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What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands! News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table

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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 x 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

To Err is Human, And We Proved It!

In the December 26 edition of the Mullet Rapper, we incorrectly stated that Santa in his swamp buggy delivered gift cards provided by the City and donations to the City. That was not correct. Those gift cards were distributed to the children in school this year.

The gifts distributed by Santa in his swamp buggy was sponsored by Collier County PAL and Barrington Terrace Assisted Living Facility. We apologize for the error!

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"10,000 Islands Paradox" by Jon Edward Edwards

Riding better describes my skiff's modus operandi other than driving in that it takes a measure of coordination and trained sea legs to run it as it is meant to be run. Seventy horsepower doesn't seem like much in a world of four-hundreds, but it is a lot of power in your left palm, as my outboard is controlled by a handle – tiller style. Like rack and pinion in a Jag, it will turn on a dime but will also get away from you fast, which is what happened on that crisp early winter's day with a light and variable east wind and good water clarity.



With the sun at my back cutting the glare, I could see clear around the crab pots. One stone crab buoy line after another, I weaved in and out, searching for the wayward tripletail floating about aimlessly, waiting for an easy meal.

I came to the end of one row and turned to catch the first buoy in the next row, but my hand slipped off the throttle. The torque pushed the motor to the right, and out I went. The brisk water and adrenaline dump were a sensory overload. It took a couple of seconds to process the event. I saw my boat ... coasting, settling into its wake.

Thankfully, the kill-switch was attached to a paracord bracelet on my wrist. However, it was flapping like crazy in my breaststroke, significantly slowing my forward progress. I unclipped the bracelet, balled up the cord, shoved it in the pocket of my shorts, then sprinted for the skiff. Good for me, it was down current.

"Whew ..." I thought, climbing aboard. "That really got out of hand fast ..." When I dried off and my faculties returned, I realized my tripletail outing was not only a complete and total failure but a near disaster. C'est la vie ... I turned inward towards the backcountry; maybe the trout are biting.

Once safely back in one of my prized honey-holes, I began trolling around making calculated casts at oyster and mangrove points, giving special attention to holes, troughs, and depressions. I presented the jig softly beyond a drop-off on the edge of a deep mangrove point and bounced it into the hole. "Bang!" he hit it like Mack Truck, nearly jerking the rod out of my hand.

Nice redfish ... I managed to get the trolling motor pointed away from the mangroves while maintaining a tight line between myself and the fish that was surging on the other end, peeling drag. We battled back and forth until I got him close enough to see that it wasn't a redfish. Ok ... black drum. Upon closer inspection, I realized it wasn't a black drum either but the biggest tripletail I'd ever caught.

It was slick calm as I glided across the bay into a setting sun. Red reflected off the water in the distance, where the last of the sun's rays cut through a break in the tall mangroves. In the fading light, I wondered how one goes from falling out of the boat running buoys for tripletail only to catch two (one a personal best) in the backcountry?

Easy, it occurred to me – just spend enough time in the 10,000 Islands, where anything can, and will, happen.

Jon Edward Edwards is a part-time fishing guide and writer based out of Naples

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 10	11	12	13-New Moon	14	15	16
			Food Bank	Lions Club,		
			ECC, 11am—2pm	6 pm		
			Virtual Ladies			
			Coffee, 9:30			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23 Rapper
	MLK Day		Food Bank			Giant Yard Sale
	No School		ECC, 11am—2pm			See Front Page
			Virtual Ladies			
			Coffee, 9:30			
24	25	26	27	Full Moon-28	29	30
			Food Bank			
			ECC, 11am—2pm			
			Virtual Ladies			
			Coffee, 9:30			
31	February 1	2	3	4	5	6 Rapper
		Groundhog Day	Food Bank			
			ECC, 11am—2pm			
			Virtual Ladies			
			Coffee, 9:30		10	12
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Superbowl			ECC, 11am—2pm	Lions Club,		
			Virtual Ladies	6 pm		
			Coffee, 9:30	V P		

February 15: Presidents Day

April 4: Easter Sunday

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., closed until further notice

February 14: Valentines Day

March 14: Spring Forward!

