



The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands
NOVEMBER 2 - NOVEMBER 15, 2019



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Trunk or Treat at McLeod Park Draws Area Families for Halloween Fun!



On Saturday, October 26th, our area celebrated Halloween at the third annual Trunk or Treat party which moved to McLeod Park (after taking place on the service road in front of Seaboard Villas the past 2 years).

The fun started promptly at 5 pm when ghosts and goblins arrived to eat, play games and have some great fun!

Pam Hilton (Triad) made two huge pots of chili (delicious), Carol Foss and family donated cup cakes and cookies, and the Everglades Lions Club provided the hot dogs, chips, and condiments. Many others chipped in time, and decorations to make the event extra special. Thank you to ALL.

Everyone had a fabulous time at the park, and then the kids went into the neighborhoods trick-or-treating!

Jimmy Wheeler Shows the World That Permit Fishing Here is HOT!

When you mention fishing out of Everglades City or Chokoloskee, the fish that immediately come to mind are snook and redfish. However, if you venture offshore into the beautiful green-blue water, there is an entirely different fishing experience that awaits.

I spoke with Jimmy Wheeler and his wife Michelle, owners of the Everglades Fishing Company (EFC), regarding their newest business ventures including their new store in Everglades City, and their growing tour guide and kayak rental business.

A fifth generation 'Glades man, Captain Jimmy Wheeler has been fishing the inshore and offshore waters of this area his entire life.

Recently, Jimmy has been featured on a few fishing shows for using a unique drone technique to catch the easily spooked (and delicious) permit.

Drones cannot be used inside of Everglades National Park, but many of Jimmy's favorite spots are not within park limits, where this creative technique has been put to the test.

On a recent TV appearance with Captain Ray Van Horn (of Chokoloskee), they fished together using the drone, and the results were spectacular. The drone operator navigates drone until the school is located, and then eases the bait into the water. When hit, the line releases much like an outrigger...and the fight begins.

The Permit bite is best in the Summer but they hang out on the wrecks all year long. It is here that Wheeler employs this, and other techniques he has mastered over the years, to catch these beautiful fish.

In addition to permit, they catch many others including cobia and tripletail, and all three are considered high quality food fish.

Jimmy first learned about the drone technique from a friend who mentioned it to him. Intrigued, he researched the drone that was used, got his hands on one and set out to try it for himself.

Since that time, he has been featured on a show with Van Horn, and he also fished with Roland Martin using the drone technique. The show with Martin air later this year. His show with Van Horn recently aired and will be available on YouTube soon.

When I asked about the permit, Jimmy said that "it is an untapped fishery out there." The fish are plentiful and they are **big**. When I asked him why we aren't known more for the great permit fishing, he said that that area is so renowned for snook, tarpon and redfish, people just assume that is what you catch here...but he added that more and more of his clients want the permit experience too, and he is happy to oblige.


The Everglades Fishing Company Store is located at 203 Collier Avenue in Everglades City. When the store's renovations are complete, the shop will feature EFC boots, gear and apparel. They will have healthy foods (sandwiches, snacks, smoothies, and more), and almost anything else you would need for a successful day trip. They also sell live bait, and the Sea Ulcer® drone that he uses offshore. You can stop in to chat and play a game of ping-pong too. Of course, you can also book a tour with Jimmy. Find him at www.EvergladesFishingCo.com or call his store: 239-778-6656.

Photo: Jimmy Wheeler with a monster permit!



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November 3 Fall Back! Set Clocks Back 1 Hour!	4 ESHP Mtg. 8:30 am	5 City Council Mtg 7:00 pm	6 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8a	7	8	9 Bike Ride/Tour, See p. 8 Car Wash & Bake Sale, p. 3
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Dec. 22-30: Hanukkah

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Year's Eve

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: Dec 1st, Every Sat, 9 am to 2:00 pm
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 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
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CAR WASH & BAKE SALE NOVEMBER 9th, 10 am to 3 pm Museum of the Everglades

Come out and get a car wash and some delicious baked goods to benefit the 10th grade class at Everglades City School.

Visit the museum while you wait to get your car looking (almost) like new again!

All donations will be to support the 10th grade class and homecoming. We hope you can attend (and so does your car)!

