

# The MULLET RAPPER



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

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## Celebrating Independence Day-Everglades Style! Floats, Hotdogs, Fun & Fireworks

The Independence Day celebration in Everglades City was held on July 2nd...and what a day it was!

The weather was perfect (pew) and the town was decorated and ready for some Everglades-style fun.



The day began with Mayor Howie Grimm welcoming the crowd (left), and then the parade made its way around the circle and central part of town.

Lots of candy and fun treats were being tossed from the floats into the crowd for the children...and judging from their smiles, they all had a great time.

After the parade, the crowd gathered at McLeod Park to enjoy free hotdogs, chips, and lemonade provided by the Everglades Lions Club, and to find out who the contest winners were for the special day (the full list of winners is on page 7).

As usual, the fireworks were awesome and it provided a perfect ending to a great day.

Thank you to all of the first responders, CCSO, and others who participated in the day. A big thank you to the City of Everglades for making it a special day. The town looked great decorated in red, white, and blue!



**Pictures from top to bottom:** 1) Chokoloskee Church of God airboat float, 2) The Flintstones in Everglades City, 3) Everglades Lions Club Chuckwagon float, 4) Jaye Brunner has the coolest bike in town! Great job by everyone!

## Groundbreaking for New Everglades City Sewer Plant Scheduled for July 21st!

**Where:** Everglades City Wastewater Treatment Plant, 401 South Copeland Avenue, Everglades City, FL

**Date:** July 21, 2022

**Time:** 10:00 am

It has been a long, and sometimes, frustrating, process but good things take time!

After securing grant funding to start the sewer plant earlier this year, the official groundbreaking has been scheduled for the construction of the new, state-of-the-art sewer plant in Everglades City. Anyone who is interested is invited to attend!

The new plant will be built to withstand a 100-year flood and hurricane force winds on the same site where the current plant is located.

The current plant was purchased used many years ago and surpassed its useful life. Most of the equipment at the plant is....well, old, and in bad shape.

A new sewer plant was at the top of every City Official's "to do" list after Hurricane Irma.

Mayor Howie Grimm made it his mission to secure the funds to make it happen. The mayor contacted everyone and anyone who could help the City secure the first round of funding necessary to break ground.

State Senator Kathleen Passidomo has been a tremendous advocate for the plant and was extremely helpful during the grant-seeking process. We thank her for her commitment to our community.

Next, the first phase of construction will begin. Construction of the new plant is expected to take from 18 to 24 months. During construction, it is not expected that residents will not experience any noticeable differences in their service.

Once the first phase is complete the plant can be expanded for surrounding communities.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
July 10 Free Kids Class At ENP, p.5	11	12	13-Full Moon Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	14	15	16  Thrift Closed
17 Free Kids Class At ENP, p.5	18	19  P & Z	20 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	21 Museum Talk, 2 pm, see p. 9	22	23  Thrift Closed
24 Free Kids Class At ENP, p.5	25	26	27 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	28 New Moon	29	30 Praise Night, See p. 3 Thrift Closed
31 Free Kids Class At ENP, p.5	August 1 ESHPP, 9 am	2 City Council Mtg 7 pm	3 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	4	5	Rapper-6  Thrift Closed
7	8 Full Moon	9	10 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Pantry	11	12	13  Thrift Closed

August 18: Museum Event, see p. 9      September 5: Labor Day      October 1: Blessing of the Fleet, see p. 3  
October 21 & 22: Hook'em In the Glades Fishing Tournament, see p. 10

**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  
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: (813)-787-9738  
 LIONS CLUB: No meetings until fall. Have a great summer.  
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026  
 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Open daily 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989  
 THRIFT SHOP: Closed July & August  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10 am-1 pm  
 VISITOR CENTER: Open 10 am—2 pm daily. (239)-232-4037  
 FLORIDA STONE CRABBERS ASSOCIATION (FLSCA): Email: flordastonecrabbers@gmail.com, www.flordastonecrabbers.org  
 MOBILE PET VET: Check Dates and make appointments online: https://hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic/

**The Local Area Code is 239**

**POST OFFICE INFORMATION:**

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 EVG NATIONAL PARK: (239)-695-3311  
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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**

**We will be Closed July & August  
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**

**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 on weekdays you can also find brochures at City Hall until 4 pm.

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

**Veterans Assistance**

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

Collier County Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5, invites Collier County residents to attend "A Night with Your Commissioner" event



Every second Wednesday of the month in 2022, Commissioner Bill McDaniel will host this series of events designed to facilitate open discussion on a variety of relevant topics.

