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Impact of Women in Recreational Fishing

New Data on women and fishing: Women now account for 36 percent of anglers in the U.S.

Following a record increase in participation in 2020, women anglers continue to find enjoyment, companionship, and peace of mind on the water, according to data from the Recreational Boating & Fishing Foundation's (RBFF) 2023 Special Report on Fishing. In 2022, 54.5 million Americans ages six and over went fishing, an increase of 4 percent over 2021 and just under 2020's high of 54.7 million.

More women than ever picked up a rod and reel in 2021, according to the RBFF report, stating women now make up 36 percent of all anglers in the United States. This is the highest number on record for female participation in fishing, up from 33 percent in prior years.

Here are the latest statistics and information shared at ICAST 2023.

- 19.8 million women went fishing in 2022, a 40% increase over the past decade and an 8% increase since 2019.
- 3.8M more women went fishing than a decade prior, in 2011.
- The total number of times women fished in 2022 was 293M.

- Out of 4.1M first-time participants, 40% in 2022 were women as were 46% of those considering fishing in 2022. This total is up from 3.7M new participants the prior year.
- 2.7 million more female anglers fished than five years prior, and 4.2 million more than in 2011.
- 1.8 million female participants were first-timers.

Economic Impact

Female anglers pose a significant revenue opportunity for the fishing industry, according to the report.

A 10% increase in female participation provides an additional \$1 billion in revenue for the sportfishing industry. This means each additional female participant is worth nearly \$1,000 in annual revenue for the industry.

Women in the South and Midwest regions both spent around \$3.5 billion (over \$7 billion total) on fishing, while in the Midwest, female anglers each spent an average of \$1,106 annually. In the South, female anglers spent an annual average of \$796 per person.

54% of households say women plan the family recreational activities, and 70-80% of



consumer spending decisions are made by women.

Florida ranks as the highest for economic activity and job growth from recreational boating, totaling \$31.3B, up 53% and 109,000 jobs, up 19% from 2018.

Saltwater fishing has emerged as a driving force behind the financial stimulus female anglers bring to the industry.

Women spent relatively more on special equipment including vehicles, boats, real estate, and more for saltwater fishing compared to freshwater fishing (35 percent compared to 22 percent, respectively).

Fishing in General

18% of the American population went fishing, with 14.3 million fishing in saltwater.

54.5 million total U.S. anglers, a 4% increase in 2022 participation numbers.

The RBFF report concluded that 99 percent of participants surveyed say they plan to continue fishing. This is in part due to organizations such as Ladies, Let's Go Fishing, which focuses on attracting women to fishing through educational, hands-on programs and online events. In the 27 years it has

been active, LLGF has introduced thousands of new female anglers to fishing.

As concerns around loneliness and mental health continue to grow, fishing and boating provide an excellent opportunity for connection, as the report indicates. Last year, only 19% of anglers typically fished alone, with 8 in 10 participants choosing to fish in groups of 2 to 5.

Fishing participants ranked spending time in nature, escaping everyday stresses, and spending time with family or friends among the top benefits.

"Recruiting and retaining female anglers is critical to growing fishing and boating participation overall," said RBFF President and CEO Dave Chanda. "The bottom line is, increasing female fishing participation is also good for business, and the industry stands to benefit greatly from focusing more on this growing audience."

"People are still choosing to fish and boat. With a renewed focus on wellness, fishing and boating offer an accessible outlet for those looking to unplug, escape the stresses of everyday life, and spend more time with friends and family."



This data was based on the Special Report on Fishing, in partnership with the Outdoor Foundation and conducted by Southwick Associates, available at TakeMeFishing.Org/SpecialReport and NMMA www.nmma.org/press/article/24334 .



Critters in Our Midst: Chickens and Roosters

Early morning scene in the Publix parking lot at Tradewinds Plaza.

by Carol Ellis

If you have ever visited the parking lot at Key Largo Publix, you have undoubtedly seen the chickens there. Great idea for a story, but why weren't they there mid-afternoon on a weekday when I actually had my camera to take their photograph?