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR November 11-14

The annual family & friends "Books and Breakfast" event will take place on Wednesday Nov. 13 from 7 am—8 am.

The Everglades City School FALL Scholastic Book Fair will be held on November 11- 14, 2019!

The fair will open Monday, November 11 through Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019. The daily hours will be 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. Thursday, November 14, the fair will conclude at noon.

HISTORY TALK Who Was Barron Collier? November 15, 5:30 pm

Everglades Community Church
Jinkins Hall

Learn about the man who founded the largest county in Florida.

The event is hosted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation and admission is free but reservations are requested. To learn more, see www.evergladeshistorical.org or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES November 16th, 10 am to 1 pm McLeod Park, Everglades City

Come out to McLeod Park in historic Everglades City and find Art-in-the-Glades!

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

Call Marya at (239) 695-2905 for more info. Booths are available (and free). Please be sure to have your area set up before 10 am!

For more upcoming events go to:
www.visitevergladescity.com/events

DINNER & MUSIC AT MCLEOD PARK November 16th , 5 to 8 pm

Come to McLeod Park and enjoy music, and one of the Lion's Club famous specialties! Dinner is \$12 and includes, the main course, dessert, and a beverage. Proceeds will benefit park improvements.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL November 19, 8 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on November 19th, from 8 am to 4 pm, at the Everglades Community Center (by Thrift Shop) parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. For more info or to schedule an appointment: call 239-202-7005.

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 at his Marco office: Call to schedule an appointment: (239) 642-5552.

NATURAL MEDICINE

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

CEDR Hurricane Disaster Recovery Aid

Communities of Everglades Disaster Recovery works in conjunction with disaster case managers from several agencies and have a team set up in Everglades City Hall (in the old council room). 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.

E-CITY THRIFT SHOP Open Saturday 11am -3pm

The Everglades City Thrift Store is open Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. Come see the new store located between the fire station and community center.



A Message From Fire Chief Kingman Schuldt

Over recent weeks the District has received a number of financial awards that will enhance operational capabilities without significantly impacting the budget.

In September, the District received funding through the Local Mitigation Strategy in the amount of \$75,000 for the purpose of acquiring a new generator for the Fire Station 21 public safety complex in Naples Manor.

FEMA requires local governments to develop and adopt such hazard mitigation plans as a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance, including funding for mitigation projects. Jurisdictions must update their hazard mitigation plans and re-submit them for FEMA approval every five years to maintain eligibility.

On October 8th the District formally accepted a FEMA Assistance to Firefighters Grant in the amount of \$554,772 for the acquisition of new Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus for the front-line fire apparatus. The primary goal of the Assistance to Firefighters Grant is to meet the firefighting and emergency response needs of fire departments and non-affiliated emergency medical service organizations. Since 2001, AFG has helped firefighters and other first responders to obtain critically needed equipment, protective gear, emergency vehicles, training and other resources needed to protect the public and emergency personnel from fire and related hazards.

In early October, the District was notified by the Florida Department of Health that it has been awarded emergency opioid antagonists through the Helping Emergency Responders Obtain Support (HEROS) Program. The purpose of this program is to reduce the number of drug/opioid overdose-related deaths and adverse events by providing emergency responders with the appropriate pharmaceutical resources to address this crisis.

The District has also been awarded \$5,000 from the Preferred Government Insurance Trust (PGIT) TIPS program. This is a reimbursement program with matching training/safety incentives that can be applied for by any current member of PGIT. The District applied for the program to support its Ballistics program, providing for personal safety equipment for firefighters responding to incidents of potential mass violence. In total, the District has invested more than \$50,000 for the program over the last year.

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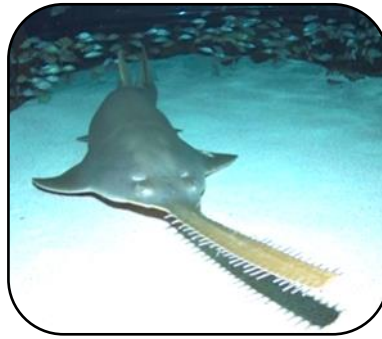
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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation
To See a Sawfish in Public Aquariums: Making Conservation Connections
by guest authors Paula Carlson, Stacia White, and Alan Henningsen

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Since the early 1930's when the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago displayed a smalltooth sawfish for the first time, public aquariums have created connections between people and these very unique rays. Over the years millions of visitors to zoos and aquariums around the world have enjoyed that experience, and for many it is the only opportunity they will ever have to see a living sawfish. Because of the decline of sawfish populations worldwide public aquariums are in a unique position to build on these connections and help to create conservation solutions. Sawfish conservation requires a multi-faceted approach to be successful, and the public aquarium community shares common concerns with researchers,

field biologists, and conservation and management agencies in terms of the need for continued and increased collaboration between stakeholders at all levels.

