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Parrish Civic Association Holds Forum for Community to Meet and Hear Candidates

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Train rides have come back to Parrish! CDC guidelines are being followed. See page 33.

Upcoming Events
All Parrish Civic Association Meetings and Events are temporarily postponed due to the coronavirus situation. Follow this newspaper for future announcements and dates.

The shelves of the Food Pantry at Parrish United Methodist Church are very bare and coordinator Jim Racky is asking area residents to come to the rescue. When asked what was needed Jim replied, “Canned tuna and chicken, boxes of pasta, canned vegetables and fruits, cereal, mac and cheese, oatmeal, and PB&J (peanut butter and jelly)”. He also said shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste and diapers were needed. Over 300 cars are expected at the next Drive-Through Food Ministry.

And remember that cash donations are always welcome. The Parrish United Methodist Church buys products in bulk at a BIG discount from the Manatee County Food bank and Feeding Tampa Bay so often your dollar goes further when they spend it rather than when you do.

Donations can be dropped off at the Church Office or at the church entrance or you can make a check out to PUMC and either drop it off at the office or mail it to PUMC, P.O. Box 375, Parrish 34219. Write Food pantry in the memo line. You can also go to the church’s website www.parrishunitedmethodistchurch.com and make an online donation.

Thanks in advance for your support.

Top Left: Candidates running for School Board (l to r) Scott Boyes (District 3), Mary Foreman (District 3), Bridgett Mendel (District 1), Gina Messenger (District 3) and Dave Miner (District 3). Bottom Left: Candidates running for County Commissioner (l to r) Dominique Shautel Brown (District 1), James Satcher III (District 1), Priscilla Whisenhunt Trace (District 1), Ed Hunzeker (District 7 - At Large) and George Kruse (District 7 - At large).

With a backdrop like an old-fashioned train stop at the Florida Railroad Museum, candidates for State Attorney, Manatee County Court Judge, Manatee County School Board and the Manatee County Commission gathered to tell community voters their platforms and answer questions about their candidacies.

The event was hosted by the Parrish Civic Association. PCA President Gretchen Fowler welcomed the crowd and introduced the moderator Tom Aposporos. Speaking also were the Mayor of Palmetto - Shirley Groover Bryant, who has close ties to Parrish and Fire Chief Stacey Bailey who spoke about the proposed additional Fire Station for Parrish at the corner of Rye and Golf Course Roads.

Each candidate told the audience about their plans if elected. Candidates for the School Board and County Commission also answered

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Local Business Spotlight: The Teal Turtle Boutique

The Teal Turtle Boutique is a brand new clothing boutique in Parrish, offering fashion for women who love to look effortlessly amazing. This unique boutique offers women’s and juniors clothing, in sizes XS – 3XL, plus jewelry, accessories, shoes, purses, gifts and more. There are also products made by local vendors, such as candles, jewelry, home décor and Parrish Community High School clothing and gear.

Owned by Allison Nelson of Parrish, the boutique is located at 12351 US Highway 301, just in front of the Railroad Museum and opened on February 29th. During the pandemic shutdown, which started just weeks after the Teal Turtle Boutique opened, Allison quickly pivoted, offering personalized services to assist clients. She began taking private appointments for clients who wanted to shop in-store, she shipped products to customers and she even personally delivered products to people. In addition, she put all of her products online, which was no easy feat, as she gets products in daily and carries hundreds of different items. The latest offering, called Styled by Teal Turtle, is a personalized styling experience where Stylists hand-select items. The latest offering, called Styled by Teal Turtle, is a personalized styling experience where Stylists hand-select items.

Allison is all about community and giving back, donating 10% of sales to a local non-profit each quarter. Donations have been made to Parrish United Methodist Church Food Pantry, FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies) and Turning Points. (Feeding Empty Little Church Food Pantry, FELT Donations have been made local non-profits each quarter. Donations have been made to Parrish United Methodist Church Food Pantry, FELT (Feeding Empty Little Tummies) and Turning Points.

Style House is a “Instagram worthy salon that focuses on modern trends,” says Crystal. “We provide a clean and stress-free atmosphere that offers a one-of-a-kind experience. Our mission is to enhance the beauty and confidence in our clients by using innovative techniques performed by highly skilled stylists using top-notch products.”

Styling services include: Haircuts for men, women and children, color, balayage, highlights, keratin treatments, plus special occasion hair and makeup. The Salon is open Monday – Saturday from 9:30 am – 7:00 pm and features 5 stylists. They will soon be adding a nail technician for the salon. The Boutique is open Monday- Friday from 9:30 am – 7:30 pm; Saturday from 10:00 am – 3:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm. Follow The Teal Turtle Boutique on Facebook and Instagram; shop directly from Instagram, Facebook or the website: http://www.thetealturtleboutique.com.

Style House is a full-service luxury hair salon, owned by Parrish resident, Crystal Murphy. The salon has already become well-known for its “rose wall,” a glamorous accent wall in the lobby, covered in thousands of pink and cream-colored silk roses, where clients pose for photos to show off their new haircut and color. The Style House, located at 12351 US 301, near the railroad museum, celebrated its Grand Opening on February 29.

Crystal has been a stylist for 17 years and specializes in trendy color, modern haircuts and enhancing natural beauty through makeup. She is well-known in the area for making clients look and feel glamorous with her balayage color treatments. Balayage is a French word meaning to sweep or paint. Stylists apply this technique to literally painting the hair in a sweeping motion, which gives a more natural-looking, subtle sun-kissed color highlights.

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**Great Chicken Recipes for the Summer**

**Dijon-Tarragon Cream Chicken**  
(pictured at right)  
1 Tbsp. butter  
1 Tbsp. olive oil  
4 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves  
1 pinch of salt and pepper  
1/2 heavy cream  
1 Tbsp. Dijon mustard  
2 tsp. chopped tarragon

Melt the butter and heat the oil in a skillet over medium high heat. Season chicken with salt and pepper and place in the skillet. Brown on both sides. Reduce heat to medium, cover and continue cooking 15 minutes or until chicken juices run clear. Set aside and keep warm. Stir cream mixture into broth and return chicken to skillet to coat with sauce. Drizzle with remaining sauce to serve.

Yield: 4 servings.

**Creamy Chicken/Wild Rice Soup**

- 4 cups chicken broth  
- 2 cups water  
- 2 cooked, boneless chicken breast halves, shredded  
- (4.5 oz.) package quick cooking long grain and wild rice with seasoning packet

In a large pot over medium heat, combine broth, water and chicken. Bring to boiling, then stir in rice, reserving seasoning packet. Cover and remove from heat. In small bowl, combine salt, pepper and flour. In medium saucepan over medium heat, melt butter. Stir in contents of seasoning packet until mixture is bubbly. Reduce heat to low, then stir in flour mixture by tablespoons, to form a roux. Whisk in cream, a little at a time, until fully incorporated. Cook until thickened, 5 minutes. Stir cream mixture into broth and rice. Cook over medium heat until heated through, 10 to 15 minutes. Yield: 8 servings.

