

What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands!

News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table

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Local Events

Giant Community Yard Sale At the Lot Next to Island Café January 23, Opening at 8 am

There is always one item you didn't get during the holidays that you wished you did! Now is the chance to find that special treasure at the annual **Community Yard Sale sponsored by the Chokoloskee Church of God Ladies Ministry.**

There is literally something for everyone, so you will not want to miss it.

If you have treasures to sell, you can rent a 10×10 space for only \$10.

All proceeds for the rented spaces and the Ladies Ministry space goes to the Chokoloskee Family Church of God Ladies Ministry.

For more information, please contact Hazel Mitchell at 239-719-0368.

What: Giant Community Yard Sale When: January 23, 2021, 8:00 am Where: Lot just south of Island Café



Movie Night! Wind Across the Everglades January 29th, 6:30 PM In the Museum Parking Lot

Come and enjoy the 1958 classic staring Burl Ives & Christopher Plumber

Please bring your own chair and dress appropriately for the weather. We'll see you there!

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Fire Destroys Home on Plantation Island By Kathy Brock

I was at Right Choice Market on January 9th as an unusual black plume of smoke filled the air in the late afternoon. As the emergency vehicles sped past us, we knew something bad must have happened...and it did.



Keith and Dee Davis, longtime residents of the area, and members at Everglades Community Church, lost their home by fire. Their mobile home was burned beyond recognition leaving behind only a few metal beams of what was once their home.

Fortunately, there were no reported injuries, but the Davis' did lose most of their possessions in the fire.

Although newer models of mobile homes have many safety precautions, older mobile homes lack some of the fire safeguards and can burn in just a matter of minutes.

Even with all modern-day precautions, small homes, of any type, can burn much faster because of their compact size making it easier for flames to ravage the dwelling quickly. Thankfully no one was hurt in this devastating fire.

If you would like to help the Davis' recover from this unfortunate tragedy, you can make a donation to Everglades Community Church for Keith and Dee Davis (in the memo section), and mail it to P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL 34139.

The monies will be distributed by the church as their needs are known. Please keep Dee & Keith in your prayers.

Red Tide Has Reared its Ugly Head Again In SW Florida

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Karenia brevis, a type of microscopic algae that produces red tide, has been detected as far south as Marco Island and north into Sarasota County.

There have been reports of dead and dying fish, marine mammals and respiratory distress to humans along the beaches and while boating offshore.

According to the NOAA website, harmful algae blooms or HABs occur when colonies of algae—simple plants that live in the sea and freshwater—grow out of control while producing toxic or harmful effects on people, fish, shellfish, marine mammals, and birds.

Karenia brevis is a microscopic, single celled photosynthetic organism, a marine dinoflagellate, that is responsible for the red tides that affect the Gulf coasts of Florida and Texas and nearby coasts of Mexico on the Gulf side.

Red tide is a naturally occurring phenomena that researchers believe is exacerbated by fertilizers containing nitrogen and other substances that runoff into the waters from industrial farming and residential use.

Red tide is not related to the "bluegreen" algae that plagued Florida in 2018 and early 2019.

Now that it is here again, how long can it last? Red tide can last from just a few days to several months. Many factors can influence a red tide.

Temperature, water salinity, currents, nutrients and competing species all may contribute to bloom conditions. Some researchers have suggested that iron deposited from Sahara Desert dust may also play a part, so more research is needed.

FWC has an active map that displays the results from weekly water sampling.

For more information, call 866-300-9399 at any time from anywhere in Florida to hear a recording about red tide conditions throughout the state. Callers outside of Florida can dial 727-502-4952 or visit myfwc.com and put "red tide" in the search bar on the site.