Many of the public aquariums in the United States are members of the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), which is a non-profit organization dedicated to the advancement of accredited zoos and aquariums in the areas of animal care, husbandry, conservation, education, science, and recreation. With more than 183 million visitors to accredited institutions each year, AZA's focus on connecting people and animals provides a critical link to helping animals in their native habitats. For many years, members of the AZA Marine Fishes Taxon Advisory Group have worked with governmental and non-governmental conservation agencies to find solutions to protect sawfish in their natural environment. In addition to their role in education, research, and conservation, AZA member zoos and aquariums also play an important role in the preservation of species through population management programs and AZA Species Survival Plans® (SSP). The mission of an SSP is to cooperatively manage specific, and typically threatened or endangered, species populations within AZA-accredited zoos and aquariums, certified related facilities, and approved non-member participants.

Smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*), largetooth sawfish (*Pristis pristis*), and green sawfish (*Pristis zijsron*) are the three species most commonly displayed in aquarium collections.

In the United States you can view sawfish with amazement at Dallas World Aquarium, Ripley's Aquarium Myrtle Beach, Ripley's Aquarium of the Smokies, National Aquarium, Shark Reef at Mandalay Bay, Shedd Aquarium, Georgia Aquarium, SeaLife Minnesota, Sea World Orlando, Landry's Downtown Aquarium Denver, and Landry's Downtown Aquarium Houston. These connections with sawfish in aquariums are important to the conservation of sawfish because "In the end we will conserve only what we love, we will love only what we understand, and we will understand only what we are taught" ~Baba Dioum.

Photo of sawfish at Ripley's Aquarium by Paula Carlson



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The First Recorded Python in Everglades National Park, 40 Years Later

By Antonia Florio, Science Communications Liaison, Everglades National Park

(Part 1)



Everglades National Park just had a 40th anniversary on October 24. It's one anniversary we'd rather not celebrate. That's the day in 1979 when the first recorded python was caught in the park near Everglades Safari Park on Tamiami Trail.

Although the actual species is not listed on the record, researchers presume that

this report was of a Burmese python, the invasive snake that has been linked to the severe decline of mammals in the park. And many also think that this was not the first Burmese python in the park.

"There have been observations of large snakes from Asia for over 100 years in Florida, but this 1979 date is the first recorded removal from the Everglades," said Bryan Falk, supervisory invasive species biologist for Everglades National Park. "Historical reports like this help us piece together the past and paint a picture of how and when these pythons became established in the park."

Forty years after that first report, we still have a lot to learn about pythons in the Everglades and how to control their spread. That's not due to lack of effort.

Tools in the toolbox for python control

Park and partner scientists have tested many methods to slow the spread of these invasive snakes. Everything from visual surveys, to training dogs to locate the snakes, to trapping, to pheromones, and more, have been tried.

Each tool is successful to some extent, but there isn't yet one method that can remove all Burmese pythons from the Everglades. So, it's best to use multiple tools at the same time.

Expert snake searchers have removed thousands of pythons from the Everglades in the last few years, but almost all these removals occur only on roads because the pythons are so cryptic that they can't be seen otherwise.

Trained dogs can sniff out an area where a python may be hiding, but pinpointing exactly where the snake is located is still difficult.

Trapping is possible, but food-baited traps aren't extremely successful when food is plentiful or with sit-and-wait predators, like pythons, that wait for their food to come to them.

Removing large, reproductive females may help slow Burmese python population growth, and that's the focus of what's been nicknamed a "Judas snake" approach.

Large male pythons are caught, implanted with radio transmitters, and released back where they were captured. Biologists use the radio transmitters to regularly find the snake. Because multiple male pythons may find and court female pythons during the mating season, these "Judas snakes" lead researchers to other pythons, including large females, before they have the chance to produce more pythons.

