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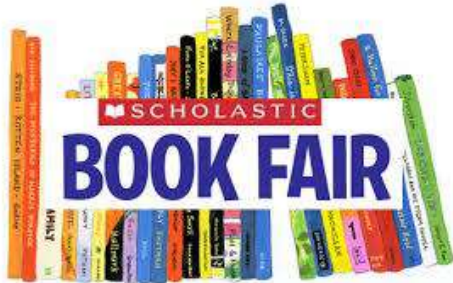


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Everglades City School Book Fair!
 November 15 through November 18



You will be captivated by our carnival of books at the Scholastic Book Fair 2021!

This year's school theme is **Circus of Books: Lions, Tigers, Books and more!**

Everglades City School will explore the newest books, engaging in fair contests, and shopping together amidst the fun circus theme. Students and school communities can uncover exciting new books that are unpredictable, inspiring, and more.

The fair kicks off Monday, November 15 – Thursday, November 18th! We are so excited to finally have an in person book fair again!

Please get the word out, we will be in need of sponsors for our teacher's classroom "wish book baskets"!

If you would like to help sponsor a classroom, please contact Mrs. Owen at (239) 377-9810.

Thank you for your continued support. We will see you at the Fair!

They're Baaaaak! It's Time to Get Crackin'!



Crabber Shannon Dudley, Jr. on the boat "Strictly Business"

Everglades City Music Festival, November 6, Noon til ???
Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City

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~ EVENT CALENDAR - OCTOBER 31, 2021 - DECEMBER 4, 2021 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
October 31 Halloween Day	November 1 ESHP, 9 am	2 City Council, 7 pm	3 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	4-New Moon	5	6 E-City Music Festival, p. 1 & 3
7 "Fall Back" Clocks back 1 hr	8	9	10 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	11 Lions Club, 6 PM Jinkins Hall, ECC	12	Rapper-13
14	15	16 Meet Candidates. 7 pm, see p. 9 P & Z	17 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	18 History Talk, See P. 8	19-Full Moon Closing Reception Museum, 5-7pm	20 Art-in-the-glades See p. 3
	Bk Fair, P 1 & 3	Bk Fair, P 1 & 3	Bk Fair, P 1 & 3	Bk Fair, P 1 & 3		
21	22 Knife Sharpening In Right Choice Parking, 9a-12p	23	24 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	25 Thanksgiving Day!	26 Black Friday	Rapper-27
28	29	30	December 1 Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	2	3	4-New Moon

Dec. 7: City Council, 7 pm

Dec 11: Killing Mr. Watson, p. 8

Dec. 11: Art in Glades, p. 3

Dec 25: Christmas Day

Jan 1: New Year's Day

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., closed until further notice
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 THRIFT SHOP: Open Thursday. 11 am to 3 pm, more info on p. 3
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**Local Halloween Celebration
October 30, Sundown**

This is the day we can all agree on masks! It's time for the kids to celebrate! Candy will be everywhere, the ghosts and goblins will visit dressed in their favorite costumes. Expect the fun to start just before sundown.

**Everglades City Music Festival
November 6, 2021, noon—???**

See the details on
the front page of this edition!

**Art-in-the-Glades
Nov. 20 & Dec. 11**

10:30 AM-1:00 PM, McLeod Park
You'll find interesting and unique items for sale in historic Everglades City, where local talented artists and crafters will set up their tables under the pavilion near the tennis courts. This is an informal event where your kids and well behaved pets are welcomed. And, if you want to treat yourself, stop in at one of the local restaurants for stone crabs, our seasonal delicacy.

**Vendor space is free. Contact
Marya: 239-695-2905**

**Everglades City School
Book Fair, Nov. 15-18**

To learn about the fair please see the article on page 1. For information, contact Miss Owen at (239) 377-9810.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
& INFORMATION**

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN !

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Everglades Area Information

The **Everglades Area Visitor Center** is located at 207 Broadway W., Everglades City.

There are also two brochure racks at City Hall with information about local businesses. You can visit City Hall Monday—Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

**You may also access the area's
complete business directory at
www.VisitEvergladesCity.com.**

Veterans Assistance

Every Wednesday the Department of Veterans Affairs Readjustment Counseling Service will have a tent at Everglades Community Church on the circle. **No appointment is needed.** Gloria Salmeron and David Soldano are there to assist and answer any questions.. The Naples Vet Center is located at 2705 Horseshoe Drive South, Suite #204, Naples FL 34104. Office Phone (239) 403- 2377. Office FAX (239) 403-2388.