"A Night with Your Commissioner is our way of encouraging District 5 residents who are interested in Collier County Government to participate in open and casual conversations about topics that are important to them," said Commissioner McDaniel. "As a public servant, I intend to stay in close communication with the community to make sure that we are providing the very best level of government services possible."

Below is the scheduled for all events from July to October 2022. All meetings are held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 7:00 to 8:30 at 14700 Immokalee Road, (IFAS building, right in front of the fairgrounds).

You can also register to attend the meetings virtually by going to this link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_dj6Xo\\_MLQp6\\_yQ7KGiDJiA](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dj6Xo_MLQp6_yQ7KGiDJiA)

**Here is the remaining 2022 Meeting Schedule:**

- ◆ July 13, 2022, 7:00 pm
- ◆ August 10, 2022, 7:00 pm
- ◆ September 14, 2022, 7:00 pm
- ◆ October 12, 2022, 7:00 pm

If you need more information contact Sue Filson at [Sue.filson@colliercountyfl.gov](mailto:Sue.filson@colliercountyfl.gov).

*Thank you!*

*What's  
Happening!*

**Praise Night  
Saturday, July 30  
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!

**Back to School & Tool Tax Holiday,  
July 25 - August 7, Sept 3-9**

Back to school tax days: Shoppers will be able to avoid paying sales taxes on clothes and shoes that cost \$100 or less, school supplies that cost \$50 or less and personal computers with price tags of \$1,500 or less. Economists estimate the holiday's impact to total \$100.1 million.

**September 3 - September 9:** During the period, people will be able to avoid paying sales taxes on certain tools and other work equipment

For a complete list of items visit the Department of Revenue website:

<https://floridarevenue.com/pages/salestaxholidays.aspx>

**Blessing of the Fleet  
October 1, 2022**

The annual Blessing of the Fleet, the day we celebrate our hard working stone crab fleet, will take place this year on October 1st.

The crab boats will arrive at the docks along the beautiful historic Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City at 10:30 am, with the blessing by the local clergy taking place immediately thereafter.

If you are one of the best bakers around, now is the time to show off your skills by entering your best coconut guava cake.

Anyone wishing to enter the contest should drop their cake off by 10 am so that the judges can select the tastiest coconut guava cake.

**What: Blessing of the Fleet**

**When: October 1, 2022**

**Where: Rod & Gun Club**

**Why: Because We Love Stone Crabs!**

For more information, please contact Tod Dahlke at [toddahlke@aol.com](mailto:toddahlke@aol.com) or by phone at 239-695-4444.



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**FWC: Be a hero for beach-nesting birds**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is asking beachgoers to help protect vulnerable beach-nesting birds while enjoying Florida's coastal habitats this summer.

Each spring and summer, shorebirds and seabirds rely on Florida's sandy beaches for critical nesting habitat. Everyone headed to our shorelines can make a big difference in shorebird and seabird nesting success. Be a hero for beach-nesting birds by following these simple shorebird-friendly tips:

Do the flock walk. Keep at least 300 feet from nesting birds and walk around flocks of birds and stay out of posted areas. Getting too close to nesting shorebirds, seabirds and wading birds can cause them to flush from their breeding sites, leaving vulnerable eggs and chicks exposed to the elements and predators. Egg temperatures can increase to lethal levels after just a few minutes of direct sun exposure. Shorebirds and seabirds nest in shallow scrapes in the sand and their eggs and chicks are well-camouflaged, making them vulnerable to being stepped on unless people look out for them and walk around flocks of birds.

Look for Critical Wildlife Area closures. Be on the lookout for signs designating Critical Wildlife Areas on the beach or coastal islands – these areas are closed to public access to protect high concentrations of wading birds and shorebirds while they nest and raise their chicks. Boaters and beachgoers can help nesting birds by keeping distance and noise volumes low near CWAs

Keep Fido at home. Even well-behaved dogs can frighten shorebirds, causing them to abandon their eggs and chicks. If you bring your dog with you to the shore, go to a beach where they're allowed and follow all leash laws.

Properly stash all trash. Trash and food scraps attract predators, such as raccoons and crows, that prey on shorebird eggs and chicks.