I drove the whole lot, and all I saw were some chicken feathers. Thinking the worst... did the gentrification squad move them away? My friend said when she was shopping early on a Sunday they were everywhere... even blocking the road, as if daring you to drive-by.

So I returned early one morning, and there they were in all their parading, pecking, crowing, scratching glory. Luckily I had finished photographing by the time the parking lot clean-up crew, with their blowers and weedwackers arrived, and the chickens and roosters dispersed into the woods.

Now that I know their routine, tell me, "where did they come from and why do they stay?"

The chicken (*Gallus domesticus*) is a domesticated species that arose from the jungle fowl that was originally found throughout the Caribbean, including Cuba. Early settlers in the Keys, many from the Caribbean Islands of the Bahamas and Cuba, kept chicken coups and used them to feed themselves, consuming both the meat and their eggs.

The 10 Year War in Cuba (1868-1878), a war led by

planters and wealthy Cubans for independence from Spain, caused many Cubans to migrate to Key West. There were three Cuban wars for independence, the last of which escalated to the United States' involvement in the Spanish American War, after the sinking of the USS Maine in Havana Harbor in 1898.

A 1906 postcard of sailors betting on a cockfight depicted everyday life



This 1906 postcard of sailors betting on a cockfight depicted everyday life aboard warships during WWI. Color-tinted postcard published by the American News Company, New York.



Chicken Crossing. Be prepared to stop and let the chicken cross the road.

aboard warships during WWI. These sailors must have adopted some of the traditions of the countries they were protecting. Cubans arriving in Key West fleeing a war brought with them their Cuban heritage, including their roosters and the sport of cockfighting.

Is it fair to say the Cuban roosters qualify as military veterans or AWOL?

Cockfighting thrived in the

Chickens and Roosters CONTINUED Photos by Carol Ellis except as noted.



A hen and her chicks taking a stroll in the parking lot median strip.

Keys until it was outlawed in the 1970s; no longer being of use to their owners, these roosters were released into the streets of Key West.

Few are aware that back in the mid-80s a flourishing illegal cockfighting business was going on in north Key Largo, just off CR 905 about a mile south of the three-way at Card Sound Road. I recall seeing many cars turn off the main road on weekends and drive into the hammocks. At a glance, it didn't look like it was a family picnic. The conversation was loud and exclusively Spanish; there were guards checking all who entered, a few women, but mostly many older Cubans with lots of cash and their bodyguards with lots of guns.



Left: Photo taken in 1999 at Crocodile Lake wildlife refuge of what was once an active cockfighting ring off CR 905. The arena which hosted rooster fights was called the "Chicken Ranch," and it shut down after it was raided sometime in 1987-88.



Many residents love the chickens, but would rather not deal with their loud crowing.

chicken, locals call their chickens "gypsy chickens"

as they roam freely everywhere. So much so that the City of Key West funds a program to rescue, and care for the sick and injured, and rehome the chickens.

Many of the chickens from Key West are trucked to farms on the mainland, to continue their free-range lives. Did a few jump off the transport in the parking lot in Key Largo? And now they are here, and they are officially staying since

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Chicken (*Gallus domesticus*). Chickens are attracted by the daily feeding.

obviously someone is feeding them. I suppose no-one is particularly bothered by the roosters' early morning crowing. I find them amusing and a small reminder of our early Caribbean island roots.



Right: A cock fight. Wright Langley Collection.

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This year will be unique in the ways that we are helping our local environmental

advocates fundraise for their cause via our silent auction and spooky booth competition! All of the non-profits in our conservation village will be bringing one item to contribute, and the money raised from their item goes directly back to the respective organization. We will also be asking all guests to vote for their favorite non-profit booth at the event, and the booth with the most votes will receive a sponsored cash donation to their cause!