Results are promising, and several large reproductive females have been recently caught using this method. And scientists are trying to make this method work even better.

A major downfall of using Judas snakes is that female pythons aren't receptive to mating for very long, making it less effective. The US. Geological Survey, in partnership with the National Park Service and university researchers, is working to fix this by implanting the radio-tagged male snakes with female hormones.

Researchers expect that these "feminized" male snakes will exhibit female pheromones that attract other males. They also expect the pheromones to work for a much longer period of time. This should increase the chance of finding Burmese python mating aggregations, and thus facilitate removal of even more pythons.

Will Judas snakes and pheromone research facilitate the removal of all Burmese pythons from the Everglades? Most likely not. But it's another tool to manage their spread and control their populations.

Why are invasive species so hard to get rid of?



The more I learn about invasive species, the more I think of them as a cancer in our environment. Like cancer cells, once they become established, they're hard to completely remove.

The quicker you catch them, the easier they are to eradicate.

And often the best way to eradicate them is by using a combination of methods. You have to throw all the tools in your toolbox at the problem.

Even if you have a successful eradication, you'll always have to do routine checks and maintenance to ensure they are gone.

So like cancer, invasive species are hard to remove, difficult to deal with, and they can really get you down.

But the park is not going to give up in the fight.

"This is a big deal for all of us here in Everglades National Park," said Pedro Ramos, superintendent of Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks. "What concerns me most as a park manager is the invasion of plants and animals that seem to be taking over the landscape, both on land and water."

Ramos knows we don't have a silver bullet for the invasive species problem, but he has some ideas for how to move forward.

"There are two things we can do," Ramos said. "One of them is to continue our efforts. We cannot throw in the towel. The other thing is to invest in research because we all know that's where the answers are going to come from."

Look for Part II in the next edition of The MULLET RAPPER

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Book Club Schedule

November 21st

Before We Were Yours

by Lisa Wingate

hosted by Patty Huff

December 19th

Euphoria by Lily King

hosted by Dianne Pollack

January 16th

My Stroke of Insight by Jill Bolte Taylor

hosted by Elaine Middelstaedt

February 20th

The Swamp by Michael Gunwald

hosted by Geri Freiburger

March 19th

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April 16th

Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

hosted by Diann Lock



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My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

The state of Florida is about to renew a permit that will allow a private company, Seven Springs Water, to siphon out 1.2 million gallons of water per day from Ginnie Springs, a picturesque site not far from Tallahassee...for a ridiculously low permit fee of \$115. That's right, \$115.

Seven Springs pumps out, and then sells the water to Nestle, the huge, Swiss multi-national that has several brands of bottled water including Pellegrino, Deer Park and Zephyrhills.

Most troubling is that the river's flow is already 30 to 40% below what it used to be according the Florida Springs institute, **and the new permit would almost quadruple the amount of water being siphoned out every single day.**

The permits, called a "consumptive use" permits are approved by regional water management districts whose boards are appointed by the Governor.

First term Florida Governor, Ron DeSantis, has gone on record as a bit of an environmentalist vowing to escalate the restoration of the Everglades and closely monitor our water quality issues, which have been increasing with each passing day, it seems. I hope he is watching this...

Other states also allow the siphoning of water for free...which is then sold to large corporations like Nestle. Michigan has been under fire by local environmental watchdogs for doing the very same thing.

Reducing flow and lowering the water table causes multiple issues to fall like dominoes-and impacts us all.

What scientists are seeing today at Ginnie Springs is an increase in the nitrites and pollutants that were never present in the spring in past years. The spring is far different today from what it was only 20 years ago.

Additionally troubling is that dangerous sinkhole activity is increasing in Florida. The lowering of groundwater creates large voids beneath the soil. The soil then percolates downward which creates the openings called sinkholes. Viral videos of complete homes being swallowed up in Florida are easy to find on the internet.

Yes. Some sinkholes are naturally forming, but many today are directly related to the lowering of the groundwater table. I found a 1981 report by the SWFL Water Management District that clearly outlines what happens when the water table is lowered.


Sometimes the table is lowered by drought. That, we cannot control. But allowing a company to take our most precious resource for free? Well, that is outrageous, unacceptable, and preventable (Just Say NO).

