

# The MULLET RAPPER



**What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands!**  
**News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table**  
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## Gift Cards for Our Children Give A Kid a Smile!



For the past 21 years, the City of Everglades has been able to raise an average of \$4,000 during the holiday season.

These generous donations always go towards the purchase of gifts or gift cards for children within the Everglades area who might otherwise go without any gifts at all. We want to make sure **every** child has a little something to make them smile.

This year, we will be giving gift cards to the children so they can use that money to buy gifts or get something for themselves. It would be wonderful if you would be able to contribute to this year's program. No amount is too small, and every penny of the donations is used to purchase gift cards for the kids.

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**Don't Miss the Meteor Shower!**  
**December 13 & 14**  
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## City Council December 2020 Update

### Local Covid-19 Spike Moves City Council to Issue Mandatory Mask Mandate



A spike in Covid-19 cases in the Everglades area, and concern from area residents, got the Everglades City Council to do something they have been resisting since March...pass an ordinance requiring face masks indoors and wherever social distancing cannot be achieved.

In a unanimous 5-0 vote, the council voted in favor of the ordinance that mirrors the same one passed by the County Commission. The Everglades City version of the mandate will be revisited in the February 2021 council meeting where they will either vote to extend the mandate or let it expire after the initial 90-day period.

The first week of December recorded over 30 cases locally, with others likely to follow after Thanksgiving gatherings and more people coming back to the area to winter here who unwittingly brought the virus with them.

The topic is a testy one with some residents opposed to the idea, and others believing the mandate is way overdue.

Councilman Tim Smith summed up his feelings by stating that this was the hardest decision he had to make since he was voted on the council in 2017. Councilman Smith indicated that he has not been in favor of a mandate, but that the local spike of cases made him realize that we are not insulated from the outside, and measures needed to be taken to slow the spread in our area where many of our residents are elderly and medical care is over 30 miles away.

It is disturbing that an issue about public health has sparked such a stark divide in something as simple as covering your face out of respect for, and to protect, others. Those opposed to masks often use the "they do not stop you from getting COVID-19" reasoning for not supporting the mandates. However, the science is clear that wearing masks does stop you from spreading the disease, and it will reduce your chances of contracting it.

The N-95 masks are the ones most used by healthcare professionals. Double cloth masks are also effective. Experts say that if you can see through the cloth, the mask is not good enough. Doubling the fabric is often a good idea if you are not sure.

One thing is clear. People are getting sick at a rate that has medical professionals worried. Consider this: during a "bad" flu season, between 60,000 and 100,000 will become sick in one year. Today, our country is recording over 150,000 cases **per day**. With a death rate of about 1.5% (the rate is low for the young but escalates as we age), the math is staggering and the numbers are scary.

Do not buy into the "herd immunity" argument if you do not want to see any of your family members very ill or pass away from this disease. With over 340 million US residents, should we all just simply "get the disease" that would translate to over 1.5 million deaths. What's more, many of those who got very ill from COVID-19 but survived have permanent damage to their lungs, heart and other vital organs.

This is not a good time to be stubborn. Please, please, err on the side of caution. When is it not a good idea to try to protect the elderly or infirm? How would you feel if you brought this disease home to your elderly relative and they did not survive? When COVID-19 swept through the first nursing homes, over 40% of the residents perished. Many more succumbed at home. Just because this is something that may not make your immediate family or you sick, does not mean that this is not a disease that is fatal to many. It is. Wearing masks will help save the lives of those who are elderly and infirm. It is something we must do for them.

**Here are the mandate specifics: Persons entering businesses and public buildings within Everglades City (Note: Chokoloskee, Plantation, Jerome, Copeland, and Ochopee are in Unincorporated Collier where a mask mandate is already in place through April 2021) are required to wear a face covering. Those working in businesses are required to wear face coverings. If a patron refuses to wear a mask, the Collier Sheriff can be called to escort that individual from the premises.**

**DECEMBER 13, 2020 — JANUARY 16, 2021**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
13 Meteor Shower, See p.6	14-New Moon Meteor Shower, See p. 6	15 P & Z Mtg	16 Food Bank ECC, 11am—2pm Virtual Ladies Coffee, 9:30	17 Book Club, 9:30 am	18 Last day of school before winter break	19
20	21 Celestial Event, See p. 6	22	23 Food Bank ECC, 11am—2pm Virtual Ladies Coffee, 9:30	24	25 Merry Christmas!	26 Rapper
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January 18, Martin Luther King Day (no school)      February 2: Groundhog Day      February 7: Superbowl Sunday  
February 14: Valentines Day

**AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:**

AA: Wed., closed until further notice  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-3:30  
 DR DEMARTINO: Seeing patients in Marco, call: (239) 642-5552  
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 LIONS CLUB: Second Thursday of Month, 6 pm  
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026  
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Coming Soon!  
 REACH OUT: closed until further notice  
 SKATING RINK: Closed until further notice  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon 11 am to 5 pm, 239-695-2989  
 THRIFT SHOP: Closed until further notice  
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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation**  
**Sizeable Reward Offered in Florida Sawfish Slaughter Investigation**

NOAA's Office of Law Enforcement is investigating the killing of at least seven critically endangered smalltooth sawfish in southwest Florida near Everglades National Park (available at <https://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USNOAAFISHERIES/bulletins/2a6e43f>). The sawfish were found along the causeway between Everglades City and Chokoloskee and several had their rostra, or saw, removed. **A reward of up to \$25,000 is being offered for tips leading to prosecution of the offenders.**

Smalltooth sawfish are protected from targeting and harm under the federal Endangered Species Act. Those caught accidentally must be left in the water and immediately released. Florida state law offers additional protections including a ban on the harvest, sale, purchase, or exchange of sawfish rostra. "Anglers have a legal responsibility to know and follow regulations and arguably an ethical responsibility to care for our natural resources," said Adam Brame, the sawfish recovery coordinator for NOAA Fisheries. "To intentionally kill an ESA-listed species is not only highly illegal but also grossly unethical".

The once widespread population of smalltooth sawfish in the United States was seriously depleted from overfishing; the species is now rarely found beyond southwest Florida. Female sawfish typically give birth to only seven to 14 offspring every other year, meaning the loss of these seven sawfish is the equivalent to one mother's entire biennial offspring. Such a loss could turn about to be a set-back in the recovery of this already depleted population.

"This incident is not only heartbreaking, but a real threat to long-fought efforts to protect this irreplaceable species and bring its U.S. population back from the brink of extinction," said Sonja Fordham, President of Shark Advocates International, a project of The Ocean Foundation. "To prevent this from happening again, we need NOAA to follow through with the investigation and meaningful penalties. The public can help by reporting tips and encouraging accountability." **See reward and reporting information on page 6.**

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**Local News & Notes**

**Fiddler Crabs. They Aren't Just Fun to Watch, They Are Great Bait Too!**  
 By Chris Herlovich

Spend any amount of time in Everglades City or Chokoloskee and you will run into fiddler crabs. They are all along the river banks and venture a bit more onto land wherever it is moist (and close to the water). At some locations, the ground seems to be "moving" as the crabs are out of their burrows scurrying around looking for food.

Male fiddler crabs are easy to spot. They have one oversized claw that they use primarily in courtship. The males will wave the large claw as a way to attract females. The females choose a mate based on the courtship display and size of the claw.

The average lifespan for a fiddler crab is about 2 years. They spend their adult life foraging for food or in the safety of their burrow.

Fiddler crab burrows can go as much as 3 feet deep. At high tide, the crabs will use a "mud plug" to stop the water from flowing into their burrow. At low tide, they remove the plug so that they can freely go in and out of the hole.

Fiddler crabs are scavengers. They will eat dead fish, algae and other plant and animal nutrient sources...but that is only half of the story.

Fiddler crabs are on the menu for many other animals. Many birds like ibis, herons and kingfishers love them. Raccoons dine on them by digging for them at low tide on the shorelines. And, as many anglers know, many species of fish will eat them including, red and black drum, sheepshead, pompano and permit. Essentially any fish that will eat a crab will eat a fiddler crab.

So, now that you know how good they are for bait, how can you get some? Well, the best way is to catch them along the riverbanks. Using nets or a clam rake can work in some instances or you can try a trick that works pretty well.

Place a large bowl where you know crabs are abundant. Put dry cat food in the bowl and position it so that crabs can climb into the bowl. You can either dig the bowl into the ground or place a stick leaning on the side of the bowl so the crabs can climb into the bowl. The smooth sides of the bowl will prevent the crabs from climbing out.

This works well IF you get to your crabs before the predators do! No matter how you do it, give fiddler crabs a try as bait the next time you go out looking for crab-eating fish!

**Free Tree Giveaway & Plant Sale Fundraiser  
 Coming in January 2021!**

Naples Botanical Gardens has been at it again! Since our last 350 tree giveaway in the Summer, they have started another 200+ plants and trees for our area and they will be ready in January.

Additionally in January, the Mullet Rapper will host our annual plant sale fundraiser for Everglades City School.