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On the back of the shirt is Carol's original image of Fred's Place - the "Tilton Hilton." The restaurant, complete with slanting dance floor, blue crabs and cold beer, was located on the curve just across the Monroe County line, in the historic fishing village of Downtown Card Sound.

The photograph, taken in 1988 is a reminder of the once thriving community of nonconformists, squatters, and fishermen, who made their living from the surrounding waters, mostly by selling blue crabs. In its peak during the late 50's, this area was home to 100 residents, some who had State issued leases for "fishing camps."

Hurricane destruction, along with the politics of environmental safety, ushered in clean-up crews and by 2010, just a few wooden docks, and Alabama Jacks remain in Downtown Card Sound.

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Arrogance Leads to Disappointment

A blog by Luke Sommer Glenn

While setting up to play on a packed Friday night at the Big Chill we were attacked by a negative entity known in today's parlance as a "Karen."

The drummer had parked his vehicle up on the curb along the hedges thus creating extra space for everyone entering the tiki bar. It was a weekly thing, no big deal. We go about our business humping gear to the stage, working through the throng of dilly dallying tourons.

Earlier in the week I had played a solo gig there and noticed a woman with a less than pleasant vibe. I make note of things like that as a matter of survival instincts. She even complained about the ice melting too quickly in her drink with a look of smugness befitting the Queen of Sheba.

She starts and/or ends every sentence with "I am an owner" or "president of the owners association." She expects priority service as president/owner. Her behavior is all caught on video. She manages to piss off an other-wise pretty forgiving team as far as tolerating someone with a buzz and tourons in general. By the end of the week they are done with this woman.

The drummer is known as one of the nicest guys around, one of the least offensive people on the planet. He brings some gear to the stage and says, "This lady out in the parking lot walking her dogs told me I have to move my truck." That's unusual as it's never been a problem before.

I ask who the \$&*k it is and he doesn't know. We happen to notice the manager at the

bar so we inquire about the parking situation. He says we are fine right where it's always at. Cool, it's a hassle to have to park across the street when you are trying to get the Friday night party started.

We continue to unload gear when 4 perfectly groomed, tiny, poofball dogs attached to a 40 something woman snaps "I thought I told you to MOVE."

The drummer replies politely "The manager says it's ok so..."

"I'm an owner, I'm ABOVE the manager" interrupts miss busy body.

"I don't think so, maybe you should talk..."

"Bullshit! I told you to move. I'll have you towed!"

One of her little dogs shits in the middle of the parking lot as she emphasizes the word "towed!", the turd rolling like a rubber ball scattering the other three dogs as they pull in different directions distracting madam president, and allowing the drummer to fetch in another load of gear.

As he passes by the MOD he points out the "owner/president/whatever" lady over riding his decision about the parking situation and threatening action.

"Don't worry about it," he says.

In the meantime she has recognized me from the other night and starts in with the drummers parking spot. I'm a little less patient as humping gear is the funnest part of my

goddamn night and listening to this stupid #\$@& is exactly what I want to be doing right now in the middle of setting up lights, sound and stage.

I choose my words very, very carefully and I say, "UM HUM."

"I'm the president of the owners association and this looks ugly. I want it moved."

"UM HUM."

She is aggravated because her little dogs are interested in sniffing me and I naturally pay more attention to the poor poofy dogs who were surprising friendly for little dogs. Probably just wanted a break from the bad energy controlling the leash.

"UM HUM," I say.

"YOU! I want this truck moved NOW!" she screams like a psycho as the drummer approaches.

"Look lady, it's not in the fire lane, people can get by..." he says calmly.

"As president of the owners association I DEMAND that you move this \$%&#ng truck NOW!" Another turd hits the pavement and rolls towards the drainage grate.

"I don't have time to argue with you..."

"FINE! Then MOVE IT!" she sprays. The poor poofy dogs jostle nervously.

She becomes even more unhinged and loud at our inaction to her commands, attracting the attention of

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the manager, who eventually bars her from the downstairs bar and restaurant.

