

The MULLET RAPPER



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**Annual Blessing of the Fleet
(Guava Coconut Cake Contest)
Saturday, October 3, 10:30
Rod & Gun Club**



The annual Blessing of the Fleet, the day we celebrate our hard working stone crab fleet, will take place this year on October 3rd.

Boats will arrive at the historic Rod & Gun Club along the docks at 10:30 am, with the blessing by the local clergy taking place immediately thereafter.

If you are one of the best bakers in town, it's time to show off your skills by entering your favorite 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 guava cake.

This is a great time to thank the captains and crew for providing one of the ocean's best delicacies for all of us to enjoy them. We hope to see you there!

**Local Artist Leaving Area
Dick Jay Returning to Hometown
Reception, October 10, 4:00 pm**

Dick Jay, the local artist who has a home on Plantation, is returning to his hometown in Michigan.

Help us say goodbye to the local icon on Saturday, October 10th at 4:00 pm at the **Museum of the Everglades**. Everyone is invited to attend!

**SW Florida Airport Ranks 3rd
in Traveler Satisfaction.
Will the Tourists Return this
Winter Season?**

Southwest Florida Airport, or RSW, is ranked 3rd nationwide in traveler satisfaction according to a recent JD Power survey of over 26,000 travelers.

The report segmented airports by size with RSW ranked among mid-ranked airports that include the top ranked Indianapolis International and second ranked Palm Beach International Airport.

This is the second time RSW has ranked third. In 2018, the airport had the same ranking, but slipped to 4th in 2019.

JD Power cautions that many airports are "benefitting" by the reduced number of travelers due to Covid19 concerns making airports far more open, less crowded and less stressful.

The bigger question looming is will travelers return to the skies in 2020 and early 2021, or will they prefer the solitude of driving instead?

In a consumer opinion survey presented at the September Collier Tourism Development Council Meeting, indications show that some travelers are returning to the skies, but many still prefer the safety of their vehicle as uncertainty about Covid19 still exists.

Expecting tough competition for travelers, Collier's Convention & Visitors Bureau (CVB) is rolling out the "Paradise Pledge." *By taking the pledge, local businesses assure our residents and visitors that they will enjoy a safe environment by adhering to the latest in CDC and Florida Department of Health best practices. Additionally, we pledge to educate our businesses, attractions and residents to follow these best practices.*

Additionally, there is a "Local Hero" initiative that encourages residents to patronize local businesses. If you would like your business listed as a Paradise Pledge participant, sign up on the website

<https://www.paradisecoast.com/take-the-paradise-pledge>.

**Join us for the 7th Annual SWAMP
Celebration for the Parks at Clyde
Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery!
October 24 & 25, 2020**

Each year Clyde and Niki Butcher host a fall festival at their Big Cypress Gallery. As part of the fun, we host "SWAMP Alongs", special swamp walks behind the gallery that raise money for the Swamp Water and Me Program (SWAMP) in Big Cypress National Preserve. SWAMP is an outdoor science education program that introduces thousands of 6th-grade students from Collier County to the Big Cypress every year on school field trips.

This year's Fall Festival / Gallery Open House with Clyde has been canceled as a result of COVID-19, but the SWAMP Celebration walks will be held with social distancing measures in place. Total attendance will be cut by 50% this year so be sure to register early to reserve your spot! This will be a very low key and safe event. **MASKS REQUIRED**

The walks are \$60 per person (use early bird promo code SWAMP10 through Sept 30 for a \$10 discount) with proceeds supporting the Swamp Water and Me Program (SWAMP) in Big Cypress National Preserve.

Walks are offered every hour Oct 24 & 25 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. When you purchase your tickets, you select your time slot. Walks will leave every hour on the hour, rain-or-shine. Each walk is limited to 10 participants with social distancing measures in place.

Due to limited capacity for COVID-19 safety measures, you cannot switch your registered time slot the day of the event. Please plan to arrive 20 min before your walk to ensure you arrive at the gallery on time and have time to check -in.