**Fontina Rolled Chicken**

- 4 oz. cream cheese, softened  
- 1 cup fontina cheese, shredded  
- 5 bacon strips, cooked and crumbled  
- 4 green onions, chopped  
- 1/4 Italian parsley, chopped  
- 1/4 julienned oil-packed sun-dried tomatoes, drained, chopped and patted dry  
- 1/2 tsp. salt, divided  
- 3/4 tsp. pepper, divided  
- 1 large egg  
- 1 1/2 cups panko bread crumbs  
- 1 tsp. paprika  
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breast halves

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. In bowl, mix the first 6 ingredients; stir in 1/4 teaspoon each salt and pepper. In shallow bowl, toss bread crumbs with remaining salt and pepper. In another shallow bowl, toss bread crumbs with paprika. Carefully pound chicken breasts to 1/4-inch thickness. Spread cheese mixture over chicken. Roll up chicken from short side; secure with a toothpick. Place on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes. If desired, add horseradish to barbecue sauce; brush over wrapped chicken. Bake until chicken is no longer pink and bacon is crisp, 5-10 minutes longer.

Yield: 1 1/2 dozen pieces.

**BBQ Chicken Bites**

- 6 bacon strips  
- 3/4 lb. boneless, skinless chicken

breasts cut in 1-inch cubes  
3 tsp. Montreal steak seasoning  
1 tsp. prepared horseradish, optional  
1/2 cup barbecue sauce

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Cut bacon crosswise into thirds. Place bacon on microwave safe plate lined with paper towels. Cover with additional paper towels; microwave on high 3-4 minutes or until partially cooked but not crisp. Place chicken in small bowl; sprinkle with steak seasoning and toss to coat. Wrap a bacon piece around each chicken cube; secure with a toothpick. Place on parchment paper-lined baking sheet. Bake 10 minutes. If desired, add horseradish to barbecue sauce; brush over wrapped chicken. Bake until chicken is no longer pink and bacon is crisp, 5-10 minutes longer.

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**On my first trip to Venice, almost 20 years ago, we stayed in the nearby town of Maestra and took a train into the city. This time we were booked into a hotel in the heart of Venice. I was looking forward to exploring the city in the evening when the crush of the tourists was over. Our guide, Louise, actually lived in Venice, so her personal knowledge would be an extra bonus. We bid farewell to our ship and crew and walked to the hotel Bonvecchietti through St. Mark’s Square, while our luggage was transferred by a launch, through the canals, to the hotel’s dock.**

**View of the Grand Canal in Venice.**

Venice, a World Heritage site, is one of the most famous cities in the world. It consists of over 115 small islands that are connected by bridges, lagoons and canals. It takes its name from a people known as the Veneti who settled in this area around the 7th century B.C.

It’s believed that the early inhabitants fled to the islands from the mainland to better defend themselves from pirates and marauders. In the Middle Ages, Venice became a major maritime power, a center for art, commerce and trade, and the first international financial capital. The Venetians controlled most of the Adriatic Sea, including the islands of Cyprus and Crete, and much of the Dalmatian (Yugoslavian) coast. They also expanded westward, beyond Lake Garda, to protect trade routes to Europe and secure agricultural supplies.

Venice became the assembly point for many of the Christian Crusades to liberate the Holy Land from the Muslims. Ironically, during the Fourth Crusade in 1204, the unruly Christian armies decided to sack the Christian city of Constantinople! Among the loot brought back to Venice were the famous bronze horses from the Hippodrome. They were originally installed above the entrance to St. Mark’s basilica (San Marco) but have now been moved inside and replaced by replicas.

The construction techniques used in Venice are fascinating. The building’s limestone foundations sit on a nest of leveled wooden pilings, formed from the trunks of alder trees, and driven through sand and mud till they reach a layer of hard compressed clay. The...
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The Parrish Rotary Club welcomed Kevin Morris, Anne Heller and Mario Octaviano as program speakers for its June 18th meeting. Ms. Heller is the Executive Director of Take Stock in Children. This organization identifies low-income, academically-qualified students who exhibit hope for a productive future and a desire to further their education. Sixth through ninth grade students are selected through an interview process into the program. Those chosen are required to pledge to meet regularly with their mentors, maintain high academic standards, and remain drug- and crime-free on the way to achieving a high school diploma.

Since its inception in 1996, the program has assisted 663 local students who have achieved an overall high school graduation rate of 97%. To put into focus the effectiveness of Take Stock in Children, less than one half of students living in poverty graduate from high school. Take Stock in Children students are eligible to earn scholarships, with 82% of the enrollees continuing on to a college education. College graduates on average earn 10,000 to 16,000 dollars more than non-graduates, have a higher employment rate and are far less likely to live in poverty.

Students accepted into the program are assigned a trained mentor who spends 30 minutes per week with their student at the school in which they attend. One such mentor is Kevin Morris, the Manager of Engineering and Products at Peace River Manasota Regional Water Supply Authority. Mr. Morris spoke as to his experience with Take Stock in Children and is mentor to Mario Octaviano, a sophomore at Southeast High School. Mario was accepted this past year as a 9th grade student and has been a standout, achieving a perfect 4.0 GPA this past school year.

Mario spoke to the club about his positive experience and his hope to continue his education in college, with emphasis in Biology. Take Stock in Children seeks compassionate mentors and contributions to continue their success. Contact them at www.takestockmanatee.org.

The Parrish Rotary Club wishes to give special thanks to the Riviera Dunes Dockside Restaurant for its very generous support of our club. The management just recently placed one of our Little Libraries in the lobby of their establishment. The restaurant will also be promoting the Little Library project with menu inserts.

If you want to make a difference in your community and the world, we would welcome your presence and enthusiasm. We invite and encourage Parrish-area residents to consider Rotary membership. Our meetings are held from 5:30 – 7:00 pm on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month at the Riviera Dunes Dockside Restaurant, 102 Riviera Dunes Way in Palmetto. For those who are interested in learning more about the Parrish Rotary Club, please attend a meeting or contact us via email Parrish Rotary@gmail.com.

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We’ve all been through a lot so far in 2020. COVID-19, racial strife and political unrest. Economic distress and a harsh outlook for the upcoming hurricane season. Whew? Anything else?

Well, quicker than you can say, “presidential election,” let me suggest a pleasant avenue on which to quell all the noise, fear and frustration. It’s time to uncork and unwind. And in the heat of summer white wine can be cool, relaxing and very comforting.

Let’s begin with the world’s most popular white wine – Chardonnay.

Chardonnay

Here in the USA the word Chardonnay has become synonymous with the expression “white wine.” When ordering the “house white” some guests just assume they’ll get Chardonnay. That’s not always the case. But not pertinent to this discussion.

What is important is that the flavors of Chardonnay have been seriously distorted over the past few decades. Intent on keeping costs and prices low, many national brands have created vintages using inferior-quality grapes, and covering the flaws with a process called malolactic fermentation, as well as the use of chemical additives – like artificial oak flavoring. Yuck! Yes, buttery and oaky can be tasty, but it can also go too far.

Chardonnay does not have to taste like a hunk of lumber or a pail of buttered popcorn. The classic flavors of Chardonnay are pear, melon and green apple with hints of toast and spices such as clove, vanilla or nutmeg. Chilled and served at 0° it can be delicious, compelling and very soothing. Avoid the bottom shelf bargain versions and treat yourself to a respected producer. You will absolutely appreciate the difference.

Here are some less-familiar whites that may be candidates to become part of your white wine rotation:

**Albariño**

This Spanish vino blanca is delightfully refreshing with notes of citrus fruits, such as grapefruit and lemons, as well as stone fruits, such as peaches and nectarines. Albariños tend to be bone dry with wonderful acidity, similar to Sauvignon Blanc. It is the acid in the wine that makes it so crisp and refreshing.

