

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

News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table



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Local Events

Plant Sale & Tree Giveaway February 13, 10 am to 1 pm 100% of Proceeds Go to EVG School

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 still have FREE TREES from Naples Botanical Gardens and many other herbs, veggies, and ornamentals to sell for the plant fundraiser for the school. So far we have raised \$1024 for the school!

Please stop on the Evergreen St. side of the house. We will see you there.

Visitor Center Reopening February 12th Volunteers Needed!

The Everglades Area Visitor Center will reopen on February 12th after a long closure due to the Covid19 pandemic.

The center will be open on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays (and Monday holidays like President's Day), from 10 am to 2 pm. To enter, visitors must wear a face covering and practice safe distancing.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help staff the center. It is a great way to help our local businesses and community!

If you can help (even just a little), please call Kathy Brock at 954-662-7003, or Patty Huff at 239-719-0020. Thank you! We look forward to seeing everyone.

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"Good Morning, Camper" By Jon Edward Edwards

Oh man ... great spot, I thought, looking around for the catch. There must be one, a pristine campsite like this all to myself? I ran the skiff up on the beach for further inspection. The strip was big enough for one camp only, had deep water on one side and a sandy shoal. Shoot, this is it.

After schlepping copious amounts of gear, which I would use but a fraction of, and setting up camp, I plopped down in my fancy folding chair pointing west towards a rapidly setting sun. I cracked a cold beer and said cheers to my companion, the Everglades.

An authoritative voice booming, "Good morning camper," was not the greeting I expected on the first morning of my Inaugural Annual Spiritual Serenity Solo – or so I'm calling it. Dolphins crashing bait or just waves lapping softly against the beach is more along the lines of what I had in mind.

"Uhh ... good morning," I replied.

"Sir, before you step out of the tent, I need to know if you have any weapons inside." Whoa, there went my serenity. Visions of standing in a federal courtroom after a third offense for running in a Slow Speed Manatee Zone flashed before my eyes. I vividly remember the judge peering at me over his glasses and saying, "Son, I better not see you in here again." My argument of how a West Indian Manatee knows where it is safe and where it isn't didn't go over very well. Thankfully, the judge was kind, or maybe he just appreciated quality humor, but he let me off light with a stiff fine nonetheless. Since then, I've done my best to follow the rules - or so I thought.

"Yes sir, I do," I told him what I was packing while racking my brain, trying to figure out what prompted the visit from The Man in Green. Then I remembered I had forgotten to renew my registration. That must be it ... whew. I felt a little bit better as I crawled out of my tent; a custom model hastily made from parts and pieces of several defunct Walmart units, and faced my serenity bandits, as there were two officers. Oh man - they must have run my background, seen the priors, and called in the Calvary! Come to find out, I was giving myself way too much street cred, and the Game Wardens knew me not as the Manatee Bandit but more the moron who doesn't know he's in a restricted area.

"May I help you?" I asked them as if they had interrupted me during an important meeting.

Holding up his ticket book, the lead Game Warden said, "Well, Mr. Edwards, we've got seven issues here."

Seven!!! I nearly blurted out. Oh lord, I'm going to prison. But all that came out of my mouth was, "Seven? Huh ..."

"Did you know this area is restricted to camping?"

"No sir, I did not. But that would explain why I had it all to myself." The comment earned a chuckle from both men. I asked for permission, then pulled up the Navionics app on my phone and showed them the big box over the key in which we stood that said CAMPING AREA. The officers looked at each other and said at the same time, "Yeah ..." Officer #2 finished their thought, "That's wrong. We've been saying something should be done about it." There was an awkward pause as I waited for him to elaborate. Instead, he said, "You're also in the national park, which requires a permit and proof of the completion of a boater safety class. And you have neither." *(Continued on page 4)*

Chokoloskee P.O. Closes, Moves Mail to Everglades City P.O.

As of this writing, the Chokoloskee Post Office has closed and all PO boxes will be moved to the Post Office in Everglades City. It is not clear if this is a permanent move. We have been told that additional PO boxes will be added in the EC office and all mail will be distributed from Everglades City's location. We will update this story in the next edition.

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February 6, 2021

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
SUNDAY 7	8	9	10	New Moon-11	12	13
Superbowl,	-	-	Food Bank		Visitor Center	Plant Sale,
6 pm			ECC, 10:30-1pm	Lions Club,	Reopens, p. 1	See p. 1
			Virtual Ladies	6 pm		Garage Sale, p.8
			Coffee, 9:30	- I		
14	15	16	17	18	19	20 Rapper
Valentine's Day	President's	P & Z Mtg,	Food Bank			
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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 Opening Feb, 12. Fri-Sun, 11 to 2

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Whatever Happened to Down-Home Conversation? **By Pastor Bob Wallace**

It's not very often one gets caught up these days in having an enlightening conversation. How many times we're given an opportunity to have a good discourse on a variety of subjects and we blow it. We revert back to what's easy and safe. It usually goes something like this. "What'd you do last weekend?" "Not much. Just the same old thing, you know." "Yeah, me too! I just sat around and watched TV. I really didn't feel like doing anything,

either." "Did you see any good games?" "Naw, my team lost, and I didn't watch any others." And so, it goes.