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation Angler Guidelines for Interactions with Endangered Sawfish

The population of smalltooth sawfish (Pristis pectinata) in the United States experienced a dramatic decline during the 20th century due to overfishing and habitat loss. Given the decline, NOAA Fisheries listed the U.S. population of smalltooth sawfish as "endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 2003. One of the best ways to track the effectiveness of ongoing management and conservation efforts is to collect information about the sawfish encounters of fishers, divers, and others. Details of public sightings and captures of sawfish can substantially increase the data we have about the species, allowing us to make management and policy decisions that are reflective of the realities in the water. Because of their countless hours on and in the water, we are seeking to partner with the angling and diving community to collect information about their sawfish interactions.

For anglers to safely and legally release any sawfish accidentally caught while fishing:

- Release sawfish immediately
- Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water at all times
- Never lift a sawfish from the water or drag it ashore
- Do not use gaffs or ropes to secure any captured sawfish
- Cut the line as close to the hook as safely possible
- Share the details of your sawfish catch with scientists

Anglers should note that advertising fishing trips or charters aimed at catching endangered smalltooth sawfish can be considered "targeting," which is a violation of the ESA. Therefore, I strongly urge that the following conservation messaging be included in all social media posts regarding sawfish catches: Sawfish are protected under the Endangered Species Act. Help protect this critically endangered species by following NOAA Fisheries handling and release guidelines available at www.SawfishRecovery.org.

> Please share any sawfish encounters at www.SawfishRecovery.org. by calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, or email sawfish@myfwc.com



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MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Kamela Patton

Welcome to 2021! We are ready to kick start the new year and maintain our momentum as we approach second semester. For those students returning to inperson learning for the first time this school year, we are excited to see you back on our campuses on January 20th. Remember, January 19th is a districtwide Virtual Learning Day for ALL students.

Can you believe that we are on our tenth year of hosting a community wide STEAM event? Our 10th Annual STEAM Expo is coming to a device near you on Saturday, January 30, 2021! This year's event will be virtual, giving you and your family the ability to participate on a computer, tablet, or mobile device from the comfort of your home (www.collierschools.com/STEAMExpo).

We are excited to welcome Steve Spangler, "America's Science Teacher," as our dynamic keynote speaker. Plus, you will be able to engage in family STEAM activities that will ensure a Saturday morning of fun!

Have a great January 2021! ~ Dr. Kamela Patton

Important School Dates to Remember

January 18, MLK DayNo SchoolJanuary 30Virtual Steam ExpoFebruary 15, President's DayNo SchoolFebruary 25Early DismissalMarch 15-19, Spring BreakNo School

For more information: www.CollierSchools.com

Free Tree Giveaway by Naples Botanical Gardens Plus Plant Sale-Fundraiser for EVG All Starting Saturday, Jan. 9th through February?

Naples Botanical Gardens has been at it again! Since our last 350 tree giveaway in the Summer, they have started another 100+ plants and trees for our area and they are ready for distribution.

Additionally, the Mullet Rapper will host our annual plant sale fundraiser for Everglades City School. Last year we raised over \$1100 for the school.

Just like we did for the summer distribution, due to Covid-19 restrictions, the winter plant distribution and sale will take place at Tim & Kathy Brock's house at 406 Storter N, in Everglades City. We will start the distribution on January 9th at 10 am to 1 pm (on the Evergreen St. side by the back gate).

After January 9th, 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, Caribbean Fiddlewood, Pigeonplum, and Taxodium, distichum. There are 5 or more of each type available.

Plants available for the fundraiser include: banana, plantain, herbs, milk-weed, aloe, several types of palms, ferns, terrestrial orchids, pineapples, numerous flowering plants, succulents, seeds, 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.

The Two Women Who May Have Saved the Everglades By Kathy Brock

There was a time in history when feathers were all the rage in the fashion industry. So much so, that pound for pound, snowy egret breeding plumage feathers (gossamer wisps) could fetch more than gold.

As the "rage" took hold, women all over the world could be seen wearing dresses, hats, and other accessories decorated with feathers.

Prior to his death in 1851, John Audubon insisted that the snowy egret was so prevalent that no depredation, regardless of source, could extinguish the species. Yet, by the early 1900's many of the birds of the everglades were on the brink of extinction due to plumage hunting.

The plume trade was brutal. Because the most highly sought after plumage was present during breeding season, the egrets were hunted at the rookery. Adults would be killed and hatchlings left to starve. The hunters would wipeout an entire rookery never even considering what it was doing to the population as a whole.

In a nine month period, 130,000 snowy egrets were "consumed" in the London market alone. At that time, over 50 species of birds were being killed so their feathers could be used as decorations.