*****ATTENTION***
EVERGLADES CITY
WATER CUSTOMERS
New Ordinance**

The City of Everglades City has passed an ordinance which adopts the rules of the South Florida Water Management District's rules on water conservation and irrigation.

The entire ordinance may be found on the following link: www.cityofeverglades.org/public-notices. Copies of the ordinance are also available at City Hall in Lisa Marteeny's office.

A brief recap of the ordinance will be provided below but you are urged to obtain the entire ordinance as space will not permit us to print it in its entirety here.

All customers existing landscape: No watering between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.

Those with an even numbered address: watering days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.

Those with an odd numbered address: watering days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.

New plantings: You may water the day you plant the new landscaping. Then, for plantings **30 days or less**, you may water on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and on either Saturday or Sunday.

New Plantings 31-90 days you may water on Monday, Wednesday, and on Thursday or Saturday.

The ordinance also states that "wasteful and unnecessary water use is prohibited."

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Adventures of the Saltwater Cowboy – "Flip Flop"

Jon Edward Edwards



My last story was an offshore tale, a battle of wills in which I lost to a hungry snapper. Within the content, I mentioned it wasn't the first time I'd gone up against nature, either losing or saving something in the process. This is one of those times.

It was one of those nasty days in the 10,000 Islands when the wind is blowing out of the west, churning up the backwater like the muddy swirls of the Mississippi River, a day that's usually called off. Will (twelve at the time) was here for the summer, Daphne had come to visit, and I was hell-bent on taking them out. Although, I'm pretty sure neither couldn't have cared less.

Conditions far too rough offshore, we limped down the coast in the *Honey Badger* "just don't care," a 26' center console with twin screws. Not a

complicated craft to run for someone with a bit of experience, but none at all ... sketchy, boatsman beware.

Anchored in the mouth of a small pass that cut through the center of Cape Romano, soaking shrimp off the stern, I threw my rod and reel out of the boat. No reason, just a disconnect between body and mind.

Abandoning a stationary vessel with passengers not trained to operate it for some of the strongest currents in the state is not recommended. The unrelenting volumes of water rushing in and out of the passes, little rivers, and creeks are not to be underestimated. A couple of other near brushes and stories come to mind. However, my reflexes are faster than my attention span so, out I went as I was, clothes, accessories, and all.

I should mention that I've been a waterman since I was two years old, comfortable in the water and not afraid. The story goes that Mom (Daphne) dropped me off the first day of swimming lessons, *Swimmers by Suzy* – Suzy was teaching kids to swim the length of her pool and back within two weeks. Once the student accomplished the feat, Suzy awarded them with a *Swimmers by Suzy* t-shirt. When Mom picked me up a couple of hours later, I had the T-shirt on, a couple of sizes too big and dragging the floor.

"Jed, why do you already have your shirt on?"

"He's done," Susie said. "He swam the length of the pool and back today."

I've been bailing out of boats with and without reason ever since.

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The toes of my right foot managed to clinch around the sandal; the left didn't make it and was already downriver. I reached down, took it off, and compensating for the negative momentum, threw a Hail Mary towards the boat. Doug Flutie himself would've been proud of, end over end it went ... Touchdown! I began to make way back with three limbs, the distance growing as I watched. Uh oh ..., I thought, making no progress. I swam harder. The boat got a little closer. I heard a commotion behind me and turned around to see a lady in a rented pontoon boat fall out as she reached over the side to save my errant flip-flop.

The embarrassment of potentially being the cause of two rescue operations was too much, and I hit the nitrous oxide. Then Will tossed me a life jacket. A valiant move, although strengthening my plight because now I only had two limbs to swim with, my legs, rod and reel in one hand, life jacket in another.

It was now or never, the point of no return where I forfeit my reclaims in exchange for a safe outcome. One last blast of energy put me within a life jacket toss of the boat, which negated some progress, but I made it up, stretching the rod out for Will to grab. Exhausted, I snagged the port side lower unit, pulled myself to the stern, folded the swim ladder down, and climbed up.

A small crowd had formed on the beach on the north side of the pass. I heard a few claps and cheers. The woman was safe back aboard the rental, flip-flop in hand, and my sunglasses were still around my neck. Other than having a salty reel to clean, everything was in place.

If you're going to be dumb, you better be tough.

Jon Edward Edwards is a local author, fishing guide, and avid sportsman. His stories often recount his adventures in and around the 10,000 Islands. Email Jon at jedmls@mac.com.

Migratory Bird Sightings & Arrivals!

The "snowbirds" are coming and many are already here. The month of October is always busy, and this year is no different.

The stately bald eagles have been seen on the Barron River and on Chokoloskee across from ORA.

A small flock of white pelicans has been spotted flying over Everglades City indicating the rest will be here soon!