Decorum prevents an accurate transcription here but suffice to say the president of the owners association had disrespected the crew and discovered her 2 weeks stay as president was limited to the upstairs and her title largely ceremonial.

She was going to have the drummer fired. The manager fired. The other manager fired. She felt GOOD being in charge, the boss, the freaking POA! (President of the Owners Association).

Arrogance leads to disappointment. She could've had a great time not having to worry about anything. No job, no laundry, no cooking, no cleaning... just cocktails and sunshine.

But vacation to her was having to take charge as "president," overstepping and sticking her nose in a business she actually knows nothing about. "How hard can it be to run a restaurant?" she exclaimed at one point.

Making people miserable for amusement, sport bitching, negative Nancies, Debbie Downers, Karens, crotchety old men... If it takes all kinds I would like a better cool people to assholes ratio.

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3/4 teaspoon baking soda

1/2 teaspoon salt

1 cup granulated sugar

1/4 cup butter, softened

2 large eggs

1 1/2 cups mashed ripe banana (about 3 bananas)

1/4 cup plain low-fat yogurt (or piña colada flavored!!)

3 tablespoons dark rum OR apple cider

1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract

1/2 cup flaked sweetened coconut

Cooking spray

1 tablespoon flaked sweetened coconut

1/2 cup powdered sugar

1 1/2 tablespoons fresh lime or lemon juice



Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°.

Lightly spoon flour into dry measuring cups; level with a knife. Combine flour, baking soda, and salt, stirring with a whisk.

Place granulated sugar and butter in a large bowl; beat with a mixer at medium speed until well blended. Add eggs, 1 at a time, beating well after each addition. Add banana, yogurt, rum, and vanilla; beat until blended. Add flour mixture; beat at low speed just until moist. Stir in 1/2 cup coconut. Spoon batter into a 9 x 5-inch loaf pan coated with cooking spray; sprinkle with 1 tablespoon coconut. Bake at 350° for 1 hour or until a wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Cool in pan 10 minutes on a wire rack; remove from pan. Combine powdered sugar and juice, stirring with a whisk; drizzle over warm bread. Cool completely on wire rack.

The Keys Disease

by Teddy Welch, Key Largo

Dedicated to the Memory of Mr. Jimmy Buffett, 1946-2023

It's not the sunsets or the rum in the breeze that keeps me in the Keys.

It's not the way the moon seems brighter when looking through palm trees.

Not the ocean, the bay, the dolphins, or manatees. I took the STRETCH of my imagination and caught the

Keys Disease

There's no cure I've been told and probably never be, some have tried but caught the fever just like you and me. I have no need to understand. Some things are meant to be. All I know is I'm infected with the

Keys Disease

I don't want no antidote, don't need no pills for pain, it's not that kind of illness, but thank you just the same. I stare at clouds, soak up the breeze. That s my therapy. What else do you do when you have the

Keys Disease

I'll give you some symptoms, but can't tell you what to do, you'll be hypnotized by the ripples and waves, own a talking bird or two. but by then it will be too late. You won't cough you won't sneeze, but I guarantee you one thing, you've been exposed to the


Keys Disease

I wonder what those people are thinking on their boats going by. They have no physicians ER rooms, only water and sky. They keep their distance; they don't dock, they know there's no remedy. If their engine stalls or their anchor falls in sight of these mangrove trees. Let's be realistic there's more than statistics, they got this

Keys Disease

We're all gonna go sometime. I know where I'll be. I'll be on this dock on this rock you'll hear no complaints from me. I'll give my body to science. Let all the doctors see. They can run me through their labs and test me all they please. When all is said and done and their probes are history, they'll be no nearer to a cure for this