Socialites Harriet Hemenway and her cousin Minna Hall set off a revolt of the industry and boycott of the trade. Their actions eventually lead to the formation of the National Audubon Society and the passage of the Weeks-McLean Law, more commonly known as the Migratory Bird Act of 1913.

At that time in history, women did not yet have the right to vote in this country but these women still found a way to have their voices heard and facilitate action.

Their story is fascinating, they helped change history (for the better). There are several informative articles online. Smithsonianmag.com, March 2013 was referenced in this article.

Thrift Store Notice

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



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If you shop on Amazon, at no additional cost to you, you can support a local charity. Three (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:

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Florida's Exotic Species Tegu Lizards Content by Chris Herlovich



Tegu lizards are large lizards from South America, primarily Argentina. There are three types of tegu lizards one may encounter in Florida; the black and white tegu, the gold tegu, and the

red tegu.

Currently, the black and white tegu is the most widespread in Florida. They can grow to over 4 feet long and weigh up to 20 pounds.

Tegu lizards, like many reptiles, are popular pets. They are often purchased small and grow to the size of a small dog. Tegus have been found in many parts of Florida and the population is spreading into the Southeastern United States. There are breeding populations in Miami-Dade County, Charlotte and Hillsboro County.

What concerns biologists most is the tegu's eating habits. Tegus enjoy eating fruits, vegetables, small rodents, other reptiles and eggs.

Tegus have been known to dig into turtle and alligator nests to munch on the eggs. Birds that nest on the ground are also vulnerable.

Tegus are considered terrestrial but have been observed climbing trees to raid bird nests.

Tegu lizards are excellent swimmers and can stay submerged for long periods of time. Tegu lizards are diurnal meaning they are active during daylight hours.

During colder months tegu lizards will move into a burrow to undergo a type of hibernation called brumation. In Florida, they will start emerging from these burrows in late February.

Photo: Tegu Lizard from myFWC.com

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1/9/2021	Sat	12:51 PM	1.88	Н
1/9/2021	Sat	6:26 PM	0.7	L
1/9/2021	Sat	11:06 PM	2.64	Н
1/10/2021	Sun	7:26 AM	-0.5	L
1/10/2021	Sun	1:50 PM	1.96	Н
1/10/2021	Sun	7:23 PM	0.72	L
1/11/2021	Mon	12:01 AM	2.77	Н
1/11/2021	Mon	8:17 AM	-0.62	L
1/11/2021	Mon	2:36 PM	1.99	Η
1/11/2021	Mon	8:13 PM	0.69	L
1/12/2021	Tue	12:50 AM	2.86	Н
1/12/2021	Tue	9:05 AM	-0.67	L
1/12/2021	Tue	3:16 PM	2	Н
1/12/2021	Tue	9:01 PM	0.64	L
1/13/2021	Wed	1:35 AM	2.9	Н
1/13/2021	Wed	9:50 AM	-0.65	L
1/13/2021	Wed	3:51 PM	2	Н
1/13/2021	Wed	9:48 PM	0.58	L
1/14/2021	Thu	2:20 AM	2.85	Н
1/14/2021	Thu	10:34 AM	-0.57	L
1/14/2021	Thu	4:25 PM	2.02	Н
1/14/2021	Thu	10:35 PM	0.53	L
1/15/2021	Fri	3:06 AM	2.73	Н
1/15/2021	Fri	11:16 AM	-0.44	L
1/15/2021	Fri	4:58 PM	2.06	Н
1/15/2021	Fri	11:21 PM	0.49	L
1/16/2021	Sat	3:55 AM	2.55	Н
1/16/2021	Sat	11:56 AM	-0.27	L
1/16/2021	Sat	5:32 PM	2.09	Н
1/17/2021	Sun	12:08 AM	0.45	L
1/17/2021	Sun	4:46 AM	2.33	Н
1/17/2021	Sun	12:35 PM	-0.08	L
1/17/2021	Sun	6:08 PM	2.12	Н
1/17/2021	Mon	12:58 AM	0.43	L
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1/20/2021	Wed	8:12 PM	2.12	Н
1/21/2021	Thu	4:11 AM	0.23	L
1/21/2021	Thu	9:15 AM	1.48	Н
1/21/2021	Thu	3:50 PM	0.65	L
1/21/2021	Thu	9:00 PM	2.11	Н
1/22/2021	Fri	5:12 AM	0.1	L
1/22/2021	Fri	10:48 AM	1.44	Н
1/22/2021	Fri	4:54 PM	0.74	L
1/22/2021	Fri	9:51 PM	2.12	Η

January in the Islands by Captain Mike Merritt



The fishing is still very good! Lots of Seatrout everywhere. Limits are being caught north and south and everywhere in between. Try a DOA glow shrimp under a popping cork

and it won't be long till you find 'em. There are lots of small fish around but plenty of keepers, and with the new lower bag limit it won't take long.