Too few Americans know about this wonderful varietal. That really must change. Especially since fine examples may be purchased for less than $18. You can enjoy this varietal with all types of dishes including seafood, especially chilled shrimp cocktail. Yum!

**Pinot Gris**

I am, I regret to report, bored with Pinot Grigio. While there are some outstanding versions of this Italian classic available in Florida, most of the offerings are just mass-produced plonk. Pinot Grigio has gone the way of domestic Merlot in the ’90’s - and we all learned a lesson about that from the movie "Sideways."

However, Italian Pinot Grigio has a big French brother named Pinot Gris, which is a heavenly version of the grape. Pinot Gris is now being produced around the globe, with classic choices stemming from Germany, Austria and the Alsace region of France. These versions tend to be more full-bodied with a balance of acidity and slight sweetness.

There is some very tasty Pinot Gris being produced in the United States, particularly in the Willamette Valley. Oregon versions are medium-bodied with a slightly pinkish color and aromas of pear, apple and melon. In California, Pinot Gris tends to be lighter-bodied with a crisp, refreshing taste and hints of pepper.

If you have yet to experience a good Pinot Gris - put it on your “Summer of 2020” bucket list.

**Viognier**

The name of this full-bodied white wine may be difficult to pronounce (vey-own-yay), but it’s worth investing a little time to get it right. It originated in France’s Rhone region, but is generously produced now in both Oregon and California. Beloved for its perfumed aromas of peach, tangerine and honeysuckle, Viognier can also be oak-aged to add a rich creamy taste with hints of vanilla.

For those folks who are trying to transition from sweet wine to dry, this may be a viable option.

**Dry Riesling**

Did you know that the Riesling grape is successfully produced in a style that can only be classified as bone dry? Washington State, Oregon, New York State, Austria, Alsace and, of course, Germany are superb regional sources for Riesling. It is the second most popular white in Australia where it is often produced dry, crisp and delicious. But for some reason Australian Riesling is almost impossible to find it here in Florida. Go figure.

While most folks think of Riesling as syrupy sweet, found in jugs on grocery shelves, the grape is considered

Please see The Grapes of Mirth CONTINUED ON PAGE 30
Do you consider yourself a loyal person? Loyalty is a strong sense of allegiance to something important and it can be directed toward your family, country, religion, community or a combination thereof. Martial artists are often loyal to their styles or instructors. Many practitioners want to know and understand the lineage of the art that they practice and they follow it persistently.

I think, however, that many of us have lost a sense of loyalty in modern times. You may disregard or underestimate its importance at many junctures in your life. Perhaps you simply push it aside because you are too busy to adhere to it. The downside is that your personal direction is diminished without a sense of loyalty. You lose your guidepost which stabilizes a crucial balance in your personal life. There is only one way to reclaim loyalty and there is only one place from which all loyalty emanates: Loyalty to self.

First and foremost, you must be loyal to yourself before you can fully commit to others or to other responsibilities. It is an essential component of living a powerful life or, for the martial artist, learning a martial art. Self-loyalty is a force that unlocks harmony and allows you to be true to yourself and follow your own unique path. You are quickly drawn back if you deviate off the path, just like the loyal martial artist who continually feels drawn to practice. Loyalty to self is the prerequisite to every other type of loyalty. Only when you believe, trust, and love yourself, can you be loyal to anything else.

Strive to be the best that you can be. Take risks to improve, because I can assure you that you have hardly tapped your potential. When I began The Martial Arts Woman (blog, book and podcast), I allowed myself to be loyal to who I am. I didn’t know if anyone would listen, read or even care. The genuine me knew that to change the world for the better, I must take a bold personal step. As I told someone recently, success is not as much about how many listen to what I have to say or read my messages as it is about following my mission and purpose. I am successful because of that and for no other reason.

Sometimes, self-loyalty wavers because of other people or circumstances. Even those with your best interests at heart may not understand your personal plan. You may face obstacles that feel insurmountable. Some may suggest that there is no way that you can overcome an obstacle, not because they are mean or uncaring, but because they do not understand your self-loyalty and the personal truth it brings. You, and only you, know the truth.

As you walk through the moments, hours and days of your life, follow the journey that calls you. I love martial arts because they are a personal calling to train, teach and highlight the practical and diligent mindset that martial arts cultivate. I am only fulfilled when I encourage, inspire and motivate others. It is not a choice as much as a need and that is how I know that my self-loyalty is intact and I am on the right path.

Be loyal to your purpose and mission. Think about your goals and dreams and make concrete plans and decisions. For the martial artist, loyalty is why he or she remains with an instructor or a particular martial art style. Loyalty to self is the un

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News from the Manatee County Library System

NEW! Imagine Your Story - This summer, we’re going virtual. All of Manatee Libraries’ programs, classes, and reading challenges are being set up for you to access from the convenience of your home. Go to the Manatee County Library website for details - www.mymanatee.org/departments/manatee_county.

Don’t have a library card? Get a temporary virtual card to access eBooks, audiobooks and more now!

Libraries Reopening: All six of Manatee Libraries’ full-service locations will reopen at limited occupancy the second week of June during normal operational days, but all will close one hour early to allow staff time to disinfect surfaces in all public areas.

• The LIIttle Discovery Center (for ages 2 to 5 and their parents/caretakers) will remain closed.
• Downtown Central Library opened on Monday, June 8, and Braden River, Island, Palmetto, Rocky Bluff and South Manatee will opened on Tuesday, June 9.
• Social distancing guidelines will be followed.
• Facemasks will be required, and the staff encourages customers to limit their visits to 30 minutes in order to accommodate more customers while adhering to occupancy guidelines.
• Computers will be available but are limited to one 30-minute session per visitor per day.
• For more detailed information, please see our Library Reopening FAQ’s page.
For updates on COVID-19, text ManateeReady to 888-777 and go to mymanatee.org/coronavirus.
Check back often for new resources and information added on our Enjoy From Home page. We are also adding preschool storytime readings and how-to workshops on our YouTube channel.

Our June eNewsletter includes information on Curbside Services, upcoming virtual programs and features a new What’s the Hoopla? Film Discussion! Sign up to be sent future eNewsletters. Watch for the July eNewsletter coming soon!

You can still join the Friends of Rocky Bluff Library.

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School District of Manatee County Recommendations for Reopening School Disregard Parent Choice

On June 25, 2020, the School District of Manatee County presented its “Recommendations for Reopening Schools” to parents via e-mail. These “Recommendations” have the effect of completely disregarding and, indeed, disrespecting parent choice as it relates to the welfare and education of their children.

The Recommendations are rife with bias and discrimination as it relates to limiting options for parents of Elementary School, Middle School, High School, and Manatee Technical College students. For example, Elementary School students are provided with the choice by the School Board in its Recommendations, to attend traditional classes five days a week or full-time eLearning Manatee as chosen exclusively by parents. Please note that the hybrid option is not discussed as it still compels parents who desire traditional classroom education with no option.

Conversely, Middle School, High School, and Manatee Technical College students are dictated to as it relates to their education in the 2020-2021 school year. This is completely inconsistent with the overwhelming response of parents to a School District-sanctioned survey in which parents informed, as constituents, of their desire for the School District to craft and implement a traditional, five days a week, classroom education option in their proposal for ALL students, regardless of their age.