What has become a litany of boredom with lots of folks has evolved into a passive conversation laced with trivia and cliches.

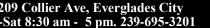
When I was a boy, my father used to attend what was called "smokers". I never went to one, but I heard they were laced with all kinds of conversation and talk on just about every known subject. At the time – after World War 1 and just before the start of World War 2 in the midst of the Great Depression - the fine art of personal communication really took hold on a lot of people.

We had no television. Automobiles were still the envy of all those who had to walk. And radio was the darling of families who gathered in the parlor each evening to hear Charles Kaltenborn rattle off the news. Sunday evenings were spent listening to Fibber McGee and Molly, Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy, Jack Benny and George Burns with Gracie Allen.

Each afternoon after school, I hurried home to turn on my little brown plastic General Electric bedside radio to hear Jack Armstrong, the All-American Boy. And who didn't tune into Inner-Sanctum to be scared out of their wits listening to the screeching door opening that bedtime broadcast. It was downright scary!

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation **Using Water Samples for Sawfish Research** by guest author Gregg Poulakis, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



Environmental DNA (eDNA) research is more than simply taking samples and magically water finding out if your target species was detected. Being sure your team is using the latest, most sensitive methods and taking steps to avoid false negatives (for example, if you don't filter enough water) and false positives (for example, if you don't keep your equipment ultra clean) is key, especially when conducting

research on rare species like sawfish, which require special management and conservation actions. Researchers from Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and The University of Southern Mississippi are studying the endangered smalltooth sawfish, which is currently found in less than 20% of its former range with viable populations confined to the United States and The Bahamas. We wanted to explore eDNA as a potential tool for monitoring recovery of this species to aid in prioritizing where to focus future research and education efforts.

The current U.S. smalltooth sawfish population is restricted to south and southwest Florida, which is referred to as the core range by recovery planners. Anything outside this core range is considered the non-core range and will be looked at as potential areas for recovery. Therefore, we chose the Indian River Lagoon on Florida's east coast and Tampa Bay on the west coast to focus our eDNA sampling. Based on what we've learned in recent years about habitat use by juveniles and temperature sensitivity of the species, these estuaries are likely candidates for range expansion and new nursery establishment if the species begins recovering.

The Indian River Lagoon stretches along about one-third of the east coast and historical scientific literature suggests that this estuary was once a thriving nursery for the smalltooth sawfish. Currently, the southern portion of the lagoon has the habitats and temperature regime to support the species, so we targeted this area for sampling. Of the 60, three-liter water samples we collected and filtered, five were positive for smalltooth sawfish DNA! Unfortunately, we can't identify the maturity stage of individuals from the eDNA. However, since the samples were collected well within the estuary, there is a good chance the sawfish were immature since adults tend to be found in the ocean.

Tampa Bay is at the northern limit of the current core range of the species on the west coast. We targeted portions of this estuary near habitats likely to support juveniles. Of the 50 water samples analyzed, unfortunately none were positive for smalltooth sawfish, but we do get the occasional sawfish sighting in the estuary, so we know there are at least a few around. These data have already been used by the Tampa Bay sawfish research leader Tonya Wiley (and Sawfish News author), as one line of evidence to help select sample sites for catching and tagging smalltooth sawfish.

If you want to learn more about sawfish eDNA research visit https:// saveourseas.com/project/sawfish-edna-usa/

You can also help scientists track recovery of the population and steer research efforts by sharing information about your sawfish encounters by visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, or emailing sawfish@myfwc.com. Photo by Tonya Wiley

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The fact that I was in the Everglades National Park was news to me as I explained that I generally stay

closer to the Goodland area where there are no such requirements. But due to favorable weather and calm seas, I had decided to venture further south or east, I might say. It hadn't occurred to me that I had slipped over into the national park. Officer #2 acted like he hadn't heard me when he said, "Sir, do you know your campfire has to be no farther than the high tide line? He motioned to the smoldering embers in a sandpit I dug a few feet from my tent.

(Jon Edwards—Continued from front page)

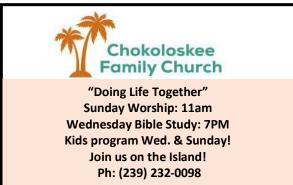
"No sir, I did not," I replied, wondering how the fire was supposed to deter the No-see-um's - the diehard hold-outs from summer - way down there by the water. I kept it to myself.