Just like we did for the summer distribution, due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will establish a date range for the plant distribution and it will take place at Tim & Kathy Brock's house at 406 Storter N, in Everglades City. The date range for these "events" will be provided in the next Mullet Rapper so be sure to check!

**Shop Amazon and Give to a Local Charity**

If you shop on Amazon, at no additional cost to you, you can support a local charity. Two (that we have been made aware of) have been set up for charities in the Everglades area. All you need to do is click on the link and accept the charity and Amazon does the rest. Below, the links are provided:

**Everglades Society for Historic Preservation:**  
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**Everglades Lions Club:**  
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**If you have a charity that is set up on Amazon, let us know so we can promote the link in the Mullet Rapper!**

**Kristine Whittaker replaces Lt. Jake Walker as  
 Everglades District Lieutenant.**



**Meet Everglades Lieutenant  
 Kristine Whittaker**

Lieutenant Kristine Whittaker began her career with the Collier County Sheriff's Office in 1998 and is currently the District Commander of the Everglades Patrol District. During her career, she has

served as a Jail Technician at the Naples Jail Center, a 9-1-1 Emergency Dispatcher in Communications and a Patrol Deputy/Corporal in the North Naples District. In 2007, she transferred to the General Crimes Bureau where she served as a Detective and Detective Sergeant in the Criminal Investigations Division.

Lieutenant Whittaker holds an Associate of Science Degree in Business, Bachelor of Science Degree in Management and is pursuing her Master of Arts Degree.

Lieutenant Whittaker has received the Collier County Sheriff's Office Command Recognition Award, Unit Citation Teamwork Award, and various other awards, including several letters of commendation. She earned the FBI LEEDA Trilogy Award and received a Certificate of Commendation as Florida Retail Federation's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year, 2008 nominee.

In addition to her duties, Lieutenant Whittaker proudly serves as a member of Collier County Sheriff's Office Incident Management Team, Benefits Committee and Stratified Policing Committee. She enjoys volunteering as a member of the Kiwanis Club and New Horizons of Southwest Florida where she tutors at-risk youth.

**\*\*Thrift Store Notice\*\***  
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**No Arrests Yet For Illegally Poached  
Smalltooth Sawfish Dumped Along  
Canal in Everglades City  
Tipsters Can Remain Anonymous**

NOAA officials seek information from anyone who may have details about 7 smalltooth dumped along the causeway from Everglades City to Chokoloskee, and are offering a reward up to \$20,000 for information leading to a criminal conviction or the assessment of a civil penalty.

The Center for Biological Diversity announced an additional \$5,000 reward, increasing the overall reward to \$25,000.

Smalltooth sawfish were added on the Endangered Species List in 2003. Killing a sawfish is a Class-A misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in prison and a fine of up to \$100,000.

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*Everglades City Holiday Cheer*

By Katherine S. Tullie



*The holidays are here! I wish you and your families Christmas Cheer!*

*The true holiday gift is the love that we give and receive. Take time this holiday season to spread joy and hope to all those you know.*

I am thinking of you  
with holiday cheer today  
Wishes of hope and peace  
in your lives in every way  
With love in my heart  
for the holiday season

I come to you with many special reasons  
As I reach out to every one of you  
I have hope in my top pocket  
and wish hope for you, too  
The holidays in Everglades City  
are quite a delight

Decorated all around with Christmas lights  
It is a time for optimism in our days  
Wishing everyone happiness  
to pave the way