**For more information on the
SWAMP program visit the website
<https://www.southfloridaparks.org/swamp/>**

**Thank you and we look forward to
seeing you there!!**

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation
International Sawfish Day is October 17

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, 2020 the fourth International Sawfish Day will be celebrated mostly online due to the global coronavirus pandemic; however, there will be some limited events at institutions and organizations around the world. To celebrate International Sawfish Day, 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 hashtags #InternationalSawfishDay and #INTLSawfishDay 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.

For event information visit www.SawfishConservationSociety.org and at the Sawfish Conservation Society public Facebook group at www.facebook.com/groups/91335002341.

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Fishing the 10,000 Islands
Captain Mike Merritt's October Report



The Redfish bite continues to get better! We are catching more and bigger Reds than last time I wrote this article. October is always the best month and these fish will spread out all over. The back country will also have more Reds by month's end. Live shrimp on a cork continues to be the best bet. Fish it close as possible to the roots while the tide is rising and you will catch plenty!

Snook are also here in greater numbers and this same technique will catch them. I have been preferring a 1/4 ounce Assassin jig with DOA Cal tails lately. These have been producing everything from Snook to Reds and Tarpon.



Most of the Snook being caught are smaller undersize fish but there are still some big ones being caught. I fished with fellow guide Capt. Ronnie Revel this week and he caught a 35"

beauty in the backcountry on top water. So, mix it up and keep on trying new spots and techniques as these fish are on the move and you may well figure out a pattern that will work!

Tarpon are still here and again the majority of the fish are smaller 3-15LBS. There are bigger ones to be caught and October can be a great month for these guys coming through. Good luck fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt

SNOOK SLOT SIZES & HARVEST ZONES

The harvest season for Snook reopened on September 1st for locations south of Gordon Pass in Collier County.

The season will remain closed for harvest north of the Pass into Hernando/Pasco county as that region recovers from the effects of Red Tide. Everglades City and Chokoloskee are south of the pass and open to harvest.

Snook harvest is permitted in the Everglades City/ Chokoloskee area. Anglers must possess a saltwater fishing license and snook stamp.

The fish have a slot limit. Snook must not be less than 28" or more than 33". There is a limit of 1 fish per day with a zero captain and crew-for-hire limit.

Snook are frequently caught near the mangroves where there is moving water.

Many anglers will use live bait and some prefer artificial lures.

There are multiple bait shops in our area that can advise you on the proper baits to use. If you prefer to go on an adventure with a professional guide, check out the website www.visitevergladescity.com.

A Few FREE Plants Still Available-Get Yours!



Naples Botanical Garden

We still have about 8 native trees available to anyone who may want them! These trees were donated as a part of the program developed by Naples Botanical Gardens and The Community Foundation of Collier County, aimed at planting 3500 trees across the county

We currently have 8 bald cypress trees. If you would like to get your free trees, please contact Kathy Brock at 954 662 7003.

West Nile Virus Cases Confirmed in Collier

On Friday, September 25th, the Collier County Department of Health (DOH) issued a mosquito borne illness alert for the county after human cases of West Nile Virus were confirmed. Similar alerts have now been issued in other Florida Counties including, Miami Dade, Broward and Lee County.

According to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, "Symptoms of severe illness include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. Severe illness can occur in people of any age; however, people over 60 years of age are at greater risk."

The easiest ways to prevent being exposed are to avoid contact with mosquitoes by practicing these habits:

- ◆ Avoid being outside at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
- ◆ Wear long sleeved shirts, slacks, socks and gloves if you must be outside during peak activity periods. Lighter colored clothing seems to attract fewer mosquitoes than darker clothing.
- ◆ Use repellent that contains DEET. DEET is proven most effective in repelling mosquitoes.
- ◆ Minimize mosquito breeding by dumping any standing water. Even a palm frond on the ground can hold enough water for mosquitoes to breed.
- ◆ Repair window screens and breaches in screen enclosures. You do not need to replace the entire screen, repair kits are available, and the repairs are quite simple.


