee-deep water and waded the shoreline where the beach ended and swam to the center of the river. The current whisked them back towards the boat while jacks busted, snapper popped, and, in the distance, the violent sound of a snook destroying something rang out ... BLEOW!

As the end of the day drew near, they sat on the poling platform drinking Shiner Bock. The western sky was pink streaked against towering thunderheads, and rain fell in grey sheets to the north. The setting sun was the only measure of time. It was as if they were the only people on the planet.

*Jon Edward Edwards is a local author and avid sportsman. His stories often recount his adventures in and around the 10,000 Islands. Email Jon at [jedmls@mac.com](mailto:jedmls@mac.com)*



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*Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak*

**Black-and-white Warbler** (*Mniotilta varia*)  
 Other names: none / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 11 years / Length: 4.3-5.1 in. (11-13 cm) / Wingspan: 7.1-8.7 in. (18-22 cm) / Weight: 0.3-0.5 oz (8-15 g) / Nests: from the mid-south all the way into upper Canada to the Northwest Territories / Found: every month of the year except June throughout Southwest Florida.



An absolutely stunning black-and-white pattern greets the lucky birder who happens upon one of these warblers. This pop-art streaking makes the black-and-white warbler one of the easiest small birds to identify, since no other buntings,

vireos, or other small birds have such a distinctive feather pattern.

The black-and-white warbler feeds unlike any other warbler. Its unusual extended hind toe and claw allow it to feed in much the same manner as a nuthatch, scurrying up and down trees, sometimes upside down, searching for its primary food, insects. It also has a longer bill, enabling it to take insects from deep bark and tree crevices.

It has one of the longest migrations of any warbler, summering as far north as the southern edge of the Yukon and wintering as far south as northern Peru. It suffers heavily from cowbird parasitism, habitat loss, and forest fragmentation. Despite these factors, it is a fairly common and beautiful little bird found in Florida during the winter.

*Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island, FL. You can find his books on Amazon and other booksellers. Black & White Warbler Photo by: Hung V. Do*

**\*\*\*Everglades Airport Closure\*\*\***

by Mike Klein



In late June the Airport Authority submitted an Airport Improvement Program grant to the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) for reconstruction of Runway 15-33 at X01. The September 2020 Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) Statewide Airfield Pavement Management Program Survey concluded that Runway 15/33 is in "poor" to "very poor" condition, with an area-weighted Pavement Condition Index (PCI) of 40. Distresses observed consist of block cracking, longitudinal and transverse cracking, patching, raveling, and swelling. Additionally, the Runway Safety Areas (RSA) are known to be deficient. Whereas an RSA should extend a minimum of 240 feet beyond the end of each runway, the RSA for Runway 15 is two (2) feet, and the RSA for Runway 33 is fourteen (14) feet.

During the design phase of the project, it was determined that our engineering team's proposed full-depth reclamation in-place initiative is far better suited for commencement during the dry season to allow for uninterrupted working conditions for the contractor. As such, we anticipate a construction commencement date of early November 2021 would offer appropriate conditions to begin the project.

Also, authorization permits have yet to be received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the South Florida Water Management District; however, ongoing dialog with both organizations indicated that final permits should be issued by late September.

Upon construction commencement, the contractor will have 165 days to complete the project and X01 (along with all associated infrastructure) will be closed to the public for the duration of the project. The 165 day timeframe was determined during the design phase and is consistent with other airport infrastructure projects of similar magnitude.

With proper weather conditions and attention by the contractor, we believe the project has a high probability of conclusion by late January 2022 which will allow for the airport to reopen in time for the 2022 Seafood Festival in February and the remainder of Stone Crab season.

All T-Hangar / Commercial Office Space rent will be suspended for based tenants upon project commencement. Complementary aircraft tie-down parking will be offered to all tenants at the Immokalee Regional Airport or the Marco Island Executive Airport for the duration of the project.

**Total cost of construction = \$2,022,045 which is funded 100% by the FAA.**

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**The Not-Gladesman  
By Diallo Xia**



Ah, the Everglades. One could wax poetic over its swaying trees, muddy rivers, and wild life forever--from a safe viewpoint, of course. However, one of the prices one must pay for such a grand view is the occasional power outage, as we saw last Sunday. That night, a storm swept in on that King's Tide and knocked over three poles and our power for an evening, followed the next day by about 15 minutes at roughly the same time.