Parents, as both the guardians of their children’s welfare and as taxpayers who fund the School District, should inform the School District’s decision-making process as it relates to the 2020-2021 school year. As it stands, the District’s Recommendations have the effect of, in essence, dictating to parents a process that does not take into account all options presented to parents in the School District’s survey, and, pertinently, parent responses to said survey.

It seems both reasonable and prudent to implement a plan that would include all of the options, at parent discretion - five days a week traditional classroom education with social distancing, a full time eLearning Manatee option, or a hybrid option - for all students regardless of age. In this manner, each and every parent has the appropriate option available to meet what they — not the School District — believe to be best for their children.

YOUR OPINION COUNTS AND, IT IS AN ELECTION YEAR.

Here is a link to the school board members email addresses: https://www.manateeschools.net/domain/1115. The school board will be voting on this proposed plan on Tuesday, July 14th, 2020 at 5:30 pm. Address for the School Board Administration Building is 215 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton.

----------------Amelia Thompson
Manatee County Coalition Accepting Applications for School Readiness Funding

The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County (ELC) School Readiness child care funding is currently available to eligible families. School Readiness funding assists families in obtaining affordable, high quality child care. Funding for these families is part of the Office of Early Learning budget that has earmarked 60 million dollars across the state to enroll children in programs designed to ensure school readiness and reading on grade level by third grade.

Interested families should visit the Florida Office of Early Learning’s Family Portal online: https://familyservices.floridaearlylearning.com/Account/LogOn, and submit a School Readiness application. The Coalition anticipates being able to serve families who apply for funding starting in mid-July.

Children are eligible for child care funding assistance from birth through 12 years of age. If families meet the below eligibility criteria, they may qualify for child care funding either through a referring agency or by applying to our wait list:

- Parents must be working, enrolled in school, disabled, or seeking employment;
- The total gross household income must be at or below 85% of the State Median Income;
- Parents or guardians that receive cash assistance for the family or for the relative children;
- Children under Protective Services or in foster care—regardless of income;
- Families receiving assistance through Salvation Army, HOPE, Community Haven, Easter Seals, or Manatee Children’s Services Kinship Program;
- Children living in a low-income family where parent/guardian is seeking employment, working or attending school at least 20 hours per week. (Income eligibility requirements apply.) or a combination of school and work to equal 20 hours a week;
- For a two-parent home, both must be seeking employment, working or engaged in eligible education activities a combined total of 40 hours/week;

Sharon Oakes, Chief Operations Officer of the Coalition, said, “We are excited for the opportunity to provide our families with the child care they need in order to provide for their children. It’s been a difficult year for many of our clients, and we hope to relieve some of their worries with this funding.”

Families wishing to speak to someone about School Readiness child care funding may contact the ELC’s Family Services Department at (941) 757-2900 ext. 2200 or by emailing, familyservices@elc-manatee.org—however all applications must be made online through the Family Portal.

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The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee County, Inc. is a multi-service agency dedicated to helping children develop skills that they will need to be successful in school and life. The agency’s focus is on high quality school readiness opportunities for all children and their families, understanding that it is in the first years of life that a child’s future educational success is determined and the critical role of parents, as their child’s first and most important teacher. To learn more about Coalition’s services, go to www.elc-manatee.org or call (941) 757-2900, extension 2100.
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In fact, just recently at the Parrish Civic Association’s “Pizza & Politics” Ferraro’s furnished the pizzas for attendees. If you follow their Facebook page, you will see the various groups that they have supported in recent months. First responders, law enforcement, veterans and armed service people, various businesses in the area, school groups, community organizations - Ferraro’s is always there lending a helping hand and being supportive of community efforts.

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Thank you, Ferraro’s!
July Trivia
What do you know about July? Take this little test and see how you score about our nation’s patriotic holiday and July.

1. Which Chinese Zodiac symbol is associated with the month of July?
   a. Tiger  
   b. Rat  
   c. Goat  
   d. Ox

2. What is the birthstone for July?
   a. Sapphire  
   b. Ruby  
   c. Opal  
   d. Emerald

3. What is the flower for the month of July?
   a. Larkspur  
   b. Morning Glory  
   c. Gardenia  
   d. Hollyhock

4. Which Zodiac symbol is associated with the month of July?
   a. Aries  
   b. Cancer  
   c. Capricorn  
   d. Libra

5. Which of these nations celebrates its birthday in July?
   a. Canada  
   b. Austria  
   c. India  
   d. Fiji

6. The Americans celebrate Independence Day in July. What is the exact day?
   a. The first  
   b. The seventeenth  
   c. The fourth  
   d. The twenty-third

7. All of these countries celebrate their Independence Day in July except which one?
   a. Iceland  
   b. Peru  
   c. Rwanda  
   d. Belarus

8. The UK celebrates national kissing day in July. What is the exact date of this event?
   a. The eighteenth  
   b. The sixth  
   c. The twenty-first  
   d. The ninth

9. The month of July was named after which one?
   a. The eighteenth  
   b. The sixth  
   c. The twenty-first  
   d. The ninth

10. Which of these days occurs in July?
    a. Columbus Day  
    b. Barn Day  
    c. World Post Day  
    d. World Animal Day

11. Which famous theme park opened on the seventeenth of July?
    a. Dollywood  
    b. MGM  
    c. Disneyland  
    d. Marineland

12. On the sixteenth of July, what food should you be eating?
    a. Strawberries  
    b. Watermelon  
    c. Spinach  
    d. Hotdogs

13. Which famous aviator is recognized on the twenty-fourth of July?
    a. Neil Armstrong  
    b. Amelia Earhart  
    c. Charles Lindbergh  
    d. Buzz Aldrin

14. Which American President was shot on the second of July?
    a. Kennedy  
    b. Garfield  
    c. Lincoln  
    d. Bush

15. Which of these was first issued on July thirty-first?
    a. First US Social Security Number  
    b. First US postage stamp  
    c. First US patent  
    d. First US coin minted

Trivia Answers can be found on page 40.