K, that's four (camping in a restricted area, no permit, no boater's safety, and improper fire or something); three more to go. Expired registration, I knew about that one. No type 3 throwable ... Dangit! The other violation seems to have slipped my mind for the moment. Out of the graciousness of the lead officer's heart, he only ticketed me for camping in a restricted area.

The moral of the story is that although the 10,000 Islands is wild and somewhat untamed, it is not an open range free-for-all. There may be permits to get, boater's safety classes to be taken, and of course, rules and regulations to follow. Those who know me well, go ahead and laugh it up, for I realize that statement coming from me is laughable. The scrapbook full of citations, including the summons for the federal charge, is a testament to the fact.

A coast guard helicopter buzzed me as I meandered my way back towards Goodland. My paranoia sharp and constant, my heart fluttered, and a pang of anxiety hit me. What have I done now? ~Jon Edward Edwards

I would like to clarify that although my stories are based primarily on actual events, there are individual artistic freedoms taken for one reason or another. I wasn't joking about the violations; that is all true. But my flippant attitude towards them is an attempt at humor, as is any disrespectful dialogue, as there was absolutely none. These are all serious matters, and I have nothing but the utmost respect for all law officers – on and off the water.



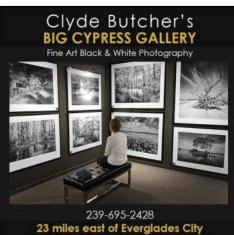
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Obituary James "Jim" Alden Fross Former Pastor of 1st Baptist Church in Everglades City



Rev. Jim Fross went to heaven, January 11, 2021 at 1:45 p.m. from this earthly home to his Heavenly home, in the hospital in Owensboro, Kentucky with his family by his side.

Rev. Fross was former **Pastor at 1st Baptist Church in Everglades City**.

Rev. Fross leaves behind his beautiful wife Ruth Evans Fross, and a wonderful family.

There was a Celebration of Life for Pastor Fross on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 at First Baptist Church of Crystal River, FL

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Solution to January 23, 2021 Puzzle

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Who Misses the Seafood Festival? Everglades City School For One! February is the month of the annual Everglades Seafood Festival, This year's event, which would have been the 51st annual festival, was canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

There are many opinions about the seafood festival.

Some say it is a hassle because it brings in people from all over, all on one weekend. Yes. There are crowds and traffic.

Others think festivalgoers get too intoxicated, are loud, and make a mess. Yes. There is a mess...that gets cleaned up by the festival staff...and they do quite a good job of it, too.

No matter what your opinion may be, there are some things about the festival you may not know...

Did you know that our local school relies on funds that are raised at the festival by the sales of Coke soda products and T-shirts to help the school bridge the gap between what they have in their budget and what they need? Most years, the school raises between \$30,000-\$36,000 from festival proceeds.

That's right. The school relies on that money to help fund student needs that would otherwise go unmet.

Our unique, \bar{K} -12 school, which is so vital to the community, is just one example of why the festival is so important.

Local churches, youth groups and clubs benefit by parking cars and campers.

The Everglades Betterment Association, which runs the festival, also shares proceeds with the community. Last year they donated \$5000 towards the park renovations, and \$5000 towards the sewer plant renovations.

So here is the bottom line, the Everglades Seafood Festival is missed. We look forward to seeing it in 2022!



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 TIDE TABLE-BARRON RIVER

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Pastor Bob - Whatever Happened... (Continued from page 3)

All of that stuff really gave us something to talk about. In fact, radio and baseball games were about all anybody talked about during those Great Depression years. Talk? It was cheap. And there was plenty of it.

So, what's become of good conversation today as we are now in the 21st century? Are we up to it? Can we make a contribution to what's being said?

It can be done. All it takes is a little effort on everyone's part. Plus following some rules of good manners. The first rule in having an intelligent conversation is being a good listener. Don't always interrupt someone in order to make your point. Wait. You'll have your chance.

Be interested in what the other person's saying. Don't be caught looking off into space while the other person talks. Establish eye contact and be interested. It's the polite thing to do.

Don't be opinionated. Leave room for another person's view. If you come on too strongly, you may cause the conversation to cease and create hard feelings.

Don't hog the conversation. Let others speak. Remember, conversation is a twoway affair. Others must have time to get into it after you get out of it.

Have a sense of humor. Nothing's ever so somber that you can't find a little humor. Remember, laughter's the best medicine. ALWAYS be able to laugh at yourself!

And know when to stop! That's the secret of a really good conversationalist. Don't drag on until you, or others, become bored stiff with the subject. That's a surefire way to kill off any future talks. Don't let the length of your conversation be the determining factor of what people think about you.