For more information please, go to [MyFWC.com/Shorebirds](http://MyFWC.com/Shorebirds) and download the "Share the Beach with Beach-Nesting Birds" brochure.

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

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**Free Youth Classes Offered at Gulf Coast Center  
Everglades National Park**

**Introduction to Birding, July 10 & July 24**  
*Age: Elementary*

This free program by Everglades National Park welcomes you to learn all about birding. Birding is an engaging and fun pastime for people of all ages and skill levels.

Here you will learn why birds are important, adaptations that birds have made to survive in their environment, and how to go birding!

**Gulf Coast Center, Everglades National Park**  
**1:00 PM, July 10 and July 24, 2022**

**Introduction to Fishing, July 17 & July 31**  
*Age: Elementary*

This free program by Everglades National Park welcomes you to learn all about fishing. We welcome all youth ages and skill levels. We will be learning the ethics of fishing, how to set up a rod and reel, and how to tie basic knots.

**Gulf Coast Center, Everglades National Park**  
**1:00 PM, July 17 & July 31, 2022**

**Address for Both Courses:**  
**815 Oysterbar Lane**  
**Everglades City, Florida 34139**

**5th Annual Hook'em In The Glades  
Fishing Fundraiser for Everglades City School**  
**October 21 & 22, 2022**



This year's Captains dinner will be held at the Gator Hole Bar (formerly Leebo's) under the beautiful, new chickee hut, next to the Diving Pelican Restaurant in Everglades City!

There will be 2 adult divisions; team boat and paddling, and multiple tournament options for students!

Student Divisions include: Individual Junior Angler On-Shore (18 and under), Junior Boat Longest Snook, Junior Boat Longest Redfish, Junior Boat Longest Seatrout, and a Junior Boat Team Division, and On-Shore Junior Angler Division: Most Total inches caught.

To reserve your spot or to read more about the tournament, please visit our website at [www.hookemintheglades.com](http://www.hookemintheglades.com).

The proceeds from this tournament help fund unmet student needs and programs including the Leader-in-Me program.

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



Well, the inshore fishing has definitely been challenging. I am catching some good Snook, but not in the numbers I usually do this time of year, and not in the usual places either. We should be catching plenty of oversize fish in the Islands and on the outside, but at the time I am writing this they still have not shown up.



Hopefully this changes as we are now getting some pretty regular afternoon rains. Salinity levels always affect this and we are hoping for a good spawn this year. It seems the data shows a direct correlation with rainfall and successful spawn years for the Snook.

The Reds are still here just in decreased numbers which can be very typical for summer fishing. You can still manage to get a few for dinner but catching 20 Reds a day is not normal right now.

Fishing shallow and fishing close to the mangrove edges is key right now. I am catching most of mine on the early part of the incoming tide. If you can get really shallow you will find some you can sight cast.

Tarpon are still here and as we said they will be here all summer too. We are finding fish from very large to small 5 lb. fish and everything in between. This just depends on the area you are in. I am generally an opportunist for the Tarpon, meaning if the opportunity arises I will fish for them. That being said you can spend the day waiting for shots at moving fish and the chance to get your trophy. It's a great way to spend the day and you never know what else you might see.

There are more Goliath Grouper AKA "Jewfish" around these days than ever before so if you want to have some fun fighting some big fish out of the rock holes then make sure you have the right gear. We have caught a couple backcountry fish that were 80+ lbs. this month. Not for the faint of heart or the physically weak! These things will break you off in a heart beat even with 100lb. leader. But, it can be fun for those up to the challenge.

Whatever your pleasure be sure to stay hydrated and carry your bug juice if you plan on getting close to the mangroves! Have fun and be courteous! Good luck fishing.

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## Sawfish News by Tonya Wiley

*To See a Sawfish in Public Aquariums: Making Conservation Connections*

The population of smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) in the United States experienced a dramatic decline during the 20th century due to overfishing and habitat loss, prompting NOAA Fisheries to list the species as “endangered” under the Endangered Species Act in 2003.



One of the best ways to track the effectiveness of ongoing management and conservation efforts is to collect information about the sawfish encounters of fishers, divers, and others. Details of public sightings and captures of sawfish can substantially increase the data we have about the species, allowing us to make management and policy decisions that are reflective of the realities in the water. We’re seeking help from the angling and diving communities to follow these sawfish interaction guidelines and send us information about their sawfish encounters.