I am lighting a bright candle for EC  
in my home today

Hoping the Candle's guiding light  
will brighten your day

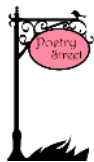
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12/12/2020	Sat	7:43 PM	0.63	L
12/13/2020	Sun	12:20 AM	3.01	H
12/13/2020	Sun	8:27 AM	-0.51	L
12/13/2020	Sun	2:19 PM	2.4	H
12/13/2020	Sun	8:29 PM	0.68	L
12/14/2020	Mon	12:59 AM	3.12	H
12/14/2020	Mon	9:15 AM	-0.62	L
12/14/2020	Mon	3:09 PM	2.34	H
12/14/2020	Mon	9:15 PM	0.7	L
12/15/2020	Tue	1:39 AM	3.15	H
12/15/2020	Tue	10:03 AM	-0.63	L
12/15/2020	Tue	4:00 PM	2.26	H
12/15/2020	Tue	10:01 PM	0.71	L
12/16/2020	Wed	2:20 AM	3.09	H
12/16/2020	Wed	10:50 AM	-0.57	L
12/16/2020	Wed	4:48 PM	2.19	H
12/16/2020	Wed	10:49 PM	0.71	L
12/17/2020	Thu	3:06 AM	2.94	H
12/17/2020	Thu	11:37 AM	-0.45	L
12/17/2020	Thu	5:34 PM	2.15	H
12/17/2020	Thu	11:38 PM	0.71	L
12/18/2020	Fri	4:00 AM	2.73	H
12/18/2020	Fri	12:23 PM	-0.28	L
12/18/2020	Fri	6:19 PM	2.13	H
12/19/2020	Sat	12:31 AM	0.71	L
12/19/2020	Sat	5:02 AM	2.48	H
12/19/2020	Sat	1:11 PM	-0.09	L
12/19/2020	Sat	7:05 PM	2.13	H
12/20/2020	Sun	1:33 AM	0.7	L
12/20/2020	Sun	6:10 AM	2.23	H
12/20/2020	Sun	2:03 PM	0.11	L
12/20/2020	Sun	7:51 PM	2.16	H
12/21/2020	Mon	2:47 AM	0.64	L
12/21/2020	Mon	7:26 AM	2.01	H
12/21/2020	Mon	3:00 PM	0.29	L
12/21/2020	Mon	8:36 PM	2.2	H
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12/22/2020	Tue	8:43 AM	1.85	H
12/22/2020	Tue	3:59 PM	0.44	L
12/22/2020	Tue	9:20 PM	2.24	H
12/23/2020	Wed	5:00 AM	0.39	L
12/23/2020	Wed	9:58 AM	1.77	H
12/23/2020	Wed	4:55 PM	0.55	L
12/23/2020	Wed	10:03 PM	2.29	H
12/24/2020	Thu	5:53 AM	0.23	L
12/24/2020	Thu	11:17 AM	1.77	H
12/24/2020	Thu	5:48 PM	0.64	L
12/24/2020	Thu	10:47 PM	2.34	H
12/25/2020	Fri	6:41 AM	0.07	L
12/25/2020	Fri	12:26 PM	1.83	H
12/25/2020	Fri	6:37 PM	0.7	L
12/25/2020	Fri	11:29 PM	2.41	H

*December is Stargazing Time in SWFL*

*Geminids Meteor Shower  
Peak: December 13 & 14*



SWFL's typically clear December nights make it one of our finest months for stargazing.

According to the American Meteor Society which was founded in 1911, "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. This is the one major shower that provides good activity prior to midnight as the constellation of Gemini is well placed from 22:00 onward. The Geminids are often bright and intensely colored. Due to their medium-slow velocity, persistent trains are not usually seen. These meteors are also seen in the southern hemisphere, but only during the middle of the night and at a reduced rate."

The peak days will be December 13 & 14 where the moon will only be at 1 percent. This will deliver a dark night.

On **December 21**, Jupiter and Saturn will form a rare "Christmas Star". Astronomers say it hasn't happened in 800 years. Astronomers are referring to it as the Great Conjunction of 2020. The two planets will appear to merge the night sky! So you don't forget, put a calendar event in your phone to remind you of these celestial events.

Now, we need the weather-forecasters to deliver a couple of clear nights!

**Here Are the Dates to Guarantee USPS Delivery by December 25th**

The USPS has a reminder. Mail early or take the risk that your cards and packages may not be delivered by December 25th!

**Here are the important dates:**

**December 15:** Last day for retail ground delivery by December 25th.

**December 18:** Last day for first class delivery by December 25th.

**December 19:** Last day for Priority Mail package delivery by December 25th

**December 23:** Last day for Priority Mail Express delivery by December 25th.

*For more information visit [www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)*

**VIRTUAL LADIES COFFEE ON WEDNESDAYS AT 9:30 AM. FOR INFORMATION ON HOW TO JOIN IN CALL PATTY HUFF AT 239-695-2397.**

*The Island Kitchen*

Catherine's Crisp Ginger Snap Cookies

**Ingredients:**

- 1/3 cup molasses
- 1/4 cup butter or shortening
- 2 tbs. packed brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/4 tsp. each baking powder and soda
- 1/4 tsp each cinnamon, cloves, ginger, nutmeg
- Dash of allspice



Directions: Mix molasses, shortening and brown sugar. Mix in remaining ingredients and refrigerate for at least 4 hours or overnight.

Heat oven to 375°. On parchment paper (or surface dusted in flour to prevent sticking), roll out dough to 1/8 inch. Cut with floured 3" cookie cutter.