If you feel you have may been exposed, contact your physician immediately.

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Local Road Improvements, Sidewalks Proposed to Recapture Collier History

Almost a hundred years ago, in 1922, Barron Collier embarked on the challenge of establishing a modern city with all the necessary amenities and by 1928 his vision was realized with a new County Courthouse, Bank Building, and a business district with sidewalks and beautiful landscaping.

Now, thanks to volunteers who have been working on the project for over a year, we have a new Bicycle Pedestrian Master Plan which will include an extension of the sidewalk in front of City Hall down Broadway to the Barron River and around the Circle to the Everglades Community Church.

Also included are proposed bike lanes during different phases of the Master Plan. One proposed improvement resurfaces and restripes CR29 from the bridge in Everglades City to the Bridge in Chokoloskee, from two 11 foot lanes to one 15 foot vehicle lane and one 7 foot bike lane. This phase will be funded by Collier County.

Please take a moment and look over the Bike Ped Master Plan online at <https://visitevergladescity.com/bpmp/>. A printed copy is also available at City Hall. The plan will be presented and discussed during the October 6th City Council meeting at 7 pm which you can join via zoom or in person.



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Autumn is Here

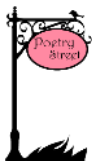
By Katherine S. Tullie



The seasons have changed! The weather will be getting a little cooler. The holidays are on the way. It is a time of year for family and friends. That is the theme of my poem today called "AUTUMN IS HERE."



Autumn is a special time of year
 Let's be happy and not shed a tear
 New beginnings can come alive
 This autumn we can really thrive
 Autumn is a season to behold
 Whether we are young or old
 Watch the autumn leaves
 fall to the ground
 Listen for the soft seasonal sounds
 Let's enjoy this autumn season
 every day
 Let the good times in our lives
 pave the way
 Fall fashions are the thing to wear
 It's a great season to let down our hair
 So let's all enjoy this time of year
 Let's think of those in our lives
 that are so dear!



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TIDE TABLE-BARRON RIVER

10/3/2020	Sat	3:44 AM	3.05	H
10/3/2020	Sat	11:20 AM	0.36	L
10/3/2020	Sat	4:25 PM	3.06	H
10/3/2020	Sat	11:35 PM	0.73	L
10/4/2020	Sun	4:06 AM	3.03	H
10/4/2020	Sun	11:56 AM	0.32	L
10/4/2020	Sun	5:05 PM	2.92	H
10/5/2020	Mon	12:01 AM	0.84	L
10/5/2020	Mon	4:24 AM	2.99	H
10/5/2020	Mon	12:34 PM	0.31	L
10/5/2020	Mon	5:51 PM	2.76	H
10/6/2020	Tue	12:23 AM	0.94	L
10/6/2020	Tue	4:41 AM	2.94	H
10/6/2020	Tue	1:15 PM	0.33	L
10/6/2020	Tue	6:43 PM	2.59	H
10/7/2020	Wed	12:40 AM	1.03	L
10/7/2020	Wed	5:05 AM	2.88	H
10/7/2020	Wed	2:02 PM	0.36	L
10/7/2020	Wed	7:48 PM	2.44	H
10/8/2020	Thu	12:58 AM	1.11	L
10/8/2020	Thu	5:39 AM	2.81	H
10/8/2020	Thu	3:04 PM	0.4	L
10/8/2020	Thu	9:06 PM	2.37	H
10/9/2020	Fri	1:27 AM	1.2	L
10/9/2020	Fri	6:27 AM	2.74	H
10/9/2020	Fri	4:18 PM	0.41	L
10/9/2020	Fri	10:22 PM	2.38	H
10/10/2020	Sat	2:31 AM	1.27	L
10/10/2020	Sat	7:49 AM	2.68	H
10/10/2020	Sat	5:26 PM	0.37	L
10/10/2020	Sat	11:30 PM	2.47	H
10/11/2020	Sun	5:43 AM	1.21	L
10/11/2020	Sun	10:23 AM	2.75	H
10/11/2020	Sun	6:26 PM	0.32	L
10/12/2020	Mon	12:24 AM	2.6	H
10/12/2020	Mon	6:44 AM	1.06	L
10/12/2020	Mon	11:38 AM	2.94	H
10/12/2020	Mon	7:20 PM	0.28	L
10/13/2020	Tue	1:03 AM	2.75	H
10/13/2020	Tue	7:35 AM	0.87	L
10/13/2020	Tue	12:41 PM	3.16	H
10/13/2020	Tue	8:09 PM	0.26	L
10/14/2020	Wed	1:35 AM	2.91	H
10/14/2020	Wed	8:22 AM	0.63	L
10/14/2020	Wed	1:35 PM	3.36	H
10/14/2020	Wed	8:55 PM	0.29	L
10/15/2020	Thu	2:03 AM	3.06	H
10/15/2020	Thu	9:08 AM	0.38	L
10/15/2020	Thu	2:24 PM	3.47	H
10/15/2020	Thu	9:38 PM	0.36	L
10/16/2020	Fri	2:31 AM	3.2	H
10/16/2020	Fri	9:53 AM	0.15	L
10/16/2020	Fri	3:12 PM	3.47	H
10/16/2020	Fri	10:20 PM	0.47	L