Interesting July Dates in History

- **July 1, 1802** - President Abraham Lincoln signed the first income tax bill, levying a 3% income tax on annual incomes of $600-$10,000 and a 5% tax on incomes over $10,000. Also on this day, the Bureau of Internal Revenue was established by an Act of Congress.
- **July 5, 1801** - Civil War Admiral David Farragut (1801-1870) was born near Knoxville, Tennessee. He is best remembered for his yelling “Damn the torpedoes, full speed ahead!” during an attack on his fleet by the Confederates.
- **July 7, 1898** - President William McKinley signed a resolution annexing Hawai~. In 1900, Congress made Hawaii an incorporated territory of the U.S., which it remained until becoming a state in 1959.
- **July 10, 1973** - The Bahamas gained their independence after 250 years as a British Crown Colony.
- **July 12, 1730** - British pottery designer Josiah Wedgwood (1730-1795) was born in Burslem, Staffordshire, England.
- **July 15, 1606** - Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn (1606-1669) was born in Leiden, Holland. Best known for The Night Watch and many portraits and self-portraits.
- **July 16, 1945** - The experimental Atomic bomb “Fat Boy” was set off at 5:30 am in the desert of New Mexico desert, creating a mushroom cloud rising 41,000 feet. The bomb emitted heat three times the temperature of the interior of the sun and wiped out all plant and animal life within a mile.
- **July 17, 1918** - In the Russian town of Ekaterinburg in Siberia, former Czar Nicholas II, his wife Alexandra, and their five children were brutally murdered by Bolsheviks.
- **July 21, 1899** - Ernest Hemingway (1899-1961) was born in Oak Park, Illinois. His works included: The Sun Also Rises (1926), A Farewell to Arms (1929), For Whom the Bell Tolls (1940) and The Old Man and the Sea (1952). A warded the Nobel Prize in 1954, he wrote little afterward, became ill and shot himself to death on July 2, 1961.
- **July 25, 1956** - The Italian luxury liner Andrea Doria sank after colliding with the Swedish liner Stockholm on its way to New York. Nearby ships came to the rescue, saving 1,634 people, including the captain and the crew, before the ship went down.
- **July 27, 1953** - The Korean War ended with the signing of an armistice by U.S. and North Korean delegates at Panmunjom, Korea. The war had lasted just over three years.
- **July 30, 1975** - Former Teamsters Union leader James Hoffa was last seen outside a restaurant near Detroit, Michigan. His 13-year federal prison sentence had been commuted by President Richard M. Nixon in 1971. On December 8, 1982, seven years after his disappearance, an Oakland County judge declared Hoffa officially dead.

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July 2020
Daily Holidays, Special and Wacky Days:

1. Canada Day / Dominion Day
2. National Postal Worker Day
3. World UFO Day
4. Eat Beans Day
5. Stay out of the Sun Day
6. Independence Day (U.S.)
7. National Country Music Day
8. National Bird Day
9. International Kissing Day
10. National Fried Chicken Day
11. Chocolate Day
12. National Blueberry Day
13. National Sugar Cookie Day
14. Teddy Bear Picnic Day
15. Cheer up the Lonely Day
16. Different Colored Eyes Day
17. Pecan Pie Day
18. Barbershop Music Appreciation Day
19. International Fries Day
20. Bastille Day
21. Shark Awareness Day
22. Cow Appreciation Day
23. National Hot Dog Day
24. Tapioca Pudding Day
25. Fresh Spinach Day
26. Peach Ice Cream Day
27. World Emoji Day
28. National Raspberry Cake Day
29. National Ice Cream Day
30. National Cream Soda Day
31. National Lollipop Day
32. National Junk Food Day
33. Haddock Day
34. Ratcatcher’s Day
35. Vanilla Ice Cream Day
36. Amelia Earhart Day
37. Cousin’s Day
38. National Tequila Day
39. Culinarian’s Day
40. National Chili Dog Day
41. Aunt and Uncle Day
42. Parent’s Day
43. Take Your Pants for a Walk Day
44. National Milk Chocolate Day
45. International Tiger Day
46. National Chicken Wing Day
47. National Lasagna Day
48. National Cheese Cake Day
49. System Administrator Appreciation Day

Daily Holidays, Special
and Wacky Days:
The Grumpy Old Geezer
Beware of “The New Normal”

A column for seniors who find their views of today’s American marketplace of ideas more than a little bit bizarre.

I had a personal experience many years ago that taught me to be skeptical of information provided by the media.

Back in the mid 1980’s I ran a high-profile business in one of America’s large secondary markets. On the Friday before a July 4th holiday weekend I received a call from a local news affiliate asking if I would permit a news crew to film in my business place. The subject of the piece was to be, “business activity over the holiday weekend.”

Now, any astute businessperson understands the potential value in free publicity from that type of story. The only problem was that in my particular industry the Independence Day celebration was a real business killer. Too many people out picnicking and watching fireworks. But I was not going to pass up an opportunity to get that free promotion. Heck no. I had a story to tell. So, of course, I said, “Sure thing! Come on over.”

I jumped into action, rounding up employees before they went home. I told them what was happening and asked them to pose as customers when the news crew arrived. They were thrilled at the possibility of getting their faces on the TV. So, when the reporter arrived with his cameraman, he immediately went to work filming what he thought were happy paying customers. He even directed the cameraman to use lots of closeups to make it look even busier. He never questioned any of it.

Then he filmed an interview with me, the general manager. On camera I extolled on how busy we were assuring that this may be the busiest weekend of the year. Customers were flocking, thrilled with the many bargains. We were, after all, a highly sought-after shopping destination. And the reporter bought it all - lock, stock, and two barrels. But then began a line a questioning that caught me off-guard. He asked if similar levels of business were expected at other company venues across the state. I thought to myself, “Hey buddy, how would I know? I’m already making this stuff up.” But I did what any red-blooded American business guy would do… I lied.

“Oh sure,” I said. “This will be a busy weekend throughout the whole state. Industry statistics indicate a typical 57% increase in activity over the July 4th holiday every year. That results in sales increases of 163% over normal levels and drives annual employment levels by about 12.2%.” They say that there are lies, damn lies and statistics. I was the poster boy. What a bunch of baloney! Shame on me.

But here is where it gets really interesting.

That evening I tuned in to my local channel, proud of my deception and eager to see myself and my team on the tube. About seven minutes into the broadcast I saw the reporter introducing the piece while standing in front of our huge exterior sign with our company logo emblazoned behind him. Bullseye! Then the picture transitioned to our main shopping area bustling with happy paying customers (our employees) including his voiceover proclaiming how successful our company was and how incredibly busy the weekend promised to be. With that the picture changed again to my interview, extolling our company and its top-quality services and products. I was, however, relieved that they edited out the part with my bogus statistics. After all, enough is enough.

But when camera returned to the reporter for the conclusion, I was shocked to hear him spew forth all of the erroneous statistics I had provide to him, as if they were legitimate and documented facts. And he never even bothered to reference me as his source, so it appeared as if he had done some research to assure the information was accurate. That folks is fake news.

It is an absolutely true story, and pretty funny. But it has a moral.

There is so much noise today in the marketplace of ideas. The news has transitioned from a source of fact-based information to a generator of controversy. Which is a direct result of the advent of cable tv and the launch of CNN in 1980.

Before that, news was chiefly a local affair, with newspapers, magazines and local TV dominating. There were few national newspapers and national broadcast news was provided by the three major networks, CBS, ABC and NBC. We gathered the news from professional giants like Cronkite, Brinkley and Chancellor - men hardened by war and committed to providing objective, fact-based information. We didn’t know their political leanings. They prided themselves in abolishing their personal biases, requiring their audience to form their own unique opinions.

Television journalists were free to pursue the purity of news because each network news division was operated as a “not-for-profit” corporate department, with little or no expectation of financial profit. News was considered a service provided to the nation by the networks in return for the free use of the public airwaves they used to deliver their programming.

All that changed with the advent of Cable News. Ted Turner, who invented CNN, and Roger Ailes who created both MSNBC and Fox News (betcha didn’t know the same guy founded both networks), were the geniuses behind 24/7 news channels. But those news channels had to support the operations by generating income. And the concept of “news for profit” was born.