**For anglers to safely and legally release any sawfish accidentally caught while fishing:**


- ◆ **Release sawfish immediately**
- ◆ **Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water at all times**
- ◆ **Never lift a sawfish from the water or drag it ashore**
- ◆ **Do not use gaffs or ropes to secure any captured sawfish**
- ◆ **Cut the line as close to the hook as safely possible**
- ◆ **Share the details of your sawfish catch with scientists**

Anglers should note that advertising fishing trips or charters aimed at catching endangered smalltooth sawfish can be considered “targeting,” which is a violation of the ESA. Therefore, I strongly urge that the following conservation messaging be included in all social media posts regarding sawfish catches: Sawfish are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Help protect this critically endangered species by following the handling and release guidelines available at [www.SawfishRecovery.org](http://www.SawfishRecovery.org).

- For divers to safely and legally enjoy encounters with sawfish:**
- ◆ **Keep your distance**
  - ◆ **Avoid disturbing sawfish**
  - ◆ **Never chase, feed, or touch them**
  - ◆ **Share information about your sawfish encounters with scientists**

**Sawfish Are Endangered**  
Respect • Release • Report

Sawfish are protected by State and Federal laws:  
It is illegal to harm, harvest, or handle sawfish



**You Can Help Save Smalltooth Sawfish**

<b>Angler Guidance:</b> ▶ Release sawfish immediately ▶ Never lift from the water or drag ashore ▶ Do not use gaffs or ropes to secure ▶ Cut the line as close to the hook as possible	<b>Diver Guidance:</b> ▶ Keep your distance ▶ Avoid disturbing sawfish ▶ Do not chase or pursue ▶ Never feed or touch
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**Share Information About Your Encounter**  
**1-844-4SAWFISH**  
[www.SawfishRecovery.org](http://www.SawfishRecovery.org)

The information you provide helps scientists track sawfish recovery

Divers should note that advertising expeditions aimed at encountering endangered smalltooth sawfish can be considered “targeting,” which is a violation of the ESA. Therefore, I strongly urge that the following conservation messaging be included in all social media posts regarding sawfish observations: Sawfish are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Help protect this critically endangered species by following the viewing guidelines available at

[www.Sawfishrecovery.org](http://www.Sawfishrecovery.org).

You can promote sawfish recovery by following these interaction guidelines and educating others about them. Please share the information about your sawfish encounters by visiting [www.SawfishRecovery.org](http://www.SawfishRecovery.org), calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, emailing [sawfish@myfwc.com](mailto:sawfish@myfwc.com), or entering the details in the FWC Reporter App.

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**Red, White & Blue on Parade In Everglades City!**

The Everglades City Parade is growing! This year's theme, Red, White & Blue was on display in the 2022 Everglades City Independence Day Parade.

Entries on the day included local charities, businesses and private citizens that decorated everything from a food service booth (Everglades Lions Club) to an elaborately decorated bicycle (Jaye Brunner).

What always steals the show is the children's costume contest, and this year was no different. The kids were adorable!

This year's Independence Day Celebration winners were as follows:

**Parade Winners:**

**Best Float: Chok Church, Pastor Jessie By Category:**

- Araba Shriners, Motor Escort Patrol
- Lions Club, Food Booth
- Cathy & Noel Hollister, Jeep
- ESHF Save the Bank, golf cart
- Jaye Brunner, bicycle

**Kids Best Dressed Mister & Miss Firecracker**

2 Winners, each category  
Infant to 24 months:

- Dakota Hyer
- Jackson Grala

2 to 4 years:

- Macy Bruscini
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**Take steps to put your fatigue to rest  
By Pastor Bob Wallace**

Every once in a while, someone says to me, "I feel like I'm falling apart!"

Most often that means, the person doesn't feel young anymore. With age comes a lower level of stamina and energy. So, what can you do about it? If anything!

Fatigue may range from slight to severe. It's caused either by prolonged physical or mental activity to which a person is without sufficient rest or sleep. Young mothers often reach a stage of exhaustion with crying babies who won't let them rest.

Stress is a huge contributor. It can be older persons caring for a loved one during an extremely long period of illness. It could be after looking at all the bills to be paid and realizing, there just isn't enough in the bank to take care of all of them. It could just be worrying. A lot of people do that. They worry about anything, and anyone.

But if you are feeling tired all the time, there could be an underlying health issue that's the cause. People who feel tired all the time may be suffering from an undue emotional strain.