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| JANUARY 24, 2021 — FEBRUARY 27, 2021 CALENDAR | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | Full Moon-28 | 29 | 30 |
| | | Dock Wkshp | Food Bank | | Movie Night, | |
| | | 7 pm | ECC, 11am—2pm | | See page 1 | |
| | | | Virtual Ladies | | | |
| | | | Coffee, 9:30 | | | |
| 31 | February 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 Rapper |
| | | Groundhog Day | Food Bank | | | |
| | | City Council, | ECC, 11am—2pm | | | |
| | | 7 pm | Virtual Ladies | | | |
| | | | Coffee, 9:30 | | | |
| 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | New Moon-11 | 12 | 13 |
| Superbowl | | | Food Bank | | | Plant Sale, |
| | | | ECC, 11am—2pm | Lions Club, | | See P. 4 |
| | | | Virtual Ladies | 6 pm | | Garage Sale, p.8 |
| | | | Coffee, 9:30 | - | | |
| 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Rapper |
| Valentine's Day | President's | | Food Bank | | | |
| | Day | | ECC, 11am—2pm | | | |
| | | | Virtual Ladies | | | |
| | | | Coffee, 9:30 | | | |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | Full Moon-27 |
| | | | Food Bank | | | |
| | | | ECC, 11am—2pm Virtual Ladies | | | |
| | | | Coffee, 9:30 | | | |
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March 14: Spring Forward!

April 4: Easter Sunday

April 2: Good Friday

May 6: National Day of Prayer

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 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: (813)-787-9738 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 VETERANS SUPPORT: Closed until further notice VISITOR CENTER: (239)-232-4037 Closed until further notice

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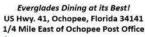
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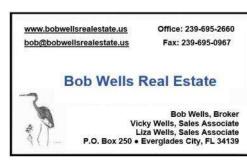
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The Winter Bite in SW Florida by Captain Mike Merritt

The winter bite is in full swing! Sheepshead, Snapper, Black Drum, Seatrout and Redfish are the most prevalent right now. Fishing has been good on the incoming higher tides. Jigs tipped with shrimp or live shrimp have been producing all of these.

Trout are being caught on the flats, in the rivers, and around the bars. You can catch them on a variety of baits including corks and DOA shrimp. There are lots of keepers around but you may go through a bunch of little guys first.

Black Drum and Redfish have been biting really good on a slow fished jig tipped with shrimp. Or just use a knocker rig and fish the bars. Once you find one there is a good chance more are around. Move around that area and find some more!

Sheepshead are being caught offshore and in the deeper holes inshore. Shrimp are the way to go. Fish them on the bottom. Sometimes half a shrimp is easier to hook them with. Snapper can also be caught in all the same places as the Sheepshead.

The bite is good right now, Lots of action! Good luck fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt

Super Dolphin Catches Redfish (with Captain Merritt)



Former Miami Dolphin Great Mark Super" Duper had an enjoyable recent fishing trip with Mike Merritt. Duper was here with family friend Glenn Mathews and his son Lucas who was celebrating his 16th birthday. Photos: Left, Mark Duper with Capt. Mike Merritt, Right, Lucas Mathews, Mark Duper, and Glenn Mathews



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Plant Sale Brings in \$1009 for Everglades City School...so far We Will Do It Again - February 13th, 10 am to 1 pm

The Mullet Rapper's 4th annual plant sale wasn't the typical single day event due to Covid-19, but we did start things off on January 9th, and we are pleased to let you know that we have raised \$1009 (so far) for the school to use for critical student needs.

Last year our sale raised over \$1100, so we still have a way to go to reach and surpass our goal, but we are quite sure we will get there.

For the last 4 years, we have used our favorite hobby, growing plants, as a way to raise money for our local school, providing some funds for things that are not covered in the school's budget.



We are continually adding more plants for the sale, so even if you came out before, stop by to see if something new interests you!

If you have a plant to donate for the sale, please contact me or leave it by my gate...The address and contact information is in the article below. We hope to connect you with the perfect plants!

Important School Dates to Remember

| January 30 | Virtual Steam Expo |
|------------------------------|--------------------|
| February 15, President's Day | |
| February 25 | Early Dismissal |
| March 15-19, Spring Break | |
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For more information: www.CollierSchools.com

Free Tree Giveaway by Naples Botanical Gardens *Plus* Plant Sale-Fundraiser for EVG February 13, 2021

Naples Botanical Gardens has done it again! After providing 350 trees in the Summer, they have delivered another 100+ plants and trees for our area and they are ready for distribution. We still have about 50 free trees left!