The gorgeous painted buntings are back and so are the house finches. You can easily attract them to feeders that are close to cover and containing millet. Enjoy our beautiful nature!

Fishing in the 10,000 Islands With Captain Mike Merritt



At the time of writing this article I can say that the amount of baitfish that are in the islands is as good as I have ever seen. I remember one other time it might have been better and that was a year like no other when the schools of Spanish Sardines showed up in massive schools throughout the islands. We could catch a hundred Snook a day then and it's not

too far from that now if you want to stay on the schools of small Snook!

The Snook bite, and Redfish bite, is really good right now on the incoming tide in the islands. The latter part of the incoming seems the best right now but they will feed during the entire incoming. You might have to move as the water rises to keep up with the moving schools.

Seatrout are also on the feed and you can get on these during the falling tide too. As long as the water is moving these guys are feeding. There are also some Pompano on the flats if you are using shrimp you will have a chance for these.

Things will change as soon as we get some cold fronts so if you want to get on some great action, now is the time! Get in touch with a local fishing guide and they will put you on the fish!

Thanks and good luck fishing! Capt. Mike Merritt

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Going Hiking or Fishing Where You Won't Have Cell Service? Do This For Extra Caution!
Submitted by Elaine Middelstaedt



If you are ever lost while hiking, get stranded with a broken down car, or if you notice that your cell phone is either low on juice or has no signal, here is a tip that very well may save your life.

Change the voicemail on your phone to a message that gives your approximate location, the time, the date, your situation (lost, out of gas, car broken down, injured, etc.) and any special instructions such as you are staying with the car, you are walking toward a town, etc.

The best part of this is that even if your cell phone dies or stops working, voicemail still works, so anyone calling your phone looking for you will hear the message and know where to find you or where to send help.

To do this, you will need to remember HOW to make these changes so be sure to refresh your memory on how to change your voicemail message. You must also do this BEFORE you lose service altogether. Planning ahead is a very good idea!



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FWC: Bats in Buildings? Fall is the Time for Exclusions

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is reminding the public that fall is an ideal time to exclude bats from your home or other structure. While Florida's 13 native and beneficial bat species typically roost in trees, caves or other natural spaces, they can also be attracted to human-made structures.

Bat maternity season, the time when bats give birth and raise their young, ended Aug. 15. Fall is the ideal time to bat proof your home, after bat pups have been weaned and can fly and search for food on their own. Fall is also when you may legally exclude any bats that might occupy a structure on your property. It is only legal to use exclusion devices from Aug. 15 through April 15.

Exclusion devices, which allow bats to exit a structure but block them from returning to roosts, are the only legal and appropriate method to remove bats from your home or building. It is illegal in Florida to kill or harm bats. Bat exclusion is a multistep technique where all potential bat entry and exit points in a building are identified. To legally exclude bats, exclusion devices must be left up for a minimum of four nights and must be conducted when the overnight temperature is forecast to be 50°F or above.

Bats are ecologically and economically beneficial. They serve critical functions worldwide due to their roles in insect pest control, and as pollinators, seed dispersers and fertilizers. Florida's bats are insectivores and a single bat can eat hundreds of insects, including mosquitoes and other garden and agricultural pests, each night.

Florida is home to 13 resident bat species, including threatened species, such as the Florida bonneted bat. There are several ways that Florida residents and visitors can help our bats:

- Preserve natural roost sites, including trees with cavities and peeling bark.
- Dead fronds left on palm trees can provide roosting spots for bats.
- Install a bat house on your property.
- Report unusual bat behavior, as well as sick or dead bats: MYFWC.com/BatMortality.

For more information about how to properly exclude bats as well as other tips to bat proof your home, visit MyFWC.com/Bats and click "Bats in Buildings." Learn more about bats in Florida and ways you can help them thrive by

Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak



American Cockroach (*Periplaneta americana*)
Other names: palmetto bug, waterbug / **Status:** FL=thriving, IUCN=LC / **Life span:** to 1 year / **Length:** 1.2-1.6 in. (30-40 mm) / **Reproduces in the damp under story, sabal palms and the crawl spaces of our homes, condominiums and businesses / Found: Just about everywhere, including Southwest Florida.**

While this common insect has an American name, its origins are believed to be rooted in Western Africa, arriving to North America as a stowaway as early as 1625. Most entomologists think that it crossed the Atlantic during the era of slave ships where the wretched conditions provided ample food for an insect whose dining preferences include carrion and raw sewage.