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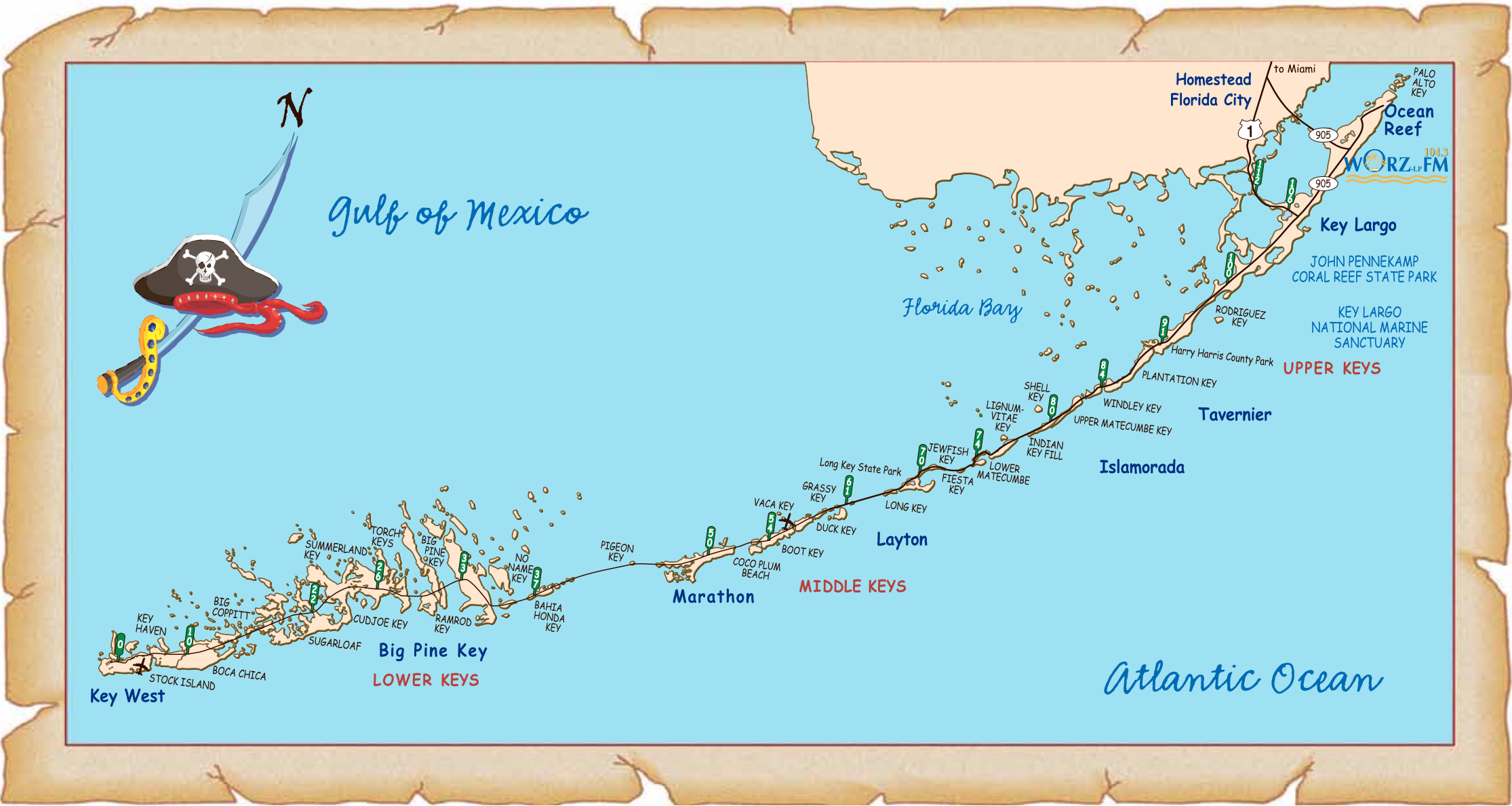
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We know for ourselves that when we have a good friend, we don't want them to suffer alone when we are just a phone call away. We want them to call us and share their sorrows with us, as well as their joys, because this is what sharing a life through friendship is about. It is at our lowest points that we really need

to rely on our friends without worrying that we are a burden. If you are feeling self-conscious about having a tough time, you can bring this fact into the conversation by acknowledging it. Chances are your friend will reassure you that she is happy to be there for you. In fact, rather than feeling taxed, most of us feel better when we have helped a friend simply by listening empathically while they share their feelings.