Just like we did for the summer distribution, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the winter plant distribution will originate from Tim & Kathy Brock's house at 406 Storter N, in Everglades City. We will host another distribution on February 13th from 10 am to 1 pm (on the Evergreen St. side by the back gate).

We will distribute throughout the month (and beyond) by appointment. Just give me a call or text at 954-662-7003 or email me at mulletrapper@gmail.com.

The selection of trees from Naples Botanical: Cassia grandis, Cassia rosea, Handroanthus riodocensis, Jamaican Caper, Pigeonplum, and Taxodium, distichum. There are 5 or more of each type available. Don't be shy, they all need homes!

Plants available for the school fundraiser include: banana, plantain, herbs, milkweed, aloe, several types of palms, ferns, terrestrial orchids, pineapples, numerous flowering plants, succulents, seeds, cuttings, and much more!

Please remember to wear a mask and to bring some plastic to lay down in your vehicle to put the plants on. If you can't come on the 13th, please just schedule a time to stop in by calling or emailing me (Kathy Brock).

Phase III of Solar Street Light Installation to Begin in February

The new solar street lights are about 60% complete. The second phase of 30 lights were installed the first two weeks of January.

The last group of 30 (of about 90 lights in total) are shipping to the City on February 5th and installation will begin for this group shortly thereafter.

The new lights are designed to illuminate downward helping keep the night sky dark while lighting up the streets at the same time.

The light replacement project was made possible by a grant obtained by the city for the replacement of the original street lights that were damaged by Hurricane Irma.

Many of the old lights have been purchased at a cost of \$200 by area residents for use on their private property. If you are interested in obtaining one of the historic lights, please contact the City at 239-695-3781,

Historic Street Lights Renovated, Installed at McLeod Park



To preserve a bit of history, four of the historic street lamps that once lit up old Everglades City have been renovated and installed at McLeod Park.

The Everglades Lions Club volunteered to spearhead the project which began by trailering the old lights into Naples to get them sandblasted and then painted by the Lions Club to help preserve them.

Next, they were outfitted with

low voltage lighting to provide eye-pleasing light on the north side of the park. Many thanks to the Everglades Lions Club for helping preserve a bit of history for our area.

Thrift Store Notice

Due to Covid-19, the Thrift Store will be closed until further notice.



"Doing Life Together" Sunday Worship: 11am Wednesday Bible Study: 7PM Kids program Wed. & Sunday! Join us on the Island! Ph: (239) 232-0098

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The Mullet Rapper Supports Everglades City School

Each year, The Mullet Rapper hosts an annual plant sale, and other events, to raise money for Everglades City School. Please help us support our local children by attending one of our events!

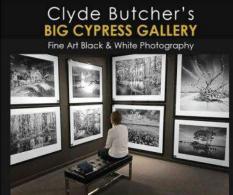
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Obituary Elizabeth "Betty" Holbert

Elizabeth "Betty" (Dunlap) Holbert, 92, of Sellersville, PA; formerly of Chokoloskee, FL went home to be with the Lord on Friday, January 15, 2021 at her residence.

She was the loving wife of the late Howard C. Holbert Jr. Betty was born in Oaks, PA to the late Percival and Rosetta (Clymer) Dunlap.

A graduate of Phoenixville High School class of 1946. Betty and her late husband, Chick, owned and operated Warrington Hardware, Warrington, PA during the 60's and 70's.

She was a 50 year member of the Loyal Order of Moose, Phoenixville, PA. Betty was a former member of the Everglades Community Church, Everglades City, FL.

She enjoyed playing Pinochle, watching all sports and assembling puzzles with her great-grandchildren. Betty also volunteered at the food pantry in Chokoloskee, FL.

A Memorial Service will be held at the convenience of the family.