The cockroach is a survivor. Ancestors of today's cockroaches date back to the Carboniferous period, originating some 360 million years ago. Their ability to withstand lethal doses of radiation, toxic levels of chemicals and a host of other conditions that would kill most other living

things, makes the future of this enduring insect secure well into the distant future.

In Florida the American cockroach is kindly referred to as the "palmetto bug." In New York, where it is common inside of buildings, they refer to it as a "waterbug." The adage, "a rose by any other name is still a rose," applies equally well to roaches, but it's easier on everyone concerned to say your house has a palmetto bug infestation than to admit your house is full of roaches.

Cockroaches are common in the wild where they feed in garbage bins, rotting wood piles and in the thick under story of the wetlands. The American cockroach is not cold tolerant and will retreat into homes during excessive cold snaps during the winter months. In the north they compensate for this by spending most of their lives in sewers, basements and wall cavities. A female cockroach will produce an average of 150 offspring during her one year life cycle.

Although a scourge on humans, cockroaches are a favorite food of many birds, mammals, and lizards. Fire ants prey upon them all the time, biting them en masse, killing, then devouring all but the exoskeleton. Although they appear to be able to run at twenty miles per hour when you are chasing them with a newspaper, it is only an illusion. The University of California at Berkeley registered a record speed of a mere 3.4 mph. The illusion is created because that equates to 50 body lengths per second. If an Olympic athlete could match that number, they would be running at 205 miles per hour.

Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island, FL. You can find his book, "Living Sanibel" and other titles on Amazon and other online booksellers.

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It's fun to play memory games about the "good old days"
By Pastor Bob Wallace



Awhile back I had just finished reading the newspaper and laid it down when something caught my eye. One of the automobile clubs was reporting the price of gas was going to go down 4 cents a gallon. I didn't think that was much of a deal then! I remembered someone had recently sent me an article cut out from another newspaper which reported that back in 1940 gasoline was 11 cents a gallon. That's a big difference from today's gasoline price. \$3.29 a gallon! You could fill up a 15-gallon tank for \$1.65 back then. That'll cost you \$44.35 today. WOW!

And then I started thinking about the cost of mailing a letter. Back in 1953 it used to be you could mail a letter with a 3-cent stamp. Now, a First-Class Mail Letter costs you 58-cents to mail. That's a 1,933 percent increase! No wonder email is so popular! Or text messaging. And while we're on postage, I can remember penny post cards. I even have one of my mother's "penny post cards".

Now that's really getting nostalgic!



I remember when my mother bought a new car in the '50's. She paid two-hundred-fifty dollars for it! New! It was a good looker! But that's when people were only being paid fifty cents an hour for an 8-hour day! Things sure have changed! And we're told how things have changed for the better. Even though the price of a stamp has gone up, as well as the price of a new car. We marvel at how far we've come. Everything's so "affordable" they say. Well, that's debatable.

The price of a new home today? It will blow your mind! But so do the salaries of corporate executives and high-level people in government. And look at the perks they get! They say it all fits together, somehow.

And there are people alive today who probably believe they were born 30, 40, or even 50 years too soon. Those are the ones receiving the latest in medical advancements. I see a lot of knee, hip, shoulder, and other joints being replaced that allow thousands of not just older, but younger, persons enjoy life a little better. Each of our daughters have two new knees! None of that stuff was available when gas was 11 cents a gallon and you could mail a post card for a penny.

If you really want to understand how the price of things have skyrocketed, remember when you could buy a Coca Cola at a drug store counter for a nickel? I just paid a dollar for one out of a machine the other day! And it cost me \$37 to fill the gas tank on my \$35,000 car. \$75 for an oil change. Talk about price inflation! It's all relative to the times in which we live. Nobody, but nobody, makes 25 cents an hour anymore. Wages have gone up to \$15 an hour! And the economists call it a macroeconomic theory used to explain the cause-and-effect relationship between rising wages and rising prices, or inflation. Got that? Why, I can remember when a Big Mac cost 45 cents. Today? \$3.99. An ice cream cone was a nickel a dip. Today? A dollar a dip! Put your macroeconomic theory on that one!

I could go on remembering the way things used to be and how much they cost. I could even make a game out of it. But it's fun to remember stopping off at the corner drug store on the way home from school ordering fountain cokes and double dip ice cream cones with that nickel saved from lunch money at school. But what's the use. I think I'll just rest my head on the back of my recliner chair, lean back, close my eyes, and say to myself, "Boy, those were the good old days!"

The Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace was called to be Pastor of Everglades Community Church on March 19, 2006 where he currently serves.