A sudden diagnosis by the doctor that's bad news may be the reason. The death of a loved one would certainly add to any number of things that can happen to just wear you down.

I've known some people who are under such a strain they suffer what's known as a breakdown.

A nervous breakdown. A mental breakdown. That's a period of extreme mental or emotional stress when the stress is so great the person is unable to perform a normal day's activities.

There are a lot of warning signs. Fatigue warning signals are caused by health problems such as anemia, diabetes, kidney disease, cardiac problems, cancer, drug addiction and problems with the endocrine gland system.

In any event, if you feel as if you're wrung out and just can't put one foot in front of the other, the problem may be deeper than you think. You should consider consulting your primary doctor and having a complete checkup.

No one likes to say they're not feeling well. So instead of saying, "I feel like I'm falling apart!" wouldn't it be better to say, "I feel great!"

And mean it! Maybe it's time to take steps to put your fatigue to rest.

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



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**OBITUARIES**

**Jesse Amos Browning**



Jesse Amos Browning went to be with his Lord on Saturday, June 18 in Naples, FL.

Amos was born on March 16th, 1932 in Dover, FL to Paul and Lillie Brewer Browning. He

had 12 brothers and sisters. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Lucille Brown Browning. He was also preceded in death by his second wife, Jessie Chesser Browning.

Amos and Lucille had three sons, Gene Browning of Cleveland TN, Terry Browning who passed away in 2011, and Rick Browning of Naples, FL. They had four grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

Amos was an Ordained Bishop in the Church of God, which he served beginning in 1961. He pastored two churches in Pennsylvania and five churches in Florida, including the **Chokoloskee Church of God** where he served until he retired. Amos was loved by his family and all those he served. He will be greatly missed.



**Vincent 'Donnie' Doerr**



Vincent Donald 'Donnie' Doerr, age 82 ~ retired Fire Chief Station 63 of Ochopee, Florida, passed away in Lawrenceville, GA June 9, 2022 after a long illness from strokes and dementia.

He is preceded in death by his father, Vincent John Doerr; mother Edna Steineder; stepmother Ellen Craft Doerr; sister, Katherine Davidson; brother, Dennis Vincent Doerr; nephew Jason Dennis Doerr.

Survived by his sister, Sharon (David) Warren of Lawrenceville, GA; sister in-law Janie Doerr of Alpharetta, GA; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

No memorial service is planned. His ashes will be scattered in Ochopee, Florida at a later date.



### Here's What's Happening At The Museum of 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.

The Museum of the Everglades is open Tuesday—Saturday from 9am to 4 pm.

#### → Exhibit

Now—October 1, 2022

#### Legendary Gladesmen, Museum of the Everglades

A collaborative effort with the Gladesmen Heritage Foundation, the exhibit celebrates the lives and contributions of seminal figures like Cal Stone and Glenn Simmons alongside local access advocates Frank Deninger and Franklin Adams. The legendary Totch Brown and his brother Peg are also featured along with several other proponents of the Gladesman Culture. A collection of artifacts ranging from skiffs to skinning knives rounds out the display, offering a unique window into the world of those who have traditionally lived and worked in the Everglades.

#### → Event

#### See You Later Alligator: Poachers, Promoters, & Protectors of the Everglades' Keystone Species July 21, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

This presentation explores the alligator as not just the keystone species of the Everglades, but its role in the evolution of the culture, economy, and cuisine of that region and as an iconic symbol of the state of Florida.

This is an in-person lecture. If you cannot join us in the Museum of the Everglades Lecture Hall, you may sign up to watch the discussion via zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_W95DqNZPS76nUnEzYGNAZw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_W95DqNZPS76nUnEzYGNAZw)

#### → Event

#### Totch Brown — Teller of Tales in the Ten Thousand Islands August 18, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

The life and legacy of local legend Loren "Totch" Brown will be discussed in this companion talk to the museum's current "Legendary Gladesmen" exhibit. Totch's many faceted career spanning everything from gator poaching to pot hauling will be discussed along with his colorful autobiography and the storytelling video series that made him an Everglades icon.