If it's Redfish you are after then you might want to try a knocker rig. Using a 1/2 oz. lead with a 1/0 or 2/0 hook will work. Whole shrimp or half a shrimp and you will soon find some action. You may catch Black Drum, Sheepshead or Mangrove Snapper while you're at it. One thing for sure is there is a lot of action right now!

Snook is catch and release only and the best bet for them will be the backcountry. Casting the shorelines will produce action and eventually you will catch a good one!

It's a great time to get out and get in on the action. There are lots of boats on the water so practice safe boating and be respectful of others. Good luck fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt

Mike Merritt is a fishing guide in Everglades City, FL. You can reach Mike by calling 561-252-4324 or email SnookFishing1@juno.com

New Spotted Seatrout Rules

The bag limit on seatrout has been reduced to 3 per angler, with a zero bag limit for captain and crew.

Spotted Seatrout must be at least 15" and not more than 19" and there can be no more than one (1) 19" spotted seatrout per vessel.

Also note that due to persistent red tide, Spotted seatrout is catch-and-release only in state and federal waters from the Hernando/Pasco county line south to Gordon Pass in Collier County through May 31, 2021.

Church Closed? Watch Pastor Bob Wallace's Sermons Online

Church services may have been canceled at Everglades Church, but you can still watch Pastor Bob's sermons online.

If you would like to watch his sermons go to www.ever-community-church.com, and click on "sermons" on the top menu.

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 Life Recipes

Fresh Cream of Tomato Soup by Elaine Middelstaedt

Ingredients:

3-1/2 cups of fresh tomatoes, sliced

1/4 cup chopped onion

2 tbs. butter

3 tbs. flour

1/2 tsp. sugar

1 tsp. salt

1/8 tsp. pepper

3 cups milk



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In saucepan, combine tomatoes with chopped onion. Simmer together 20 minutes. Rub through sieve, to remove seeds and skins, and set aside.

In upper half of double boiler or in a heavy skillet, melt butter. Blend in flour, sugar, salt and pepper. Gradually add milk, stirring to keep smooth. Cook ten minutes.

Add tomato puree very slowly to cream sauce, stirring constantly. Heat gently to boiling point, but do not boil. Serve at once.

Variation: use another vegetable in seasonal supply, e.g. zucchini, broccoli, squash. You can also garnish with parsley, parmesan cheese, or other flavors that interest you.

This is a healthy, lower-calorie soup everyone can enjoy!

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My Little Slice of Paradise by Kathy Brock

I have a plaque in my living room that says, "Nature. The greatest show on earth." And, if you pay attention, it really is.

Last year I wrote about the osprey nests being removed by the power company. Then, a few months later, LCEC erected an osprey tower close to my home to provide them with a new nesting opportunity.

A pair of osprey started building on the tower, but ultimately, they nested atop a large tower at the school. They used the newer location as an eating station during last breeding season. Last summer a crew working at the school removed their large nest on the tower, Today, the "eating platform" has become the real nest.

Their antics are pretty special. The birds communicate constantly. We refer to them as "the Peepers". Each day since mid-November they bring in a few sticks for the nest. Their process is slow compared to other birds who work tirelessly for a few days to complete their nest. Not the Peepers.

The Peepers are on island time. A couple of sticks here, a few there, that is their speed. By Christmas they slowed the building to a crawl...and then on January 3, maybe the 4th, she laid her eggs.

The male will sit close by (when not hunting) to alert her of any trouble or to chase any intruders away. When a buzzard flies by, a few peeps alert her to potential trouble, her head raises and they are both on high alert.

She will brood her eggs for 37 days which means they will hatch on February 8th or 9th. That is when the real fun will begin...hours of non-stop nature right on our doorstep.

We are blessed to be in such a beautiful area where nature is still all around us. Yes, the Peepers have moved into the neighborhood.



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