**Find Event Information, Park Information, Where to Eat,
 Area Maps & More at:**

www.VisitEvergladesCity.com

**Moonlit tram tour of Fakahatchee
 Dates in November & December!
 Friends of Fakahatchee Fall Tours**



The Friends of Fakahatchee have kicked off their fall season by offering the popular and beautiful Moonlit Tram tour. The three-hour tour lets visitors experience

Florida's largest state park under the illumination of a full moon. The Moonlit tours sell out rapidly, so early reservations are essential. Tour dates include, **Nov. 18 and 19, and Dec. 19** as well as next year.

Starting time for the October tour is 4:30 pm, prime time for photography and spotting some of the mammal residents and birds settling in for the evening.

For complete details, starting time and reservations at \$35 per person, visit www.orchidswamp.org and click "Tours and Events."

**Local Event!
 Killing Mr. Watson**

**December 11, 11:00 & 2:00 PM
 Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee, FL
 ...A Play by Larry Block...**

Based on the books by Peter Matthiessen

Two Performances: 11:00 & 2:00 PM

\$50 Reserved Seating

\$20 General Seating

To reserve your seat go to:

www.SaveBoe.com

...and click on "events"



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Here's What's Happening At The Museum of Everglades



First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat.

The Museum of the Everglades is open Tuesday—Sunday from 9am to 4 pm

→ Exhibit

**Pioneering the Past:
The Story of the Brickell Family
Now through November 27, 2021
Museum of the Everglades**



Guest curator Cesar Becerra a noted Florida historian and "Everglades Evangelist", created this traveling tribute to William and Mary Brickell: early pioneer settlers in South Florida whose story has been largely diminished or even ignored in favor of a more romantic narrative.

The exhibit explores the marginalization of the couple's role as the co-founders of Miami as well as their contributions to the birth and growth of commerce in South Florida as a whole. Mr. Becerra was the speaker for September's Third Thursday lecture and discussed the topic in depth. The Closing Reception will be on Friday, Nov. 19th from 5 to 7 pm.

→ Third Thursday Lecture Series: Trading Posts of South Florida- Early Commerce on Florida's Frontier November 18, 3:00-5:00 pm

In recognition of National Native American Heritage Month, this presentation will focus on the role of frontier trading posts in the development of relationships between the indigenous people of South Florida and white settlers who came to live in the region. The evolution of trade and commerce in frontier society—beginning at remote outposts accessible only by water and later all but eradicated by the building of the Tamiami Trail—will be discussed at length.

→ Event Historical Talk

**Stories of a Sportsmen's Paradise: A Folk Art Experience
November 18, 5:00 to 7:00 PM**

Step back in time at Museum of the Everglades, where you'll hear rich stories of how the Ten Thousand Islands became a magnet for avid anglers and enthusiastic adventurers—including why Everglades City just might be the birth-place of the modern fishing lure. But this experience offers much more than fanciful fish tales. Step behind the scenes with the museum's curator, and explore an exclusive archive of previously unseen works of local folk art. To complete the adventure, each participant will receive their own personal rustic masterpiece as a souvenir of the experience. This immersive experience redefines how stories are told and will leave you wanting more and ready to explore. \$35 per person includes intimate guided tour, exclusive access to rare artifacts, and the opportunity to make a piece of personal folk art (all materials provided). Minimum of 4, maximum 12 participants.

**Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com
OR by calling the museum at 239-252-5026 during museum
hours, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm. Thank You!**



Meet the Candidates

November 16, 7-9 PM
Everglades City Hall
Council Chambers

Election Day is November 23rd

*****Three City Council Seats Available*****

There are three city council seats up for election. Below are the five candidates vying for those three seats:

Elaine Middelstaedt (incumbent)

Tim Smith (incumbent)

Vicky Wells (incumbent)

Michael McComas

Josh Minton

Join us on November 16th to meet the candidates and learn more about their opinions on important issues in Everglades City.

Candidates will be asked questions that we receive from community members. Candidates will not be given the questions prior to the roundtable.

Sample ballots have been sent by the county. If you did not receive yours, you can download a copy of it here:

<https://visitevergladescity.com/ecballot/>

The three seats are awarded to the three candidates with the most votes. This is a very important election, and your vote is needed!

If you have a question or questions you would like addressed at the roundtable please send it to us in an email to mulletrapper@gmail.com.

***All candidates are invited to attend, however their attendance is optional.**

The Not-a-Gladesman By Diallo Xia



Somebody once said that a piece of crap that's published is infinitely better than a masterpiece that sits in a closet. It's funny, because it's very similar to what my mother told me: Ideas are a dime a dozen, it's the execution that counts.

As a person who writes articles, I suppose I should propose my own view of things, the way I see the world, what happens in it and whatnot. So today, I decided I should try and reveal my view of writing an article. It might not be the best, and in two years I could do a 180° turn, but it's out there, and that's what counts.