So, at my house, without a generator, (another Florida staple) we lit some candles and let the kids play with lights until we all went to bed in the dark. But the sudden loss of power reminded me of something: what would it be like to live without power in the Everglades? Luckily, we have some people who saved their memories from a time not long ago, that some might view as a "Wild West" that escaped and survived untouched in the swamps of Florida. But it also makes me wonder whether the people from today could survive like they did then, if we could eke out a life from the land anymore.

But let's not be silly. There are taxes to pay and regulations to follow, and you can't cut down a tree from the National Park to cook your food. We're not that desperate.

*Diallo Xia, 16, is a writer and student  
Who lives in Everglades City.  
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**Why Does Handwriting Have to be Something Others Can't Read?**

By Pastor Bob Wallace



The other day I was standing in line at Walmart and saw the woman in front of me sign her personal check. I couldn't believe my eyes. Her signature was worse than mine! It consisted of two circles. One larger than the other. That's all. Nothing else. Nothing more. Nothing less. Just two circles. And the clerk cashed the woman's check!

That got me thinking about all the fuss made over how we learned to write when I was in the sixth grade. It was called penmanship. Or, to be politically correct, "pen-person-ship". I remember sitting at my wooden desk, which was attached to my fold-up seat with an ink well in the upper right corner of its slanted wooden top doing penmanship exercises. Miss McGee put two solid lines separated by a dotted line, on the blackboard and taught my class how to do "sworls". We kept our wrists loose, our ink pen held upright between the thumb and forefinger and swirled around and around. Eventually, we turned our sworls into lower case o's and a's.

Next, we were taught how to make up and down strokes called push-pulls. They looked like trees without tops. Those topless "trees" became "t's" and "l's" and extended from the bottom solid line to the top solid line. Then came the day when we put them all together. We were writing cursive! It was a wonderful day! Emphasis was placed on penmanship all through school. We were graded down if the teacher had difficulty reading our writing. I got A's for my penmanship. I apparently had inherited good writing skills from my father who was a draftsman for Gulf Oil



Company.

But something happened to my penmanship over the years. Especially now that I'm older. I used to be proud of what I wrote by hand. Now? It's not very good. In fact, it's horrible. Sometimes, I can't even read my own handwriting. I've tried calligraphy, the fancy writing that looks like it came off a printing press. With a little time and effort, and Miss McGee's lessons, I could write in Olde English, and other eye-catching styles. It looked pretty good. But I was slow. I soon discovered I didn't have time to write letters and stuff in calligraphy. So, what's a body to do? I started typing! That, one of the best decisions I ever made. Suddenly, I could read my thoughts again. I had learned to type in college on an old Royal manual typewriter doing 35 words per minute – error free! I had often wondered why doctors didn't do the same thing. Then they got computers to write their comments and prescriptions for them.

A really good signature is distinctive, one of a kind and impossible to forge – which takes me back to my penmanship. As I look at my signature, it sure qualifies as distinctive. It's difficult to read. One of a kind! But still impossible to forge. I hope! So, I've been thinking about changing my signature to one like the lady in Walmart – two circles, or something. When asked what's that at the bottom of my check, I could say "My signature".

"Oh?"

"Yeah, I learned how to write when I was in the sixth grade."

"Me too," the cashier might say, and add "nobody, but nobody can read my writing.

Look!"

"Yeah, you're right. I can't read that. What's it say?"

"You're overdrawn!"

Well, mother always taught me cleanliness was next to Godliness. And that honesty was the best teacher. She never said anything about bank balances. I guess those numbers I wrote down for my last bank deposit were zeros and not "sworls".

Now, let's see. What's the difference between 100 and 900?

Thirty dollars for a bounced check!

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

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**Snook Season Opened Sept. 1**

By FWC

The recreational harvest season for snook started Sept. 1 statewide with the exception of state waters from Pinellas/Hillsborough counties (including Tampa Bay) south to Gordon Pass in Collier County. These waters are catch-and-release for snook due to impacts from red tide.