In a State where water is critical to our fragile and unique ecosystem, and water quality is on the tip of most of our leaders tongues, why would Florida virtually give away our water so that a private company can profit from it, when that activity is also directly related to some of the ongoing, and escalating problems, we are battling every day?

Why, as a State, do we let private companies who profit off the land, create additional problems the rest of us have to live with, clean up, and pay for? I don't get it. If farming practices are causing pollution and runoff from their farming efforts, they should contain it or pay to clean it up. Period. Why is that even a question?

As the water table is lowering, causing dangerous sinkholes, and exacerbating our well-documented water quality problems, why issue a permit to quadruple the amount already being taken? We need to be smarter! We need rethink these permits and protect our water supply.

Island Life Recipes
Potato & Leek Soup
By Elaine Middelstaedt



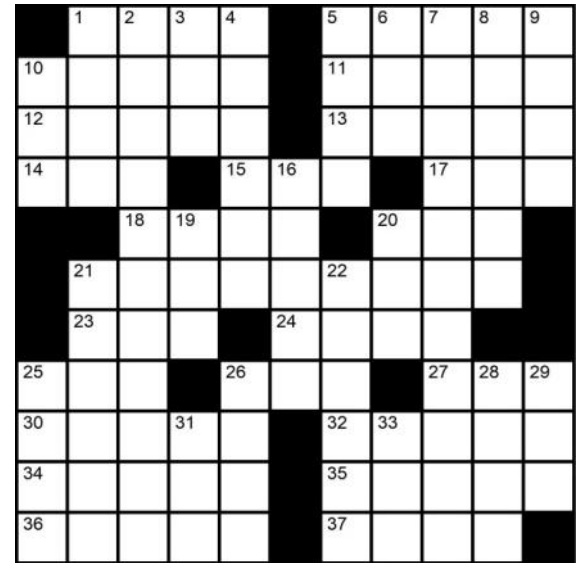
Ingredients:
 3 Tbsp butter
 2-3 leeks, white and light green parts only, rinsed and chopped
 3-4 russet potatoes, peeled and sliced
 5-7 cups chicken broth
 Salt, and white pepper, to taste

Directions:
 Melt butter in heavy large pot. Add leeks, and sauté until soft, but not browned. Add potatoes and chicken broth.
 Bring to a boil, then lower heat to a simmer, and cook until potatoes are tender. Turn off heat and let cool a bit.
 Use an immersion blender if you have one. Otherwise, transfer soup to a blender or food processor in 4 to 6 batches, and puree. Transfer to another pot as you process. Reheat with salt and pepper to taste.
 Serve as is, or garnish with cooked bacon bits, and shredded cheddar.
 Very hearty and delicious, and it tastes even better on days 2 and 3!

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As a former teacher I feel that our children must be our top priority. They are the future. They deserve a positive and loving start to their lives. This is the theme of my poem today called "A Child's Heart."

A child's heart is a precious thing
Let's all stand up for the children
and let them sing
Sing for their precious hearts and souls
Sing out for love to keep them whole
Let us protect their rights
Let's sing out with all our might
They are in a world with much confusion
It is a world with delusion
We must guide our children in positive ways
Let's keep them in our prayers every day
Let the children lay down their sleepy heads
Let them sleep soundly in their beds
We must protect the children's interests every day
Let's strive to make their lives better in every way
Bless our children's teachers who give it their all
They are the heroes who stand ten feet tall
Sing for the children, I must say
Let's all strive to help the children have their say
Children are the future of our society
So let's make all the children an important priority!



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FREE GUIDED BIKE TOURS
Bike Rides Through the Everglades

Come join us again this season as we tour different parts of the Everglades, some on road and some off road within our National Parks and Preserves.

These tours are free and guided. As in the past, we will be riding for the fun of exploring the Everglades area.

The bike tours will be self-supported rides so be sure to bring your own snacks and repair kits.

We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. with plans to have lunch together after each ride.

This year we will be offering the bike rides on SATURDAY rather than Sunday so please mark your calendars!

Also, we are asking that you sign up in advance so we can prepare for the number of participants. Just email info@evergladesrogg.org or call 239-719-0020 to let us know if you plan to join us!