First, I get an idea. Maybe it's a jumble of thoughts I have. Maybe it's a story. Or sometimes, I just have a deadline and have to put something in the paper. As you can tell, that last one doesn't work so well, as I may not have been writing as much as I should have the past few weeks. Performance issues.

Then, I cook the idea in my noggin, maybe for a few days or so, and strain it through my brain into words that appear on a page in an old MacBook with a cracked screen. Last, I send it in an email to the Mullet Rapper, and magic happens behind a box that turns it into the Mullet Rapper.

Anything that is valuable, that has worth, takes time and dedication to accomplish. You can't let fear or doubt or laziness stop you.

The Island Life Recipes

Greek 7-Layer Dip

Submitted by Elaine Middelstaedt

Ingredients:

- 8 ounces hummus
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp chopped fresh dill
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Pinch of salt
- Dash of black pepper
- 2 Tbsp red onion, minced
- 1 cup diced and seeded cucumber
- 1 cup diced and seeded tomatoes
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese (or more to taste)
- ¼ cup sliced black olives



Directions:

1. In small bowl, combine yogurt, garlic, dill, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Set aside.
2. In an 8" x 8" or 7" x 11" glass dish, layer the hummus, yogurt mixture, red onion, cucumber, tomatoes, feta and olives.
3. Serve cold with pita wedges or large corn scoops



My Little Slice of Paradise
By Kathy Brock

If you have moved or downsized lately you probably discovered a lot of "stuff" you no longer need or use. In fact, when we downsized, I wondered why I kept most of it in the first place!

We tossed out electronics that were once valuable and now value-less, and other things were donated or given away.

This past weekend, we discovered a use for something many of us have but never use...an old cellphone.

Tim and a friend (I was to go too, but more on that later) went to the Swamp Celebration for charity at Clyde Butcher's Gallery. This great event takes you on a tour of the swamp...waist deep in water in the thicket of beautiful cypress.

Since you are slogging through the swamp, bringing expensive electronics, like a cellphone, is not advisable. So, Tim returned from the trip without any photos of what he experienced.

This is where the old cellphone comes in. You know, even though the phone will no longer make calls, the other applications still work. The camera works, the games still play, and you can still make emergency calls on any cellphone that is charged and operational. No service required.

The Swamp Celebration would have been a perfect time to fire up the old phone to at least capture some photos. If it falls in the water, who cares!

Repurposing old items is one way to save money on the skyrocketing cost of everything right now, and to get use out of the things you paid a lot of money for in the past.

Old cellphones fall nicely into this category. They can be a great backup plan for emergencies, and they can be very useful as a camera.

As long as you have a power cord with a USB on one end, you can plug it into your computer to download any of the new photos. You can also pull them directly off your SIM card if there is still one in your old, but still useful, phone.

Now back to why I wasn't at this year's Swamp Celebration which was my second failed attempt in a handful of years...

Months back we signed up as soon as the event was scheduled. My first attempt was sabotaged by a nasty cold. When this year's event was announced, I was very excited and booked our spots immediately.

Several weeks later I learned I needed eye surgery. I got everything scheduled...for the week of the Celebration!

One of the major no-no's of eye surgery is to let any water from ponds and natural bodies of water into the eyes. You could risk it, but slogging waist-deep means getting wet is a certainty. No tour for me... again.

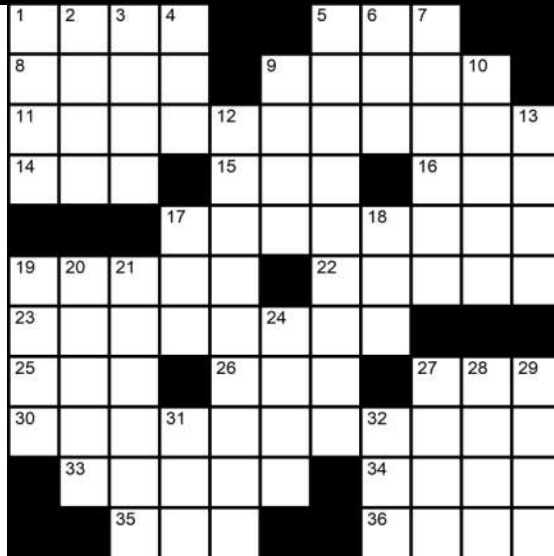
Oh well. I was able to enjoy the tour from Tim's perspective, which was nice. Best of all, we found a use for our old phones!

Now, I must wait for next year and hope nothing else interferes with my next hot date with the swamp.