Unique to the region, snook are one of the many reasons Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) encourages anglers to use proper handling methods to help released snook survive and promote high species' abundance for anglers today and generations to come. To learn more about catch-and-release and the best way to handle a fish, visit [MyFWC.com/FishHandling](http://MyFWC.com/FishHandling).

A snook permit, as well as a recreational saltwater license, is required to harvest snook unless the angler is exempt from the recreational license requirements.

Researchers are collecting data on the harvest of snook. If approached by a biologist or if you see a donation cooler marked with "Snook Carcass" at your favorite fishing access point, please provide your filleted snook carcasses.

These carcasses provide biological data, including the size, age, maturity and sex of the catch. This information is important to the FWC in completing stock assessments.

Anglers can also record and report their catch data, including information on the size of released fish, by using the Angler Action Foundation's iAngler app.

If you see a fishery violation, call the Wildlife Alert Program at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

For more on snook regulations, visit [MyFWC.com/Marine](http://MyFWC.com/Marine) and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Snook" or download the Fish Rules App.



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## What's Happening At The Museum of Everglades

### → Exhibit

**Pioneering the Past:  
The Story of the Brickell Family**  
September– November 27, 2021  
Museum of the Everglades

Guest curator Cesar Becerra a noted Florida historian and “Everglades Evangelist”, created this traveling tribute to William and Mary Brickell: early pioneer settlers in South Florida whose story has been largely diminished or even ignored in favor of a more romantic narrative. The exhibit explores the marginalization of the couple’s role as the co-founders of Miami as well as their contributions to the birth and growth of commerce in South Florida as a whole. Mr. Becerra will be the speaker for September’s Third Thursday lecture and will discuss the topic in depth. Copies of his new book “Orange Blossom 2.0” will be available at the talk.

### → Event

**Stories of a Sportsmen’s Paradise: A Folk Art Experience**  
September 9 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Step back in time at the Museum of the Everglades, where you’ll hear rich stories of how the Ten Thousand Islands became a magnet for avid anglers and enthusiastic adventurers—including why Everglades City just might be the birthplace of the modern fishing lure. But this experience offers much more than fanciful fish tales. Step behind the scenes with the museum’s curator, and explore an exclusive archive of previously unseen works of local folk art.

To complete the adventure, each participant will receive their own personal rustic masterpiece as a souvenir of the experience. This immersive encounter redefines how stories are told and will leave every guest wanting more – ready to explore.

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. Thank You!

### → Event

**Third Thursday Lecture Series: Finding the Brickell's**  
September 16 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Miami Historian and “Everglades Evangelist” Cesar Becerra, the guest curator of the current exhibit at Museum of the Everglades, will describe his 30-year quest to learn the real story of Miami’s origin and discover the truth behind the often-mysterious Brickell Family. A man on a mission, Mr. Becerra’s history detective work has taken him literally around the world – even following the couple’s footsteps down under in Australia where William and Mary Brickell originally met and married. Cesar’s infectious enthusiasm promises to make this presentation informative, fun, and enlightening.

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### → Event

**Third Thursday Lecture Series:  
The Skunk Ape, “South Florida’s Bigfoot”**  
OCTOBER 21 @ 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

The roots of the Bigfoot/Yeti archetype in cultures around the world will be examined along with local Native American legends and historic sightings of this odiferous, swamp-dwelling furry humanoid. A Q&A session following the talk will feature local authors and experts on the topic.

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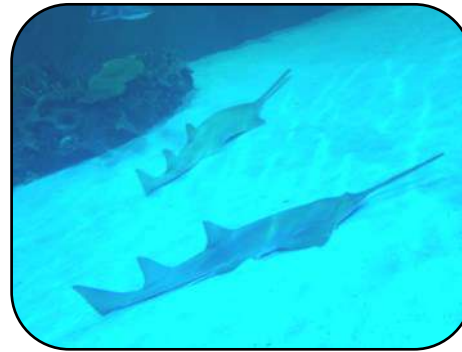


## SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

### International Sawfish Day is October 17th

The sawfishes are some of the most imperiled elasmobranchs (sharks, rays, and skates), with all five species assessed as Critically Endangered or

Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species. International Sawfish Day is an annual event held on October 17 to educate the public about the biology and ecology of these spectacular rays, to highlight the threats they continue to face, to focus on current research and management efforts to safeguard their future, and to inform people how they can contribute to the conservation and recovery of sawfish around the world. Founded by the European and American Associations of Zoos and Aquariums and the Sawfish Conservation Society, the first International Sawfish Day was celebrated in 2017.