Schedule of Rides

- November 9.....Port of the Islands
December 7.....Everglades City & Chokoloskee
January 11.....Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee
February 15.....Loop Road in Big Cypress
MarchBear Island in the Big Cypress

Please email info@evergladesrogg.org or call (239) 719-0020 for more information.

New Everglades Garden Club Looking for Members!



We are starting a garden club! Everything grows here! Let's start a garden club where we can share our experiences, learn and share what we grow.

The time and dates can be flexible depending on what can work best for those who are interested.

We will offer growing tips, tested methods and fantastic flops.

If you are interested in this idea, please contact me by phone or email. If we have enough to form a loose group, we will start the club this season!

Email me at mulletrapper@gmail.com or call me at 954-662-7003.

Everglades City School Corner
By Athletic Director Jill Whitcomb

Destany Vanleeuwen Named to FACA All-Academic Team!



Congratulations to Senior Volleyball player, Destany Vanleeuwen! Destany was named to the Florida Athletic Coaches Association's (FACA) All-Academic Team for District 18! Destany currently has a 3.76 GPA, and is ranked 2nd in her class! She is dual-enrolled at Florida Southwestern University!

The Gators basketball teams are gearing up for a competitive season in the Paradise Coast Athletic Conference in high school and the Southwest Florida Athletic Conference in middle school.

We will have a boys and girls high school team as well as a boys middle school team! Check the school marquee for home games each month. Come out this season and support our Gators!

For sports schedules go to https://www.collierschools.com/domain/3358, then click on "schedules" then on "school events". Please come out to the games and support our Gators!

School Calendar

- November 16: CCPS Walk/Run 5K
November 27- 29: No School
December 20: Early Dismissal
December 23-31: No School
January 1-7: No School
January 8: Classes Resume
January 20: No School

For more school information go to the school website:

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Permit (*Trachinotus falcatus*) Other names: cobbler, Mexican pompano / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE / Life span: to 23 years / Length: 14-48 in. (35-122 cm) / Weight: 4-20 lb (1.8-9 kg); Florida state record: 56 lb 2 oz, IGFA: 56 lb 2 oz / Spawns: in the offshore waters / Found: Throughout the nearshore and offshore waters of Southwest Florida.



The permit is one of the most sought-after game fish in Florida. Anglers have been known to fly into the Keys from everywhere on the planet to catch one of these elusive members of the jack family. In the Florida Keys, the permit is stalked in flats boats while feeding over grass flats. It is most often taken with small crabs, but it is also targeted by fly fishermen, and, because of its cautious nature, is considered (along

with bonefish) to be one of the hardest fish to catch on a fly. Because of its similar shape, the immature permit is readily confused with the pompano. The best method of identifying one from the other is to remember that the belly of a pompano is yellow, and the back anal fin region of a permit is a distinct orange.

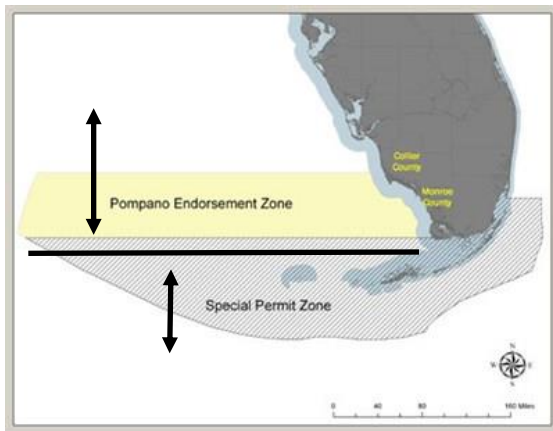
Locally the permit is almost never found in the back bays and estuaries. The most likely place to find large schools of permit is over the near shore and offshore artificial reefs of Collier and Lee County. In the early spring though the summer permit congregate in large schools over offshore reefs and structure. Few anglers ever attempt to take them on a fly in deeper water, and the baits of choice are two to three-inch crabs or fresh, live, hand-picked shrimp.

The fish over the reefs tend to be large, averaging 15 to 35 pounds. Fluorocarbon leader, light tackle with good drag systems, and buried hooks are a must. The permit is a sight feeder and has sharp eyesight. Any sign of a hook and it will not bite. Extremely wary, the permit has to be approached slowly, and care must be taken not to spook the school.