Without our friends, we would be hard pressed to get through the tough times and celebrate the good ones. If we leave our friends out of our process when the going gets tough, our friendships can begin to feel shallow. On the other hand, when we include our friends in the full story of our life -- the good, the bad, and the ugly -- we build authentic relationships in which we can be who we truly are. When we do this, we invite our friends to bring their whole selves to the relationship as well.

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- 3. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
- 4. It ain't the jeans that make your butt look fat.
- 5. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
- 6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
- 7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
- 8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
- 9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
- 10. If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- 11. Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
- 12. A conscience is what hurts when all of your other parts feel so good.
- 13. Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
- 14. Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
- 15. No man has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
- 16. A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
- 17. Middle age is when broadness of the mind and narrowness of the waist change places.
- 18. Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
- 19. Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away three weeks before you need it.
- 20. There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
- 21. Fat chance and slim chance mean the same thing.
- 22. By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
- 23. Thou shalt not weigh more than thy fridge.
- 24. When you fall in love at first sight remember, love is blind.
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The Key Largo Branch of the Monroe County Library System is hosting the following programs this month. All library programs are free and open to the public. Program funding provided by the Friends of the Key Largo Library. Visit KeysLibraries.org for books, streaming movies, ebooks, and more.

KEY LARGO BRANCH LIBRARY IS LOCATED IN TRADEWINDS SHOPPING CENTER AT MM 101.4 OCEANSIDE.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Through October 15 visit the Key Largo Library for the Hispanic Heritage Month Art exhibit featuring Carmen Sotolongo-Kelly and other artists from the Key Largo Gallery.

October 2, 6:30 pm

The Upper Keys Fishing Club meets on the 1st Monday of each month.

October 3 & 17, 4:30 pm

LEGO Club - Children can be creative and build with LOTS of LEGOs provided by the library. Work on your own creation or build as a team and test your skills with building challenges! Ages 6-11.

October 4, 9 am-12 pm

1st Wednesday Plant Clinic. Master Gardener Volunteers will be available to help with plant identification, disease diagnosis, insect identifications / problems, and services related to diagnosing gardening and/or landscape problems.

October 5, 2-3:30 pm

Foreign Policy Association Great Decisions topic of the month: Iran at the Crossroads. Join us for America's largest discussion group on world affairs. Visit the library for an informative article on the topic to read ahead of time. We'll watch a brief video, then discuss. Sponsored by Friends of the Key Largo Library.

October 6, 9:30 am

The Florida Keys Quilters meet. Check their Facebook page for details.

October 6, 6 pm

First Friday Concert Series. Sarah McCulloch is a Country/Americana Singer-Songwriter whose sweet, yet sultry voice pierces right through the traditional country. Sarah was

raised in the Big Cypress Swamp and draws her song-writing inspiration from her colorful childhood, surrounded by the Seminole Tribe and Florida pioneers.

October 11, 4:30 pm

Let's get foamy with this fun slimy recipe! Learn how to make your own foamy slime! Ages 6-11.

October 12, 4:30 pm

Nature Explorers: This month we will begin to explore æAll about Coral Reefscæ and why these vibrant ecosystems are critically important to all life, through videos, crafts, & activities. Ages 8-11. Registration encouraged.

October 13, 2-4 pm

Drawing FUNdamentals: This 2-hour class by Monica Bankowski introduces up to 15 participants to left-brain thinking and right-brain seeing, and how to apply concepts to draw anything! Supplies provided. Register at tinyurl.com/nhkpm4cp

October 14, 11 am - 2 pm

Annular Solar Eclipse Program: A NASA Ambassador will discuss solar eclipses and then we'll head outside to see one! Key Largo will experience a partial eclipse (60%) in the early afternoon. Viewing glasses will be available to participants while supplies last. All ages.