Then came heightened competition and, ultimately, the internet. Social media changed everything again, because for the first-time amateurs were given a national voice. No longer were journalistic training or ethics a valued commodity. Everyone was a competitor that impacted the market with the important objective of being relevant. Generate viewership, clicks, readers and audience. Only the loudest and most controversial voices survive. Viewers like to hear the “news” shaded to their predisposed opinion. Please see The Grumpy Old CONTINUED ON PAGE 36
Manatee County is accepting applications for two representatives of the business community to serve on the Manatee County Health Care Advisory Board, a volunteer group that evaluates, monitors and discusses the healthcare system in Manatee County and makes recommendations to the County Commission regarding the funding of healthcare services in Manatee County.

Applicants should be knowledgeable about healthcare and willing to meet a minimum of eight times per year on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 5:00 – 7:00 pm in the 9th Floor BCC Conference Room of the County Administrative Center, 1112 Manatee Ave. W., Bradenton.

Other meetings may be scheduled as necessary. Employees, owners or voting board members of agencies that receive funding from Manatee County Government, or individuals who contract with agencies that receive County funding are ineligible to serve on the board, with the exception of a practicing physician who may receive no more than 1 percent of their gross income from County-funded healthcare.

The advisory board reviews evidence-based practices, programs and related data to enhance the long-term stability and effectiveness of the programs available to citizens of Manatee County who have no other meaningful means of access to health care.

Efforts will be made to have a Board that is reflective of the diversity of the community. Manatee County residents from minority communities, including but not limited to members from African-American and Latino/Hispanic heritage, are encouraged to apply.

Applications are due July 3 at 5:00 pm. The application may be found online at www.mymanatee.org.

A resume or C.V. is also required for consideration for appointment to this advisory board. Please note, all information provided within applications will be made public.

For more information, call Joshua Barnett at (941) 749-3030 or email joshua.barnett@mymanatee.org. All applicants must complete the new form, even if they have applied previously since the application has been updated.
Manatee County Agricultural Museum Reopens

Manatee County Agricultural Museum, 1015 6th St. West, Palmetto, is pleased to announce they are welcoming visitors back! Hours will be limited and visitation will be by appointment times only. The health and safety of our visitors and staff are our first priority. Here is what to expect:

NEW HOURS/SCHEDULING

The Ag Museum will be open Tuesday through Friday for visitation appointments only. Appointments will be available at 10:30, 12:30, and 2:30. You may schedule an appointment on EventBrite.com and search for Manatee County Agricultural Museum. Maximum time in the Museum is 1-1/2 hours. We will be unable to admit visitors prior to their appointment times. If you are running late, we will do our best to accommodate you up to 20 minutes late. You will still need to leave 30 minutes prior to the next scheduled appointment to allow for sanitizing. If you need assistance scheduling your appointment time, you may call us at (941) 721-2034.

CAPACITY

We are limiting visitors to 8 individuals per appointment. This will allow visitors to maintain social distancing while in the Museum.

MASKS

We respectfully request that visitors over the age of two bring and wear their own mask. Staff will be wearing masks when visitors are present.

WHAT ELSE IS THE AG MUSEUM DOING TO KEEP VISITORS SAFE?

Our cleaning and disinfection procedures have been heightened and take place after each appointment. Areas of particular concern are frequently touched surfaces such as restrooms, door handles, and glass/Plexiglas display cases.

Social distancing will be encouraged during your visit. Visitors will be asked not to enter an exhibit room until they are sure the other visitors are no longer in that room.

Agriculture has always been part of Manatee County’s history as well as a stable force and a major contributor to the County’s economy. At the Manatee County Agricultural Museum, exhibits focus on the County’s primary commodities including Livestock, Vegetables, Citrus, Horticulture, and Commercial Fishing. The museum features displays of tools, equipment, photographs and exhibits that reflect the area’s rich heritage. The Manatee County Agricultural Museum is a joint project of the Manatee County Agricultural Museum Board, Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court, the Manatee County Board of County Commission, and the City of Palmetto.

Visitors are expected to stay 6 feet away from other groups/visitors with whom they did not attend.

Hand sanitation stations will be available throughout the Museum.

We are very happy to welcome you back! Local Artist Pat Robertson’s Watercolor Art Exhibit has been extended indefinitely.

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Iris Worth McClain, widow of Merle McClain, moved from Sarasota to Parrish in 1973 with two young sons, Kenneth (Kenny) and Larry. Her boys went to local schools, made lifelong friends, went fishing, hunting and raised cattle. After retiring from a career in banking, Iris became actively involved in the Parrish community with the Parrish Civic Association, The Parrish Foundation, the Parrish Chili Cook Off, the Parrish Arts Council and the Parrish Y. She coordinated the Children’s Christmas Party for needy children in Parrish and loves to read and learn about Florida history. She wants to provide interesting stories of old homes and old buildings to preserve the history of Parrish and promote the vitalization of Parrish.

“This Old House” was originally built by Emil Lindemeyer on a farm near “Oak Hill” believed to have been on State Road 62 back in 1896. On March 25, 1896, Emil married Emilie (Burger) Lindemeyer. Emil was the son of Louis and Caroline (Kellner) Lindemeyer who came to the United States from Darmstadt, Hessen Germany. He came to the US by way of New York in 1855. After immigrating to New York, he married Caroline. In 1906, Emil’s brother, Frederick Theodore Burger dismantled the home, board by board and rebuilt it on its present location in Parrish. Frederick numbered each board to make sure when he rebuilt each board would be placed just as it had been built originally. Sidney and Vivian shared with me that if you look under the house, you just may see some of the numbers still today. Because the inside walls were built with tongue and groove joints on both sides at the time, the electric outlets could only be placed on the outside walls.

Descendants of Emil and Emilie Lindemeyer have always lived in this home. They had six children. In 1908 Emilie passed away and married Martha Ann (Williams) Lindemeyer. The present owners are Clarence M. “Sidney” and Vivian (Simmons) Buice. Sidney was the son of Osswell McGowin and Gertrude Elizabeth (Lindemeyer) Buice. They were married in West Palm Beach, Florida in 1923. Their children were Mary Elizabeth, Martha Gwendolyn and Clarence M. “Sidney” Buice. Sidney feels fortunate to have lived in this home the majority of his life as descendants of the Lindemeyer family.

In 1948 Sidney married Vivian (Simmons) Buice. They moved into this old home in 1966. They raised two sons, Emil and Michael. They have a love for fishing, family and community. Sidney retired from Manatee County Government as a surveyor; Vivian retired from the Manatee County School System where she worked in several lunchrooms as a baker. They both have relatives dating back to the founding families of Parrish, i.e. Lundy’s, Gillett’s, and Simmons, just to name a few.

Through the years of knowing Sidney and Vivian, I have learned they have a wealth of information and history of the Parrish and Manatee County areas. They have been very instrumental in gathering the history and photos of Parrish for “This Old House” book.

On February 24, 2020 Clarence “Sidney” Buice went to be with the Lord. He passed away at the age of 91. To know him was to love him. He will be greatly missed by family, friends and the Parrish Community.

This Old House, Articles about Parrish Homes and Buildings Is Available for Purchase

You can purchase a compilation of Iris McClain’s articles on “This Old House”. Her book, “This Old House”, is available in paperback format. The book tells the stories and recollections of the town with the old houses, buildings, and the people that lived in them, our old churches, schools, post offices, etc. Iris has been writing articles for this newspaper for years. She has now collected them for this book. The books are available at PJ’S Sandwich Shop, Manatee Village Historical Park and the YMCA in Parrish. A donation of $10.00 will provide grants for children’s nonprofit organizations in our community to encourage them to participate in the arts.
It’s Your Turn

John Phillips

“You’re never completely ready... It just becomes your turn.”