On October 17, 2021 the fifth International Sawfish Day will be celebrated mostly online due to the global coronavirus pandemic; however, there may be some events at institutions and organizations around

the world. To celebrate International Sawfish Day next month, participating aquariums, museums, zoos, schools, conservation agencies, and research groups hold celebrations and events, share messages and images on social media, and help spread the word about sawfish. Social media posts using the hashtag #InternationalSawfishDay and interactive events reach hundreds of thousands of people in the weeks surrounding each International Sawfish Day. In addition to the excitement generated for sawfish protection and conservation, International Sawfish Day also raises funds for sawfish field research programs and helps strengthen the collaborative relationships between the public aquarium community and research and field conservation organizations. The American Association of Zoos and Aquariums coordinates the fundraiser to contribute to important sawfish research and conservation efforts. Information about events and the fundraiser can be found at [www.InternationalSawfishDay.org](http://www.InternationalSawfishDay.org).

Want to get involved? Lots of resources are available to help you celebrate in style or host your own event and increase your knowledge about sawfish. You can print posters, brochures, and handouts and discover fun sawfish games and craft ideas. You can also buy an official 2021 International Sawfish Day t-shirt, which this year promotes the preservation of mangroves which provide crucial habitat for young sawfish, to proudly wear on October 17 (and any day). Information about scheduled events and other International Sawfish Day resources can be found at [www.SawfishConservationSociety.org](http://www.SawfishConservationSociety.org) and at the Sawfish Conservation Society public Facebook group at [www.facebook.com/groups/91335002341](https://www.facebook.com/groups/91335002341).

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**Photo Credit: Two sawfish at Mandalay Bay Shark Reef Aquarium in Las Vegas by Tonya Wiley.**

*The Island Life Recipes*  
**Grandma's Orange Drop Cookies**  
*Tested on Grandkids by Elaine Middelstaedt*

**Ingredients:**

- 2 tbs grated orange peel
- 1/2 tsp orange flavoring
- Juice of 1/2 orange
- 2/3 cup butter, softened
- 1 1/4 cups honey
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 1/2 cups sifted, all purpose flour
- 3 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp salt



**Directions:** Preheat oven to 350°. Blend butter with honey and set aside. Sift the flour, baking powder, and salt, then add to the honey mixture. Fold in beaten egg, grated orange rind, orange flavor and orange juice. Refrigerate for 30 minutes.

Using a teaspoon, drop the batter onto a cookie sheet 2 inches apart. Bake for 8 to 10 minutes. Remove from oven and leave on the baking sheet for 5 minutes, and then place it on a cooling rack until the cookies are cool.

Enjoy them with a cold glass of milk or a hot cup of coffee! They are also great served with a bit of ice cream. Easy and YUMMY!



*My Little Slice of Paradise*  
 By Kathy Brock

September is the month that many of the migratory birds start passing through the area. Some are here for a few days of re-fueling to continue on to places like Panama and other parts of Central America or the Caribbean Islands.

Some of the smallest birds travel incredibly long distances. Bird migration is one of nature's great wonders.

Towards the end of September, you will start to see an increase in the vulture population (we do have residents but many are winter visitors). The raptors and songbirds start passing through as well.

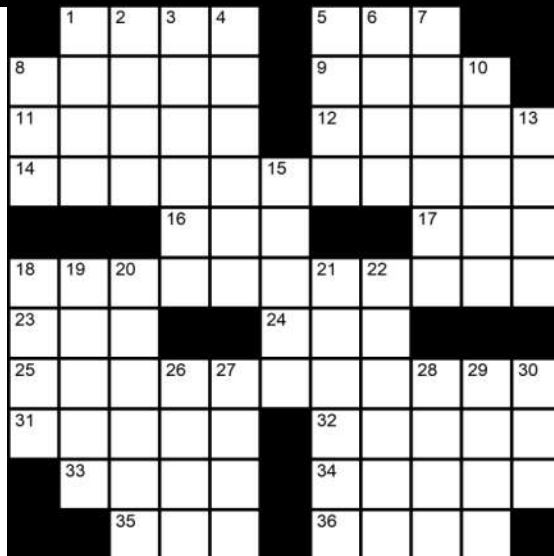
Every now and then you may get lucky and have a "passerby" hang out for a few days. That happened for us a couple of years ago when a young rose-breasted grosbeak hung out at our feeders for over a week!