Memorial contributions may be made in her memory to: Everglades Community Church, 101 Copeland Ave, Everglades City, FL 34139.



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| | Solution to January 9, 2021 Puzzle | | | | | | | | | |
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Florida's Exotic Species Feral Hogs Content by Chris Herlovich

Feral hogs are present in all 67 counties of Florida. Hogs are not a "native" species and are a part of the landscape due to escape or dumping by former hog owners.

Feral hogs are considered invasive and a threat to native species. Feral hogs are primarily vegetarian, but their habit of "rooting" is very destructive to other plants growing in the area.

Generally, a boar will weigh from 170-220 pounds, but some have been reported as large as 450 pounds.

Sows can have up to two litters per year with each litter producing between 4 and 12 piglets, with the average being 5 to 6. They breed year around and tend to do so where food and shelter are abundant.

At the age of 4 to 6 months, young sows begin breeding themselves which is how the feral hog population has grown so quickly across Florida and some other states (Texas has a large feral hog population as well).

Currently, the feral hog population is managed by hunting. It is legal to hunt feral hogs in Florida without a license. However, you should check with the landowner for any restrictions.

Feral hogs can carry diseases that transmit to humans. Swine brucellosis is a bacterium transmitted among feral hog populations through breeding and ingestion of the bacteria, and to humans in undercooked meat.

Tularemia is commonly known as rabbit fever. Humans contract the disease by direct contact through a wound, eating infected meat, and by ticks and biting flies that harbor this disease.

For more information about feral hogs, visit myfwc.com and enter "feral hogs" in their search bar.



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| 1/23/2021 | Sat | 6:07 AM | -0.03 | L | |
| 1/23/2021 | Sat | 1:30 PM | 1.54 | Н | |
| 1/23/2021 | Sat | 5:56 PM | 0.79 | L | |
| 1/23/2021 | Sat | 10:45 PM | 2.18 | Н | |
| 1/24/2021 | Sun | 6:57 AM | -0.17 | L | |
| 1/24/2021 | Sun | 1:32 PM | 1.65 | Н | |
| 1/24/2021 | Sun | 6:51 PM | 0.8 | L | |
| 1/24/2021 | Sun | 11:37 PM | 2.28 | Н | |
| 1/25/2021 | Mon | 7:42 AM | -0.3 | L | |
| 1/25/2021 | Mon | 1:54 PM | 1.76 | Η | |
| 1/25/2021 | Mon | 7:36 PM | 0.77 | L | |
| 1/26/2021 | Tue | 12:20 AM | 2.41 | Η | |
| 1/26/2021 | Tue | 8:22 AM | -0.41 | L | |
| 1/26/2021 | Tue | 2:21 PM | 1.86 | Η | |
| 1/26/2021 | Tue | 8:15 PM | 0.73 | L | |
| 1/27/2021 | Wed | 12:58 AM | 2.54 | Η | |
| 1/27/2021 | Wed | 9:01 AM | -0.49 | L | |
| 1/27/2021 | Wed | 2:51 PM | 1.95 | Η | |
| 1/27/2021 | Wed | 8:52 PM | 0.67 | L | |
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TAXING THINGS by Mike the Tax Guy

February 1 is the deadline for employers to issue and file wage statements

Employers must file Form W-2 and other wage statements by Monday, **February 1, 2021**. This is also the date Form W-2s are due to employees, including Form 1099-MISC, Miscellaneous Income, and the new Form 1099-NEC, Nonemployee Compensation.

Nonemployee compensation may be subject to backup withholding if a payee has not provided a taxpayer identification number to the payer or the IRS notifies the payer that the Taxpayer Identification Number provided was incorrect.

Identity Pin Available

The Identity Protection PIN (IP PIN) is a six-digit code known only to the taxpayer and to the IRS. It helps prevent identity thieves from filing fraudulent tax returns using a taxpayers' personally identifiable information.

The IRS launched the IP PIN program nearly a decade ago to protect confirmed identity theft victims from ongoing taxrelated fraud. Now, the voluntary program is going nationwide.