---------Ty Murray

In my 25+ years of teaching the guitar, I have heard many students try to tell me about what they are NOT ready to do. ‘I am not ready to play in a recital.’ ‘I am not ready to play in front of people.’ ‘I am not ready to play in church.’ Etc., etc...

I have even had people call me about lessons, only to tell me that they are not sure that they are ready to take lessons.

Okay.

Let me begin by saying that this feeling is perfectly natural.

We would all like to feel as though we are completely ready whenever we are confronted with a challenge. Unfortunately, this is not how life works. Indeed, many people who confront challenges with complete confidence in their abilities learn too late that they were not as prepared as they supposed.

The best that we can do is to work each day in order to prepare ourselves for whatever lies ahead.

For guitarists, this means setting aside time for daily practice, and ensuring that we are training in the most correct, efficient way possible. With consistent daily practice, your skills will absolutely improve.

There is, however, another necessary step, and it will require some courage. You need experience.

This means that you must put your skills to the test. You must be willing to take the chance, get out there and share your gift with others.

Don’t wait until you feel that you are completely ready. You probably never will feel completely ready, but you should be willing to perform and do your very best at your current skill level.

The experience which you gain in such moments is a vital part of your training. Now it’s your turn, so get out there and start playing.

Nothing too fancy at first. Work your way up. Learn from your mistakes. Above all, have fun.

You will be glad that you did.

If you have any questions regarding music or topics which you would like to see in future columns, contact John Phillips on his website at www.guitarlessonsmanatee.com.

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Recommendation Regarding the Use of Cloth Face Coverings

CDC continues to study the spread and effects of the novel coronavirus across the United States. They now know from recent studies that a significant portion of individuals with coronavirus lack symptoms (“asymptomatic”) and that even those who eventually develop symptoms (“pre-symptomatic”) can transmit the virus to others before showing symptoms. This means that the virus can spread between people interacting in close proximity — for example, speaking, coughing, or sneezing — even if those people are not exhibiting symptoms. In light of this new evidence, CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission.

It is critical to emphasize that maintaining 6-feet social distancing remains important to slowing the spread of the virus. CDC is additionally advising the use of simple cloth face coverings to slow the spread of the virus and help people who may have the virus and do not know it from transmitting it to others. Cloth face coverings fashioned from household items or made at home from common materials at low cost can be used as an additional, voluntary public health measure.

The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.
Manatee Orchid Society to Meet

The Manatee Orchid Society meets monthly on the second Tuesday from 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm at 3120 First Avenue West in Bradenton (Manatee River Garden Club building). More information can be found at their website: manateeorchidsociety.com.

If you love orchids, this club is for you. The membership includes all levels of expertise from beginners to experienced growers, men and women. They host knowledgeable speakers, have occasional orchid sales, monthly raffle table, potting sessions and orchid show participation. A friendly group who welcomes new members!

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**The Healthiest and Most Convenient Contact Lenses**

Dr. Douglas K. Black

Daily disposable contact lenses are my favorite type of contact lens to fit patients with. In fact, I like them so much that with all of the different types of contacts that are available, I choose to wear daily disposables myself. They provide the healthiest and most hassle-free option for contact lens wear.

The vast majority of people who wear contact lenses wear disposable contacts. It has become obvious over the years that these lenses have provided a much healthier option for contact lens wearers. By replacing contact lenses on a regular schedule, this insures that lenses are cleaner, without obtaining build-up and deposits over a long period of time. The more often a lens is replaced, the cleaner a person’s lenses are for them. Daily disposables provide fresh, new lenses every day.

In addition to the obvious health benefits of wearing daily disposables, patients can also benefit from having to deal with less hassles with their contact lenses. You don’t have to keep track of how old your lenses are to know when to replace them. At the end of each day, you simply remove your lenses and throw them away. Also, there is no cleaning or disinfection needed with daily disposable contacts. This can make life much easier for those who travel frequently. You don’t need to worry about packing bottles of solution, you simply take the number of lenses that you will need for the period of time that you will be gone.

In the past, daily disposable contacts were only available for patients who needed simple visual corrections. However, we now have the ability to use these lenses to correct most visual needs. Daily disposables are now available for those with high prescriptions and for those with astigmatism. They are even available in multifocals.

Given all of these benefits, why don’t all contact lens wearers use daily disposables? Historically, the main reason has been cost. It is true that they have been slightly more expensive than other forms of disposable contacts. However, in recent years manufacturers have actually lowered the prices of daily disposables and now provide great rebate offers, making them much more affordable. In fact, after rebates, some daily disposables are actually less expensive than other types of disposable contacts! Another thing that helps to offset the expense is the fact that wearers do not incur the costs of continually buying contact lens solutions.

So if you are currently wearing soft contact lenses, consider making the switch to daily disposable contacts. Your eyes will feel better with fresh lenses each day and you will love how easy and simple the experience of wearing contact lenses can be.
THANK YOU!!!!

We would like to send a big THANK YOU to all of our first responders, health care providers, and essential workers. We appreciate everything that you have done and what you are continuing to do for all of us to help get through the COVID19 Pandemic. We also want to thank you for supporting our community. Your dedication and hard work is greatly appreciated not only by our members and staff, but by the entire nation!

Way to go Cafeteria Managers and Workers for Helping the Students!

Over the past couple of months and all through the summer Buffalo Creek Middle School will serve the community breakfast and lunches weekdays at the school!

The Cafeteria Managers Mariam Jordan and Deanna, and cafeteria workers from surrounding schools and BCMS staff have worked tirelessly for the students.

HELPING YOU GET TO A HEALTHIER PLACE!

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brackish, low-oxygen, water literally petrifis the wood making it resistant to decay and functional for centuries.

Time has not been kind to Venice. The elegance is still there, but you have to look hard to find it. Many of the former palaces are in bad shape and in need of extensive renovation. Some have been purchased by wealthy Europeans and others have been converted into hotels. Living in Venice is extremely expensive and very few Venetians still reside on the main island. Another troubling problem is the fact that Venice is slowly sinking. This is a natural phenomenon that has been accelerated by the use of well water for drinking and industrial applications. Coupled with rising sea levels this subsidence has caused serious flooding in the city during winter and spring. Solutions to this seasonal Acqua Alta (high water) include a complex barrier system which is almost completed and hopefully will mitigate, if not solve the flooding problem.

Next time we continue our exploration of Venice (Queen of the Adriatic), take a gondola ride for a unique view of the city, and visit the island of Burano, famous for its lace products.
Nearing Retirement? What Questions Should You Ask?

James F. Morrison, Financial Advisor

The recent market volatility has affected just about everybody’s financial and investment situations – so, if you were planning to retire soon, will it still be possible?

Of course, the answer depends somewhat on your employment situation. With so many people’s jobs being affected by the coronavirus pandemic, your retirement plans may also have been thrown into confusion. But assuming your employment is still stable, what adjustments in your financial and investment strategies might you need to make for your retirement?

Here are a few areas to consider, and some questions to ask yourself:

- **Retirement goals** – Now is a good time to review your retirement goals and assess your progress toward achieving them. You may want to work with a financial professional to determine if the current environment has materially affected your goals or if you need to make modest adjustments to stay on track.