Why not start a good, intellectual conversation with your friend, a family member or neighbor so when you're asked, "What'd you do over the weekend?" you can say, "I had a great conversation with my neighbor and I'm looking forward to having one again."

See what I mean? It's easy when you know how.

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The Island Life Recipes

Easy Eggplant with Mozzarella by Kathy Brock

Scramble 2 eggs in a bowl and set aside. Prepare and pour breadcrumbs into a

Dip eggplant in egg and then into crumbs, shaking off extra. Do this for all of

Heat cooking oil in a large skillet. Use enough so that it is about 1" deep in the

Top each piece of eggplant with some mozzarella cheese (about a tablespoon)

skillet. Brown each piece of eggplant on both sides and then pat off extra oil, Place

and a teaspoon of red sauce. Cover the pan with foil and bake at 350° for 30

Serve hot with a side of spaghetti or a salad, and some extra sauce.

Ingredients:

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2 whole eggplant, sliced 3/4" thick Spaghetti or marinara sauce (whatever you prefer) Italian bread crumbs (or cracker crumbs, I use Ritz) 2 eggs 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Wash and cut eggplant into 3/4 slices (circles), pat dry and set aside.



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



For 8 years I had a loyal jogging companion. One who didn't care whether it was hot, cold, raining, or a

beautiful sunny day. He was ready every day.

Each day we would get up and make the drive to TY Park in Hollywood, FL, and proceed around the 2+ mile path through the park.

At first, Butchie was very anti-social. I had to train him not to go after everyone who walked or jogged alongside of us.

As many rescues are, he was wary of people he did not know. After about a year, he learned that no one else would harm him, and he became friendly to everyone (except cats).

After my father relocated to Everglades City permanently, Butchie and I would only meet up on weekends until he came live with us permanently in 2016. From that moment on, he was our boy. We enjoyed every minute of it.

On Friday, January 19th, Butchie crossed over the rainbow bridge.

On that morning, Tim and I took Butchie and drove to TY Park where we sat for an hour together watching the sights and taking in the familiar scents.

Our wonderful, longtime Vet and friend, Josie, met us there where she would help us say goodbye to Butchie in a peaceful and respectful way. He deserved that.

Thank you, Butchie, for being a loyal, loving companion. Your memory will live on in our hearts. RIP, Butchie. We'll miss you.



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CLASSIFIED ADS

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.. Glades Realty 239-695-4299 Karen@GladesRealty.com

HUGE GARAGE SALE! Parkwide garage sale at Fisherman's Cove Rec Hall. This is a several family sale with oodles of great items to choose from. When: Saturday, February 13th, 8 am to 4 pm. Where: 675 Copeland Ave S., Everglades City.

FOR RENT: Efficiency apartment in Everglades City. 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath. Monthly or seasonal, for 2 adults; includes W/D, utilities and use of dock. No smoking or pets. For more information call Sandy, 239-253-3942 or 239-232-0459.

FOR SALE: Big Cypress Fly-in Retreat: The historic Popenhager Camp, a 21-acre oasis of natural beauty, complete with an FAA approved airstrip and, an adorable, modern cabin, is looking for a new owner. 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 by visiting www.popenhager.com. For more information call 786-258-2227.

JOB OPPORTUNITY: Local Electrical Contractor needs electrician or helper. No experience necessary, will train. Candidate must speak English and have transportation to jobsite. Call Herb Kehoe, MARSON Electric, LLC 239-398-5093.

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RIGHT CHOICE SUPERMARKET 9 am-7 pm Daily WINCAR HARDWARE 8: 30 am—5 pm MON—SAT **CAMELLIA STREET GRILL** M-SAT, 11am-7 pm, (239) 695-2003 **CITY SEAFOOD** 9 am-3 pm M-F, 9am-5pm Sat & Sun (239) 695-4700 HAVANA CAFÉ, daily 9-4 239-695-2214 **GRIMM'S STONE CRAB** M-Sat 8am-5pm, 239-695-3222 HOLE IN THE WALL PIZZA M-Th 11-7 pm, Fri & Sat 11-9pm (239) 695-4444 **ISLAND CAFÉ** 6 am -9 pm Daily (239) 695-0003 MARATHON GAS/NELY'S 6 am-10 pm (239) 695-4222 **ROD AND GUN CLUB** 12 pm-8 pm (239) 695-2101 **TRIAD SEAFOOD** Open Daily 10:30 am-4:00 pm

MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES Open 9 am– 4 pm Tues-Sat **THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN!** Wednesday, 10:30 am to 1 pm Everglades Community Church Drive up service only. Food is distributed on the back deck. General Questions:

If you have any questions, call Everglades City Hall (239) 695-3781.

For more information about local businesses, tide predictions and area information, please go to: www.VisitEvergladesCity.com

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