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Across

- 1 Shimmering gemstone
- 5 Bunny step
- 8 "Lemon" fish
- 9 Washed out
- 11 Similar
- 14 Sleuth's cry
- 15 It should stop you at an intersection
- 16 Texting letters for a former identity
- 17 Fired objects
- 19 Polite form of address for a woman
- 22 Apparel
- 23 Native Coloradan, originally
- 25 Diminutive dog
- 26 Farm animal
- 27 "Dallas" star Barbara --- Geddes
- 30 In a highly-strung manner
- 33 A means to ---
- 34 Furnace
- 35 It checks brainwaves
- 36 High point



10/30/21

Down

- 1 Labor Dept. agency
- 2 Famous bear
- 3 --- mater
- 4 13 Popes have had this name
- 5 Bequeaths
- 6 Lyric poem
- 7 What Soylent Green was made of (1973 movie)
- 9 Broker's charges
- 10 Duchesses beaus
- 12 Painful facial expression
- 13 Get lippy
- 17 Travel companion
- 18 Anger
- 19 Spouse
- 20 Fragrance
- 21 Very beginning
- 24 Head cover
- 27 Radar image
- 28 Cosmopolitan competitor
- 29 Wildcat
- 31 Golfer's peg
- 32 Acronym on a "wanted" poster



EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

BARRON RIVER TIDES

Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands (642-1025): Closed Mon– Tue-Thurs, 5-11 Fri-Sun Noon - 11 pm
Camellia Street Grille (239-695-2003): 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Daily
City Seafood (239-695-4700): Open All Year 8 am to 3 pm
Diving Pelican Restaurant (239) 232-0475 Open Sun-Thur 11 am to 8 pm, Fri & Sat till midnight
Everglades Fishing Co. / Nely's Corner Open Fri, Sat., Sunday, 6:00 am to 4:00 pm 203 Collier Avenue, (239-695-4222)
Havana Café (239-695-2214): We are open daily 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Hole in the Wall Pizza (239-695-4444) M-Th 11am-7pm, Fri & Sat 11 am-9 pm
Island Café (239-695-0003): 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
Ivey House (239-695-3299) (Private) The Restaurant is Closed
Joanie's Crab Café (239-695-2682): Open Daily 10:30 am to 5 pm, Closed Wed.
Rod & Gun (239-695-2101): 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
Triad Seafood & Café (239-695-2662): Mon-Sat, 10:30 -7:00, Sun 10:30-5
MARKETS
Right Choice Market (239-695-4535): Open 7 days, 9 am to 7 pm
Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222): Open 8-5, Mon—Sat. Closed Sunday.
Fresh Produce
Right Choice Supermarket
See listing under "markets"
SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
Chokoloskee Family Church Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship
Copeland Baptist Church Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
Everglades Community Church 11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 8
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
Holy Family Catholic Church Closed for Summer. Reopening Dec. 5, 2021
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

10/30/2021	Sat	6:12 AM	1.05	L
10/30/2021	Sat	10:55 AM	2.59	H
10/30/2021	Sat	6:32 PM	0.39	L
10/31/2021	Sun	12:14 AM	2.63	H
10/31/2021	Sun	7:01 AM	0.87	L
10/31/2021	Sun	12:00 PM	2.74	H
10/31/2021	Sun	7:21 PM	0.4	L
11/1/2021	Mon	12:48 AM	2.77	H
11/1/2021	Mon	7:45 AM	0.64	L
11/1/2021	Mon	12:57 PM	2.91	H
11/1/2021	Mon	8:06 PM	0.43	L
11/2/2021	Tue	1:17 AM	2.92	H
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11/2/2021	Tue	1:47 PM	3.05	H
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11/3/2021	Wed	9:29 PM	0.56	L
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11/4/2021	Thu	9:54 AM	-0.1	L
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11/5/2021	Fri	4:14 PM	2.98	H
11/5/2021	Fri	10:49 PM	0.77	L
11/6/2021	Sat	3:02 AM	3.41	H
11/6/2021	Sat	11:29 AM	-0.36	L
11/6/2021	Sat	5:13 PM	2.81	H
11/6/2021	Sat	11:31 PM	0.87	L
11/7/2021	Sun	2:36 AM	3.41	H
11/7/2021	Sun	11:20 AM	-0.36	L
11/7/2021	Sun	5:17 PM	2.61	H
11/7/2021	Sun	11:15 PM	0.96	L
11/8/2021	Mon	3:18 AM	3.31	H
11/8/2021	Mon	12:14 PM	-0.27	L
11/8/2021	Mon	6:24 PM	2.44	H
11/9/2021	Tue	12:04 AM	1.04	L
11/9/2021	Tue	4:12 AM	3.13	H
11/9/2021	Tue	1:12 PM	-0.13	L
11/9/2021	Tue	7:38 PM	2.34	H
11/10/2021	Wed	1:08 AM	1.08	L
11/10/2021	Wed	5:29 AM	2.89	H
11/10/2021	Wed	2:19 PM	0.04	L
11/10/2021	Wed	8:49 PM	2.33	H
11/11/2021	Thu	2:37 AM	1.06	L
11/11/2021	Thu	7:21 AM	2.68	H
11/11/2021	Thu	3:29 PM	0.19	L
11/11/2021	Thu	9:49 PM	2.38	H
11/12/2021	Fri	4:05 AM	0.95	L
11/12/2021	Fri	8:55 AM	2.57	H
11/12/2021	Fri	4:34 PM	0.32	L
11/12/2021	Fri	10:36 PM	2.47	H