Coming upon one of these schools, even if you are not trying to catch a permit, is a true marvel. They often number in the hundreds of fish per school, and their bright, silver sides flashing in the sunlight make for a fantastic sighting.

In the wild the permit feeds on mollusks, crabs, and shrimp. It seldom feeds on small fish but has been known to do so on rare occasions. Once it reaches adult size, which can top 50 pounds, the only fish capable on feeding on permit are large sharks. A tireless fighter and considered good table fare, the permit will always be a top-notch catch in Florida waters.

Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island, FL. He wrote the guides Living Sanibel and Living Gulf Coast and other titles.



Editors Note: Permit Regulations outside of Special Permit Zone (North of Cape Florida and Cape Sable): Not less than 11" at the fork, not more than 22" at the fork.

Two fish per harvester per day. Please be aware of your location when fishing as there are often different regulations inside and outside of the park, and in special designated zones.

To obtain current recreational bag limits for all local fish go to www.visitevergladescity.com and click on the fishing tab. Scroll down to the link for Saltwater regulations. On the same page there is also a link to the complete saltwater guidebook. This guide details the different fishing zones and identifies the specific regulations within each zone for all of the fish in our area.

Also note that you must have a park pass and complete an online boating safety course. This information can be found on this page as well.

Permit Illustration by Diane Peebles



Fishing the 10,000 With Captain Mike Merritt

The fall fishing continues to be red hot! There has been so much bait down the entire coast line and the fish seem to be everywhere. I have fished plenty of places this past month that were just trying new spots and I found fish almost every time. We have been fishing a lot of live bait as they are so plentiful. This will change but for now it is insane!

Catching 50-75 Snook in a day is possible if you want to stay on the schools of smaller fish. I usually will give a spot a try and if we don't find good size fish pretty quick we will move on. The best bite seems to be the incoming but as long as water is moving you will find a bite. The outside islands on the incoming and the river areas on the falling seems to be a good pattern.

Knocker rigs, corks, and free lined baits all produce depending on tides and water depth. How you hook your baits can make a difference also. Nose hook, tail hook, pectorals, back, are all proper but depending on water flow and depth you will find one better than the others. Change things up and you will soon see a pattern.

Reds are still cooperating and we are catching all different sizes. You will find small 18" fish, and the next stop might produce some 34-36" fish. Sometimes they are scattered but keep moving and you will find the school you are looking for. Smaller baits work best for the Reds, but a 36" fish will eat a big bait!

Tripletail are around and we manage to catch keepers even though the minimum size is now 18". I have not fished for Seatrout in over a month but they are still on the flats.

Get out and enjoy the last of the fall fishing. Once we get some cold fronts things can change pretty drastically. Good luck fishing!

~Capt. Mike Merritt

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LOCAL EXTRA



Historic Broadway Pond Project Progressing, Funding Needed

Scout Troop 2001 is reviving the Everglades City fishpond on West Broadway. Barron Collier used to keep it stocked with gold fish and now there is an Eagle Scout project to clean the pond up (they have already done quite a bit) and put in fish sculptures to replicate and honor this site.

However, the scouts need additional funds to complete the project. As a community it would be nice to help: make checks payable to Scout Troop 2001 and in the memo space add: Morgan Bock Eagle Project and mail to Michelle Bock, 5250 23rd Court SW, Naples, FL 34116.

Stargazing in the Everglades Meteor Showers Light Up the Sky

Orionids: Next period of activity: **Now through November 7.**



Leonids: Next period of activity: **November 6th, 2019 to November 30th,**

Geminids: Next period of activity: **December 4th, 2019 to December 17th.**

The Geminids are usually the strongest meteor shower of the year and meteor enthusiasts are certain to circle **December 13 and 14** on their calendars.

Remember, the Everglades area is an official Dark Sky location. We can see the milky way by the naked eye on any clear night. The stars are amazing here!

Save the Date!

Come and See the Christmas Parades On December 14th, 6 pm



Two Parades in One Day

Come and enjoy the annual Everglades City Parades. Dress up your golf cart or boat and participate in whichever one you would like to OR watch both.

Boats meet in the Barron River by Outward Bound. The land parade takes place by McLeod Park but will extend to streets around the City and down Riverside and Storter Ave., so visitors can enjoy them both.

We hope to see you there!