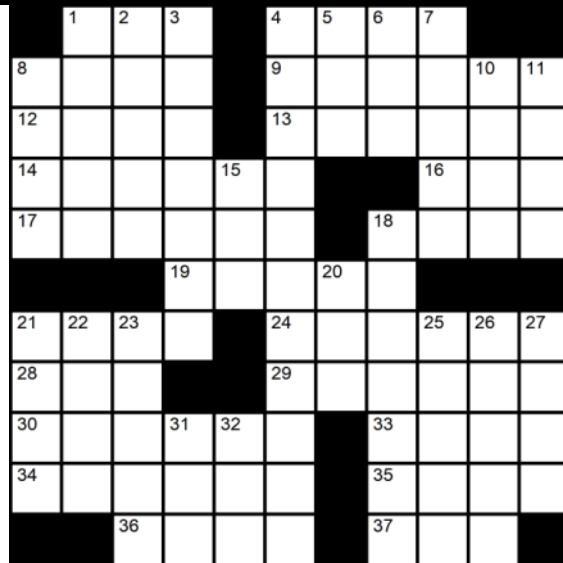
Place cookies on ungreased baking sheet (you can use parchment) approximately 1/2 inch apart. Bake for 8 minutes or until edges are browned. If you prefer to frost your snaps, let them cool then add this frosting; 1 cup powdered sugar, 1/2 tsp. vanilla, 1/4 tsp salt, 1 to 2 tbs. milk or cream. Frost after cookies are completely cooled.

Note: To prevent sticking, flour your rolling pin. The thinner you roll your cookies the crisper they will be. If you want them extra crisp, roll them thinner and reduce cooking time to 5 minutes!

**MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD**

**Across**

- 1 Part of formerly Portuguese India
- 4 "Boy, it's hot!"
- 8 Ireland's --- Fein
- 9 Funeral speech
- 12 "--- calling!"
- 13 Texas border town
- 14 Bucks back
- 16 Like some wines
- 17 African expedition
- 18 In Norway, it used to be Christiania
- 19 Pressure-washer maker
- 21 Ornery guy
- 24 Batman milieu
- 28 Exclamation of disgust
- 29 End of existence
- 30 It's in the blood
- 33 Omar --- of "House"
- 34 Sweet
- 35 Imitates
- 36 Beer party sight
- 37 Old horror actor --- Chaney



12/12/20

**Down**

- 1 "--- man a fish and you feed him for a day ..."
- 2 Kind of switch
- 3 Certain flowers
- 4 When single lives come to an end
- 5 Tint
- 6 90° bend
- 7 Bent sword leads to argument
- 8 COVID-19 predecessor
- 10 It's a \_\_\_ !
- 11 Spool-like toy
- 15 Gun lobby
- 18 Breakfast cereal
- 20 She may be fawning
- 21 Stanley and Ryder
- 22 Unattractive
- 23 Expert swindler
- 25 River horse
- 26 Trembling poplar
- 27 Military meal locale
- 31 Not a good boy's name, according to Johnny Cash
- 32 Car economy statistic



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

Visitors or no visitors...that is the question for many of us. We gave in at Thanksgiving and a longtime friend visited us for 3 weeks over the holiday. That was fine. We quarantined, and so did she, for two weeks prior to coming.

But, here is where we went wrong and took a chance. Our friend's daughter came for the Thanksgiving weekend after her own "quarantine period." However, after talking with her during that time, her quarantine included time with her son who is with her only half the week. The other half he is with his father so his activity there is unknown. Her "quarantine" also included time with her father who comes and goes and does so without a mask. In both of those examples the "quarantine" is no quarantine at all.

We have not gotten sick (yet) but we will be lining up for our COVID-19 testing on Wednesday in Everglades City to make sure.

Why am I writing this? Well, what became clear to me is that everyone's "quarantine" is different. To someone younger, a quarantine might mean no partying at clubs...but everything else pretty much stays the same. To Tim & I, quarantining means no dining out, no casual visitors, and mask wearing when out - and going out is the exception and not the rule. But even with those precautions we eventually let our guard down...until word got out that many got sick in town which scared us into a "real quarantine".

Saying no to friends and family is difficult, especially at the holidays. But it is prudent.

So to my friends and family, please do not be offended by me or others like me who really do not want any part of Covid-19, and sequester away until the vaccines are available. We will be here when this is over. Until then, tight lines and good fishing to all! We'll see you on the other side of this!



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CITY SEAFOOD

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(239) 695-4700

HAVANA CAFÉ, daily 9—4

239-695-2214

GRIMM'S STONE CRAB

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