October 16, 2 pm & 6 pm

Movie: "Fahrenheit 451." In a future where reading is a

crime, a fireman whose job is to burn books begins to question the law. 100 minutes. Rated TV-14.

October 19, 2-3:30 pm

Adult Craft: Seashell Boxes. Supplies are provided. Registration encouraged.

October 24, 3:30 pm

Cancer 101: Attend this informative program to receive answers to the cancer-related questions: Q&A to follow. Participants will receive a free goodie bag. Presented by Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center.

October 26, 6-7:45 pm

Books on Tap: Join us at Keys' Meads on the 4th Tuesday of the month. "Fahrenheit 451" by Ray Bradbury. A book burner in a future fascist state finds out books are a vital part of a culture he never knew. He clandestinely pursues reading, until he is betrayed. Borrow the book from the Key Largo Library. Drinks are available for purchase. 99411 Overseas Hwy. Unit 6.

October 28, 11 am - 2 pm

Halloween Hoopla: Aliens Among Us: Complete alien-themed activity stations and games set up throughout the library and community room, then stop by the Information Desk for a goody bag. Costumes encouraged. The JOY Center's Ukulele group will stop by to play some spooky tunes! Ages 6-11 but all families are invited to dress up.

October 30, 6-7:30 pm

Halloween Movie: "Nightmare Before Christmas:" Bored with the same old scare-and-scream routine, Pumpkin King Jack Skellington longs to spread the joy of Christmas. But his merry mission puts Santa in jeopardy and creates a nightmare for good little boys and girls everywhere. 76 min. Rated PG.

October 31, 10:30 am

Children ages 5 and under are invited to dress up in costume, and bring a Halloween basket for the parade through the library after Story Time.

WEEKLY EVENTS

Story Time

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 am for ages 0-5.

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I went with a prostitute for the first time in my life after 30 years of marriage.

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I read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Shouldn't that be an even number?

I find it ironic that the colors red, white, and blue stand for freedom until they are flashing behind you.

When wearing a bikini, women reveal 90% of their body. Men are so polite they only look at the covered parts.

Relationships are a lot like algebra. Have you ever looked at your X and wondered Y?

America is a country which produces citizens who will cross the ocean to fight for democracy but won't cross the street to vote

My therapist says I have a preoccupation with vengeance. We'll see about that!

I think my neighbor is stalking me as she's been Googling my name on her computer. I saw it through my telescope last night.

Money talks ... but all mine ever says is good-bye.

If you think nobody cares whether you're alive, try missing a couple of payments.

I always wondered what the job application is like at Hooters. Do they just give you a bra and say, "Here, fill this out?"

Why are people OK that JC Penny has an older women's clothing line named "Sag Harbor?"

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- \$1 off House Wines
- \$1.25 Domestic Drafts
- \$2.25 Specialty Drafts

Open for Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner • 7am-10pm
Enjoy breakfast on the deck overlooking the water.
Enjoy lunch or dinner on the beach.



The Rockin' Magic of MICHAEL TRIXX
Most MONDAYS • WEDNESDAYS • FRIDAYS at Sunset

This Month's Live Entertainment and Events at the Lorelei						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	2 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	3 Micah 5:30-9:30	4 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	5 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	6 Jade Storm 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	7 Uncle Rico 6-10
8 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	9 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	10 John Ciulla 5:30-9:30	11 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	12 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	13 Brothers Of Others 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	14 Abstract Radio 5:30-9:30
15 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	16 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	17 Dennis Holmes 5:30-9:30	18 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	19 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	20 Ego Free 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	21 South 58 5:30-9:30
22 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	23 Carousers 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	24 Steve Venini 5:30-9:30	25 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	26 Webb & Davidson 5:30-9:30	27 Shadow Creek 5:30-9:30 Michael Trixx @Sunset	28 Christopher Dean Band 5:30-9:30
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