Bears on the Move in Fall They Want Your Garbage!

Summer is coming to an end and bear activity is starting to increase. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds you to help protect both people and bears by securing garbage and other items that might attract these animals to your yard or neighborhood.

In the fall, Florida black bears begin preparing for the winter by consuming extra calories to pack on fat. During this time bears require around 20,000 calories a day and will eat anything that's convenient. Often food from a garbage can provides bears with more calories in a shorter amount of time than foraging in the woods. You can reduce conflicts with these animals by securing your trash and other food attractants, such as birdfeeders and pet food.

To keep bears wild and away from your home, follow these simple tips:

- ◆ Secure household garbage in a sturdy shed, garage or a wildlife-resistant container.
- ◆ Put household garbage out on the morning of pickup rather than the night before.
- ◆ Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters.
- ◆ Protect gardens, bee yards, compost and livestock with electric fencing.
- ◆ Encourage your homeowner's association or local government to institute ordinances to require trash be secured from bears.
- ◆ Feed pets indoors or bring the dishes in after feeding.
- ◆ Clean grills and store them in a secure place.
- ◆ Pick ripe fruit from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground.
- ◆ Remove wildlife and bird feeders or make them bear-resistant.

See "how-to" videos and info on securing attractants in the "Brochures and Videos" section at MyFWC.com/Bear.

It is illegal in Florida to intentionally feed bears or leave out food or garbage that will attract bears and cause human-bear conflicts. If you see or suspect that someone is feeding or attracting bears, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

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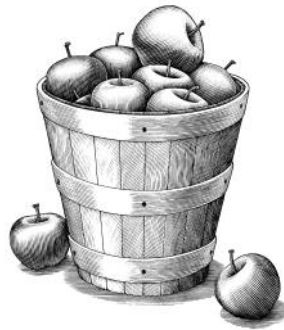
Ingredients:

- 2 medium apples, unpeeled, cored, and cut in chunks
- 1 (8 oz) can pineapple chunks, undrained
- ½ cup orange juice
- Cinnamon to taste
- 1-2 tablespoons butter, cubed

Preheat oven to 350 degrees F. Place apples, pineapple chunks with juice, and orange juice in a medium baking dish with a lid. Sprinkle with cinnamon, dot with butter pieces, and cover.

Bake in the preheated oven for 25 or more minutes, until the apples are tender. Serve hot or cold. This recipe is excellent spooned over a few scoops of vanilla ice cream or atop your favorite waffle recipe or all by itself.

This is an excellent side dish to bring to any holiday meal or to serve at Thanksgiving! Just think of it as apple pie without the hassle or guilt!