The Everglades area is the winter home for many warblers as well. The one featured in Charles Sobczak's article, the black and white warbler, is a reliable, winter resident here. We also frequently see, yellow rumped warblers, yellow throated warblers, and palm warblers.

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**Across**

- 1 Go after a fly
- 5 Globe
- 8 Hot pepper
- 9 Yeats or Keats
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- 12 Early anesthetic
- 14 Decorator's suggestion
- 16 Old soldier
- 17 Mineral spring
- 18 It shows the going rate
- 23 Bewitch
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- 25 So, no third-rate mix-up
- 31 Low point
- 32 Italian design house
- 33 Stringed instrument
- 34 Mullet Rapper Photographer Bryan
- 35 Carpenter tool



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**Down**

- 1 "Beat it!"
- 2 Executor's concern
- 3 Summerhouse
- 4 Layered, like a wedding cake
- 5 Oil producers' cartel
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- 8 Government health agency
- 10 AZ Town
- 13 Raise
- 15 Author Harriet Beecher ---
- 18 Leg bone
- 19 Type of code
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- 21 Changes shape
- 22 Diner's pick
- 26 The meter maid?
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- 30 Convert into leather



My personal favorites are the painted buntings. The males are unbelievably beautiful, the females are the only native green bird in North America. Buntings will arrive in early October. You can attract them with bird seed that includes millet. The male pictured above is munching on spray millet in our yard which is one of their favorites!

Buntings are the cousins of cardinals, so if you attract cardinals, you will eventually get a few buntings to stop by. They are one of the first birds at the feeder in the morning and the last ones at night. Be patient and you will be rewarded!

The majestic white pelicans will be here in October too. They can be seen flying in the classic V formation. When you see all white birds with black tipped wings in that formation, you know the big white pelicans are back!

Get a great pair of binoculars and enjoy the birds. It's relaxing, rewarding, and right outside your window! That's why I love the Glades!



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**State Issues Ban to Help Stop Turtle Virus**

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<b>Right Choice Supermarket</b>
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<b>Copeland Baptist Church</b> Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
<b>Everglades Community Church</b> 11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 8
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9/4/2021	Sat	2:26 AM	2.56	H
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9/6/2021	Mon	3:19 AM	2.8	H
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9/17/2021	Fri	12:41 PM	3.27	H
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On Aug. 26, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued executive order #21-19 that states the **take or transport of all freshwater softshell turtle species or yellow-bellied sliders is currently prohibited until the order is repealed.**


These temporary regulation changes were made to help conserve freshwater turtle species that continue to be affected by a fatal disease caused by a virus called Turtle Bunyavirus (TBV). The virus has been detected throughout the state in the following turtle species: Florida softshell turtles, peninsula cooters, Florida red-bellied cooters, yellow-bellied sliders and red-eared sliders.

All currently permitted activities may continue under the Executive Order proper documentation as outlined in 68A-25.002 F.A.C. Under this executive order, members of the public may continue to bring sick or injured turtles to wildlife rehabilitation facilities for evaluation, treatment and TBV testing. The FWC should be notified before transport by calling or texting the FWC Turtle Hotline at 352-339-8597.

The FWC began monitoring TBV in 2018 due to reports of sick and dead freshwater turtles, and has issued updates periodically.

The FWC is asking the public for help by taking the following actions:

- Report sightings of sick or dead turtles to the FWC by calling the Turtle Hotline at 352-339-8597 or through the FWC Reporter App.
- Photos can be uploaded via the FWC Reporter App
- Do not touch or attempt to move sick turtles.
- To avoid spreading the virus, do not capture and transport freshwater turtles, even those that appear healthy, to release at new locations.
- Do not eat turtles that appear sick or unhealthy.
- For updates about the Turtle Bunyavirus, executive order and resources for more information, visit [MyFWC.com/FreshwaterTurtles](http://MyFWC.com/FreshwaterTurtles) and click 'Learn More' on the Turtle Bunyavirus banner.



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