MUSEUM NEWS

Come See Our New Exhibit,

“Americana” by Local Artist, Dick Jay
Fall is a great time to visit the beautiful Museum of the Everglades. From Nov. 4 through January the work of local artist, Dick Jay will be on display.

Dick is a war veteran and longtime resident of the 10,000 islands. His art features scenes of everyday life experienced in the 10,000 islands.

The Museum is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm and is located at: 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City. www.colliermuseums.com

Visit: www.evergladesmuseum.org

FAKAHATCHEE NEWS

Fall Friends of Fakahatchee Adventures HURRY TOURS SELLING OUT FAST!

The Friends of Fakahatchee tram tours are selling out fast for the season! The three-hour tours let visitors experience Florida’s largest state park under the illumination of a full moon. The Moonlit tours sell out rapidly, so early reservations are essential. Most November dates are sold out! Dec. 11 and 12 dates are still available.

There are many other tours offered during the day led by area conservationists. We recommend booking early to reserve a seat!

For complete details and reservations at \$35 per person, visit us online at www.orchidswamp.org and click “Tours and Adventures.”

For information call 239-695-1023.

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FLORIDA PANTHER UPDATE



Vehicle accidents are the number one cause of death for our beloved, and endangered, Florida Panther.

So far in 2019, twenty panthers have been recovered by FWC. Of the 20, sixteen died on the roads after being hit by vehicles.

Nine males and 10 females perished, one was not identifiable.

There is a bit of good news, however. To date in 2019, 5 litters have been documented with 11 new kittens. In all of 2018, FWC documented three litters with nine kittens. The increase in litters and kittens is a positive sign.

Panthers are most active at dawn and dusk when they may wander onto roads or cross them looking for prey.

Dusk and dawn are also the times of day with limited visibility. When driving on rural roads where panthers are known to roam, please use extra caution and watch your speed so that you can avoid any wildlife on the roads.

We have many other critters living among us too. On October 28th a river otter was struck by a car on CR 29 between highway 41 and Everglades City.



Otters are seldom seen, but do occasionally cross the roads. They are not fast moving, and very low to the ground and difficult to see. They too are active in early

mornings so please keep an eye out for them and other animals so you do not accidentally hit one while driving.

If you see an injured or deceased animal, please report it to FWC by texting tip@myfwc.com, or on your cellular phone call *FWC, or 888-404-3922.



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Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm, see ad on p. 6

Camellia Street Grille (239-695-2003):

11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Mon to Sat

City Seafood (239-695-4700):

8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast
Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner

Everglades Fishing Co. (239-778-6656)

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Havana Café (239-695-2214):

Open Daily 7 am to 4 pm
See our ad on page 10!

Island Café (239-695-0003):

6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily

Ivey House (239-695-3299) (Private)

7:00 am – 9:00 am; daily (for guests only)

Joanie's Crab Café (239-695-2682):

Open 11 am to 5 pm
See our ad on page 4

Rod & Gun (239-695-2101):

11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood & Café (239-695-2662):

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Family Church

Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship
Sun. 6 pm & Wed. 7 pm Bible Teaching

Copeland Baptist Church

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 11

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City

9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship
6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study

Holy Family Catholic Church

Closed for Summer, See San Marco

St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples

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Obituary
Dean Alan Church
1957-2019



Dean passed away on August 17th at an area hospital.

Dean will be missed and was loved by anyone that had the opportunity to know him.

He was one of the most generous people you could meet. Dean had a heart of gold and wouldn't hurt a fly.

During the season we will hold a celebration of Dean's life in town. We will announce the date in the Mullet Rapper so that those who were lucky enough to know him, can come out to honor his memory. RIP Dean.

Here are a Few Ideas for a Celebration of Life Ceremony

Here are some ideas for what to do at a celebration of life ceremony:

- ◆ Ask people to speak about their experiences with the deceased.
- ◆ Encourage the sharing of some humor as well as poignant situations.
- ◆ Share memories by asking people to bring photos and mementos.
- ◆ Release butterflies to commemorate the release of a person's pain after a lengthy illness.
- ◆ Make a memory book or box and ask everyone to contribute a picture or item.
- ◆ Craft a memory quilt with squares of fabric from the person's clothing.
- ◆ Purchase packets of the person's favorite flower or vegetable seeds and ask everyone to plant them in honor of the deceased.



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