Sign up to watch on Zoom: [https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_mWu0ws2DTEqLLjO2yFv0jw](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_mWu0ws2DTEqLLjO2yFv0jw)

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### Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*) Other names: silver fox, cross fox / Status: FL = expanding its range, IUCN = LC / Length: not including the tail, 19-35 in. (49-90 cm) / Height at shoulder: 14-20 in. (35-50 cm) / Weight: 5-22 lb (2.2-10 kg) / Life span: to 15 years / Breeds: in the winter months, with kits born in the spring / Found: AC, near coast, mainland / Months found: JfmamJJASOND (lower case indicates breeding season)



The red fox is the most widely distributed and successful carnivore on earth. It has 45 recognized subspecies and is found on every continent except Antarctica. It even inhabits the High Arctic where it often out competes the smaller white Arctic fox. Although the red fox was historically found along the northern tier of Florida where the eastern deciduous forest ends, it has recently expanded its range southward and can now be found everywhere in the state except the Keys.

The red fox is similar in size to the gray fox, and the two animals coexist fairly well.

True to the adage, "cunning as a fox," this small canid is a brilliant survivor. There is no doubt that its expansion into Southwest Florida has been on the coattails of our own expansion in the same environment. The red fox eats just about everything, including carrion and flotsam. It also preys on fawns, rabbits, squirrels, moles, mice, birds, raccoons, opossums, reptiles, earthworms, and insects. Although considered a carnivore, the red fox is actually an omnivore; during certain times of the year its diet may consist entirely of plant matter, berries, fruits, and tubers. This ability to alter its diet to whatever foodstuff is readily available is key to the fox's success.

The red fox is still trapped extensively for its fur. In the U.S., the Alaskan red fox has the best fur, with silky guard hairs that make it extremely desirable on the fur market. More than 2 million red fox pelts are harvested in the wild worldwide, particularly in Canada and Alaska. Despite this continued trapping, the red fox is not threatened or endangered anywhere in North America, and only two of the 45 subspecies in the world are listed as endangered.

The female, which is called a vixen, has one litter a year with up to 12 kits in a litter. Like its cousin, the coyote, the fox was once common prey for wolves and pumas. With these two top predators gone, many more kits survive, and the fox's numbers are steady to increasing in every state in the Union.

The red fox is too small to seriously injure a human, and though it has been known to attack infants, no reported attack has been fatal. Like the coyote, the red fox will take outdoor house pets such as cats and small dogs and has been known to decimate entire flocks of chickens in a single night. The red fox will sometimes resort to an unusual behavior more commonly found in man—it will overkill prey beyond its immediate needs. Panthers and lions are also known to kill more than they can eat, though no one can explain the biological mechanism behind overkilling.

The red fox is prone to rabies and a number of other potentially lethal human diseases such as tularemia and encephalitis.

Although the red fox is increasing in number, your chances of seeing one of these small, secretive animals in the wild is extremely rare. It tends to hunt at dawn and dusk, and its keen sense of hearing keeps it at a safe distance from noise-making humans. The fox is a surprisingly fast animal, disappearing into the understorey in a heartbeat.

*Charles Sobczak is an author and photographer from Sanibel, Florida. His books can be purchased on Amazon.com and on other online booksellers.*

*Photo of Red Fox by Bob Gress*

*The Island Life Recipes*  
**Meatball Loaf Bread by Janet Hamm**

**Ingredients:**

- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 tbs sugar
- 1/4 cup oil
- 1 diced tomato
- 8 cooked meatballs (use leftovers!), chopped up finely
- 2 large mushrooms, chopped
- 2 green onions, chopped
- Add a pinch of chives, parsley, Italian seasoning, garlic, and thyme
- 3 cups of flour

**Directions:** In a large bowl mix eggs, milk, sugar, oil. Mix in the flour and then the rest of the ingredients.

Pour into a greased and floured loaf pan and bake at 350° for 45 minutes or until a knife comes out clean when you test it. If you like cheese, you can sprinkle a bit of shredded cheddar or parmesan over bread when serving.

Pair this with angel hair pasta and your favorite sauce or gravy. You could substitute leftover meatloaf for the meatballs in this recipe.

The next time you make meatloaf or meatballs, save some to try this recipe!



*My Little Slice of Paradise*  
**By Kathy Brock**  
*It's a bit different in the 'Glades*

How nice it is to live in a place where virtually the entire town collects to celebrate Independence Day...two days early!

I love that we hold our celebration on the Saturday before the 4th. Many working families have Sunday off...so holding our "blowout" on a Saturday makes it much easier on working families.

Many years ago when we bought our first home here we came down for a weekend in October. It happened to be the weekend before Halloween.