Local Event Recap
Hook'em in the Glades
Fishing Fundraiser for EVG!

The 4th Annual Hook'em In The Glades Fishing Fundraiser took place on Oct. 22 & 23.



The Captains Meeting was held on Friday evening (the 22nd). After a month of no rain, that evening the sky opened up and it poured snook and reds! But the captains and their crews were undeterred and the evening was fantastic.

Great food was catered by Camellia Street Grille, and the hosts at Parkway Motel & Marina were gracious and helpful.

This year's event had 40 vessels entered with 117 anglers, and 36 onshore anglers vying for the beautiful trophies from Metals Edge.

A huge shout-out to Activities & Athletic Director Jill Whitcomb. She created this tournament to raise funds for the school and it has become one of our area's great success stories! Excellent job, Jill!

Here are this year's Hook'em winners:

Adult Boat Division: Armando Alego, Mark Mitchell, Camille Soltes, & Myah Alego

Jr Angler Boat Division: Gabe Herrin, Ivan Kibodeaux, & Kenny Smallwood


Jr. Angler Longest Snook: Slade Johnson

Jr. Angler Longest Redfish: Chyann Nicholson

Jr. Angler Longest Seatrout: Ryan Barrows
Jr. Onshore Division: Brandon Bagley

Winners of the fantastic Paradise Packages "filled" with room nights, tours, guide services, gifts and gift cards from sponsors were Kim Forman who one "Package 1", and Michael Williams who took home "Package II". Congratulations to all of this year's winners, and to the entire team that make the tournament a success!

Photo: Jill Whitcomb holds the trophy for the longest redfish.



Chokoloskee Family Church

"Doing Life Together"

Sun. Marriage Class-9:00 am
Sun. Worship-11:00 am
Sun. 5:30 pm-Celebrate Recovery
Kids Program-Wed 7:00 pm
Kids Program- Sun. 11:00 am
Wed. Bible Study -7:00 pm
at Island Café-Free Coffee & Pie
Phone: 239-232-0098

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FOR SALE: 936 Panther Creek Lane, DuPont Island. Rare find in Everglades City! Waterfront single family three bedroom / two bath stilt home in the Commercial Fishing District. 80 feet of water frontage on almost half acre of land. Plenty of storage / workshops / garage and a Quonset hut. Asking \$469,000.

FOR SALE: Chokoloskee Island; 1294 Snook Alley canal front lot. This is a high lot with a dock. Quick and easy access out to the famous fishing of the Ten Thousand Islands and Gulf of Mexico! A stilt home could give you gorgeous Chokoloskee Bay views. Asking \$149,900.

For more information contact Glades Realty 239-695-4299. GladesRealty.com Karen@Gladesrealty.com

FOR SALE: Air conditioner, window unit. 14,000 BTU, 120 volt. Still under factory warranty. Only used for 3 weeks. Asking \$429. For more information, please call 239-695-2208.

FOR SALE: Big Cypress Fly-in Retreat: The historic Popenhagen Camp, a 21-acre oasis of natural beauty, complete with an FAA approved airstrip, and an adorable, modern cabin, This stunning parcel is secluded on a high and dry prairie, and is completely off grid. The price on this private piece of paradise is \$2.5 million. Take a tour of the camp www.popenhagen.com. For more information call 786-258-2227.

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WANT TO GET INVOLVED? JOIN THE EVERGLADES LIONS CLUB! The Lions have been serving in our local community dating back to 1952 when the club was first chartered. Today, the club is still going strong supporting local community by holding fundraisers and providing services to those in need. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of each month at 6 pm at Jinkins Hall at Everglades Community Church. For more info visit the Club's website at https://e-clubhouse.org/sites/everglades/.

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