**My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock**

In a few short weeks, stone crab season will be here again. October 15th, write it down!

October is a great month in SW Florida. Not just because it is the month that opens the aforementioned season, but also because our winter visitors begin to trickle back in. The feathered ones, that is.

The last week of September our first migratory hummingbird showed up. We caught a glimpse of him, put out the extra feeders and he was on them immediately. Last year we had about 6 of them that were here constantly, all competing for the best feeding opportunity. I expect the others will be here by mid October.

Next, the buntings, warblers, house finches and numerous LBJs ("Little Brown Jobs") will show up. And, of course, the majestic white pelicans will be here soon too. They are incredibly beautiful.

Increasing the bird activity in your own yard is something anyone can do. All you need to do is provide fresh water (in a bird bath) and food sources.

Planting red flowering plants like fire spike or firecracker plants will attract hummingbirds. Berries from beauty berries, fiddlewood and pigeon plum will attract catbirds, doves, mockingbirds, warblers and more.

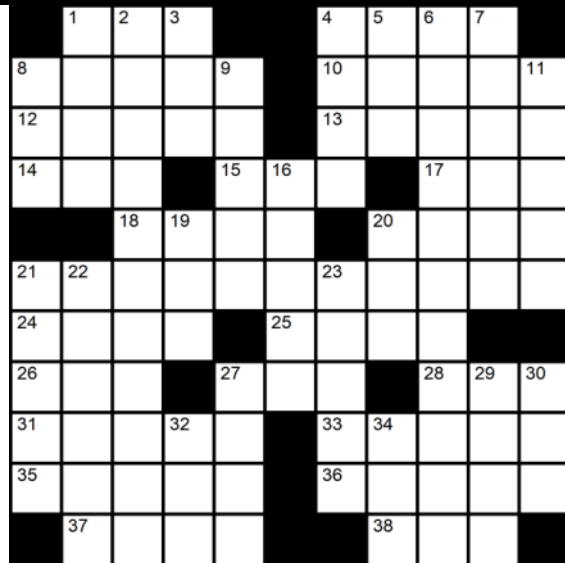
In general, birds attract birds. So, to get things started, start with a water source and go from there.

Many species feed about the same time each day so once you get a population going in your backyard, you can enjoy them on a daily basis with the entire family. The great thing about birdwatching is it is something you can enjoy doing for the rest of your life no matter where you live.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 "--- we there yet?"
- 4 Not Pass
- 8 Bit of color
- 10 Veep disgraced in 1973
- 12 Capital of Jordan
- 13 Chest material
- 14 Menlo Park initials
- 15 Superlative ending
- 17 Fiancé's last words?
- 18 Like a lamb
- 20 Where Gretel shoved the witch
- 21 Teenager's occupation
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- 31 Beach formations
- 33 Batman partner
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- 36 Huffish
- 37 Ogle
- 38 Type of shirt



10/3/20

Down

- 1 Michigan college
- 2 Recognition
- 3 Federal cultural exchange organization
- 4 It's not fiction
- 5 Subdivision of an epoch
- 6 Cannot split apart
- 7 Heavy
- 8 Trainer's target
- 9 Prayer supports?
- 11 Off base
- 16 Short satires
- 19 Scrutinize
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- 27 Former Red giant?
- 29 Medieval weapon
- 30 "Unsafe At --- Speed"
- 32 Duke Ellington, initially
- 34 "Shoo!"



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LOCAL BUSINESS INFO

Most of our local businesses are now open! Below are listings of some of our restaurants and general stores. We recommend that you verify hours of operation by calling first! For a complete directory of businesses go to the website www.visitevergladescity.com.

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9 am—7 pm Daily

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8: 30 am—5 pm MON—SAT

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M-Th 11-7 pm, Fri & Sat 11-9pm

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Reopening on October 1st

MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES

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THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN!

Wednesday, 11 am to 2 pm

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Drive up service only. Food is

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General Questions:

If you have any questions, call Everglades City Hall (239) 695-3781.

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