We were sitting down to dinner when we heard a knock at the door and then "Trick or Treat"! Being newbies, we had no idea (or candy) that the town would be celebrating Halloween that Saturday. Embarrassed, we grabbed quarters and started giving them out to the children thinking that there would only be a few of them...but there were a few hundred as they came down the streets in a caravan!

Halloween on a Saturday makes so much more sense than a mid-week celebration. Moms in other places must attempt to put sugar-high kids to bed for school the next day. But not in the Everglades...we are one step ahead of them all. Been there. Done that on Saturday.

There are other things that are so much different from "city" living. The darkness.

Growing up in Broward County, I really never saw a truly "dark sky" at nighttime. On one of our first nights sleeping here it was so dark in our room I could not see my own hand in front of my face. I literally asked Tim to turn the lights back on to make sure I was seeing OK!

Then, on our first clear night, I saw the Milky Way for the first time. Wow.

Bigger city living does offer some conveniences that we may not have here. In a large city you have many eateries, theaters, and night spots to visit. Hospitals and doctors are closer and shopping options are greater. However, traffic and congestion often cancel the time you would save if things were closer.

Old friends have asked me how I can tolerate driving so far to go to a Publix or Lowes? Well, it is quite easy.

On the east coast a trip to the dentist that was only 8 miles from our home - took me 45 minutes to get there by car!

Even shorter trips to the grocery store take a minimum of 30 minutes in the city factoring in the stops and traffic....not to mention the road rage we hear about everyday.

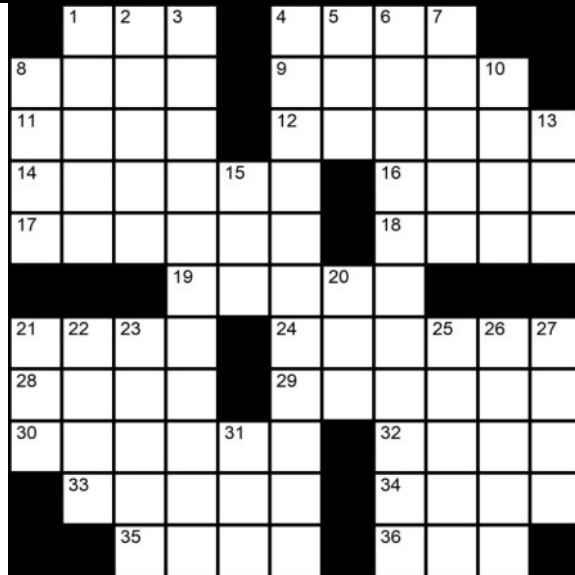
Here we can drive 30 miles in 30 minutes and reach anywhere we need to go in under one hour...without the stress and hassle of gridlock.

Yes. The 'Glades sure are different. It is not for everyone. What some see as "backwards" I see as "ahead" of them all. We have either already done it or we get to do it twice. Having lived both options, I will choose door # 2.

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**Across**

- 1 Maple extraction
- 4 Rover's reward
- 8 Miami county
- 9 Blue ribbon, for example
- 11 --- Bradley, five-star General
- 12 "Pride and Prejudice" heroine Elizabeth ---
- 14 Acquire
- 16 Hi or 'bye in Italy
- 17 Where Dorothy was blown away
- 18 Quick sharp bark
- 19 Monica Lewinsky's former friend Linda ---
- 21 Former Russian ruler
- 24 Seismic event
- 28 "Before I forget ... "
- 29 "I Want ---!" (1958 Susan Hayward movie)
- 30 How trains run if they're on schedule
- 32 "Olly Olly --- free"
- 33 It has a World Series, like baseball
- 34 Trigonometry function
- 35 Torn clothing
- 36 "--- a Heartache" (Bonnie



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**Down**

- 1 Girl Scout cookie
- 2 "He's --- fool!"
- 3 1980s Soviet policy of reconstruction
- 4 Help for parents
- 5 "You --- it to yourself"
- 6 Speaker of the House
- 7 Orange Sesame Street room-mate
- 8 Charging station
- 10 Distribute cards
- 13 Beat
- 15 "Cheers" setting
- 20 Type of athlete
- 21 Make lace
- 22 Farm fare
- 23 Mary --- of "The Maltese Falcon"
- 25 Start fighting
- 26 They take the cake
- 27 Actress Russo
- 31 Eldest of the "Little Women"





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<b>1st Baptist Church of Everglades City</b> 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
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