- You must pass a rigorous identity verification process.
- An IP PIN is valid for a calendar year.
- You must obtain a new IP PIN each filing season.
- Correct IP PINs must be entered on electronic and paper tax returns to avoid rejections and delays.

This is a way to, in essence, lock your tax account, and the IP PIN serves as the key to opening that account. Electronic returns that do not contain the correct IP PIN will be rejected, and paper returns will go through additional scrutiny for fraud.

Never share your IP PIN with anyone but your trusted tax provider. The IRS will never call, text or email requesting your IP PIN. Beware of scams to steal your IP PIN.

Note that the Internal Revenue Service will never send you emails or contact you by telephone. The IRS mails notices to your address of record.

There is a wealth of information on the IRS website. For general information go to www.irs.gov. For help go to www.irs.gov/ help/telephone-assistance.

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

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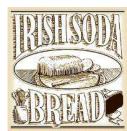
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The Island Life Recipes

Irish Soda Bread submitted by Marya Repko

Ingredients:

 $1\frac{1}{4}$ cups whole wheat flour 1¹/₄ cups plain flour 1 tsp fine sea salt 1/2 tsp baking soda ³/₄ cups mixed seeds 1 tbs rosemary, finely chopped 1 cup buttermilk



Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Grease a 9" loaf tin with a little flavorless oil or softened butter and dust the inside with a little flour, then tap out the excess. Put the whole wheat flour, plain flour, salt and baking soda in a large bowl, and mix well together. Add most of the mixed seeds, keeping a tablespoon or so reserved to sprinkle on top later. Add the rosemary and the buttermilk and mix well with a large wooden or metal spoon until all of the ingredients are completely combined.

Scrape the bread mix into the prepared tin and spread the top with a palette knife or the back of a spoon. Sprinkle the reserved seeds on the top and bake in the preheated oven for 25 minutes.

Remove the loaf from the oven and leave to cool for five minutes in the tin before turning out on to a wire rack to cool. Enjoy!

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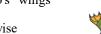
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by Kathy Brock I grew up in a "dog" family. As far back as I

My Little Slice of Paradise

can remember, we had a family dog ... or I had a dog.

I have one sibling, a brother. Although he liked dogs (and even had one as an adult), I was the child who could not live without one.

When I met Tim, I let him know that with me you get some "extras". You must be a dog person, and you better like the Dolphins because we are not rooting for any other team in any house I live in!

Gaylord, Trampy, Rex, Snoopy, TK, Maxx, Annie, Angel, Butchie, Tank, Annie and Sunny have all been a part of my, and our, life at one time or another.

Today, Sunny and Butchie are our furry family members.

Butchie was my father's steady companion until his death at the age of 92 in March of 2016. Soon thereafter he moved in with us.

Today he is 14 and his health is failing, the end is near. Our old boy is winding down and will soon be joining our other dogs on the other side of "the bridge".

Butchie is such a good dog, he has a calming influence on you. He was always sleepier than he was rambunctious but he also could dig quite a hole.

Contemplating how the end will transpire is the most difficult thing a pet owner can do. It is inevitable, painful, and heart wrenching.

The great sadness I feel at the very thought of not having Butchie with us makes me want to ignore what's happening, but I must not.

Facing reality is difficult when we do not like the outcome, but that does not change what the reality is. Butchie deserves to leave us in the same way he came to us...as a peaceful, loving member of our family. That is the best way we can thank him for being our Butchie.



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FOR SALE: Incredible! This waterfront home was the old Juliet Carnes Collier five room hospital in Everglades City until 1963 when it was converted into a private residence. Located next door to the Historic Rod & Gun Club, this home is zoned City Historic Preservation which allows various uses. This home still has original wood floors, bead board walls, ceilings and original doors throughout. The potential is there! Asking ... \$549,000... 239-695-4299 Realty Glades Karen@GladesRealty.com

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This stunning parcel is secluded on a high and dry prairie, and is completely off grid.

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