- **Retirement lifestyle** – You probably created your investment strategy with a particular type of retirement lifestyle in mind. Perhaps you had planned to become a world traveler when your working days were over. Of course, in the near term, extensive travel may not be possible, anyway, but once we move past the pandemic, your freedom to roam will likely return. But if your investment portfolio is not where you thought it might be, can you (or do you want to) adapt your lifestyle plans? And can you accept the same flexibility with your other lifestyle goals, such as purchasing a vacation home, pursuing hobbies, and so on?

- **Tradeoffs** – Based on your retirement goals and your willingness to adjust your retirement lifestyle, you’ll want to consider your options and tradeoffs. For example, would you be willing to work more years than you had originally planned in exchange for greater confidence in your ability to enjoy a comfortable retirement lifestyle? By working longer, you can continue adding to your IRA or 401(k) or similar retirement plan, and you may be able to push back the date you start receiving Social Security to receive bigger monthly benefits. You might also review your budget for opportunities to reduce spending today and potentially save more toward your retirement goals.

- **Social Security** – You can file for Social Security benefits as early as 62, but you can get 25% to 30% more each year if you wait until your full retirement age, which is likely between 66 and 67. As you created your retirement plans, you likely also calculated when you would take Social Security, but you may need to review that choice. If you postpone retirement a few years, what effect will that have on when you choose to take Social Security and, consequently, the size of your benefits? You won’t want to make a hasty decision, because once you start taking Social Security, you can’t undo your choice.

This is certainly a challenging time to be entering retirement, and you’ll have some questions to answer. But even in the midst of uncertainty, you still have many choices.

Passion Church to Continue Quick Grab n’ Go Program

Passion Church along with the Manatee County School Board will be providing free lunches for children at 12214 US Highway 301 N. in Parrish (the old school house). The hours of feeding are Monday through Friday 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. This will be a drive-through pick up process.

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Go Live with SCF Online Creates Virtual Classroom at Home

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) is launching “Go Live with SCF Online” to enhance their students’ online learning experience. The delivery model is being upgraded in direct response to SCF students who seek a safe online learning environment where they are not “teaching themselves” and can “establish a personal connection with SCF faculty.”

The expanded format, which provides more structure and one-on-one interaction with SCF professors and classmates, allows students to receive live lectures and have real-time question and answer sessions. Go Live with SCF Online joins the existing traditional online courses where students log in and complete studies at their own pace, and a blended format that consists of online and onsite face-to-face instruction.

“We wanted to provide an option to our students who were concerned about what returning to college in the Fall might look like,” said Executive Vice President and Provost, Dr. Todd Fritch. “We’re going to continue to be flexible and responsive to the needs of our students by modifying our face-to-face and online course options.”

SCF’s in-state tuition for online courses is half that of state universities at $102.48 per credit hour for lower division courses and $112.08 per credit hour for upper division courses. In the wake of the coronavirus, SCF has transitioned nearly 97% of its courses to online instruction, and for the Fall 2020 semester will offer students the option to take classes online or face-to-face based on student preference and subject to availability.

Current SCF students can register via My.SCF.edu and new students can apply online at SCF.edu/Admissions. For more information, text 941-304-5443, call 941-752-5050 or email Admissions@SCF.edu.
Manatee Village Historical Park is excited to re-open to the public by appointment only. In an abundance of caution, days and hours will be limited, each time slot is limited to 25 visitors, and some areas will be closed.

For visitor safety and the safety of our staff members, visiting Manatee Village Historical Park is by appointment only. Visitors are encouraged to make appointments online prior to arrival. Please see the link below to schedule an appointment to visit or call (941) 749-7165 to speak with a staff member.

Visitors are encouraged to please follow the Center for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines. Visitors are strongly encouraged to bring and wear their own face mask(s). Staff members will be wearing masks when visitors are present. Visitors are encouraged to practice proper social distancing, good hygiene, and hand cleaning. Visitors should respect fellow visitors, our staff members, and their space. Please respect historical buildings and artifacts by not touching, moving, climbing on, or otherwise tampering with historical structures and artifacts. Hand sanitizing before entry is strongly encouraged. When scheduling an appointment, every individual must be signed up regardless of age.

How to schedule: Appointments are made by visiting our website at the following link: www.manateevillage.org.

On our website, links are provided for making an appointment to visit. If part of a group, every person must be signed up regardless of age including infants. At this time, appointments are available on the following days:

June 29 - July 1 (Monday – Wednesday)

More dates and appointment times are expected to be added. Members of the public who are unable or do not desire to make an appointment online may also contact Manatee Village Historical Park by phone to inquire about scheduling their appointment: (941) 749-7165.

What to expect: There is no fee to schedule an appointment. Parking, entering and self-led tours are free as usual. Appointment times are strict. Visitors who are early must wait inside their cars until their start time. Staff members will be taking temperatures of visitors using a forehead scanner and following CDC guidelines to determine entry. Face masks are encouraged due to the small size of our buildings and limited amount of space. Visitors may have a self-led tour. Tours will not be led by docents or staff members. Walking tour brochures will be available. Visitors are also welcome to use a digital tour by downloading the Florida Stories App at http://uq.r.to/FloridaStories or visiting The Clio at https://theclio.com on a cell phone or other device using mobile data. Internet and WiFi access will not be available. Visitors are encouraged to respect social distancing and remain 6 feet apart from staff and other visiting parties. Restrooms will be available. Water fountains are only to be used to refill containers. Visitors are asked not to drink directly from any of the water fountains. The Wiggins General Store, Gift Shop, Junior Junction playground, and the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground cemetery will be closed. There will not be air conditioning available; visitors must be prepared for the weather and natural elements. There will be places to sit including our benches and picnic tables. Visitors must begin leaving by their end time. This allows staff members time to clean and prepare for the next group.

Manatee Village Historical Park is located at 1404 Manatee Avenue East (State Road 64) Bradenton, Florida. For more information call (941) 749-7165 or visit: www.manateevillage.org.


Manatee Village Historical Park is a part of the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Historical Resources Department. Programs are offered in conjunction with the Manatee County Historical Commission, Inc.
Dive Into Reading Week Three!

John Horne

WOW have these past three weeks flown by... seems like we were just in the office stuffing backpacks for all of our Dive Into Reading kiddos and now there’s just one week left.

This week’s theme was “Education Week” where we had the opportunity to hear from Superintendent Saunders, Palmetto Elementary Principal Fentel and Assistant Principal Porco along with Paul Sharff of the Early Learning Coalition and others...

We’re so grateful that the DeSoto County School District was able to join us this year, despite the challenges of adapting to our virtual program. Huge thanks to the DeSoto County School District, United Way Suncoast, Mosaic Florida Operations, and the Suncoast Campaign for Grade-Level Reading for all of your support!

Being around our teacher facilitators from both Manatee and DeSoto Counties gives me so much hope for our future... they are such awesome teachers and are able to teach and direct our young students in crazy times to make them learn and to learn to enjoy reading. I think that was the hardest part I had learning growing up... I hated it when I “had” to read anything. I loved to read unless I “had” to read something... man would I dig my heels in and make it a task... but we have some teachers helping us in our Dive Into Reading program that are awesome!!!

Our kiddos are pouring through books this summer and I love seeing all of their faces on Zoom... especially when they dress up!! Check out this little one that dressed up as a scientist for Education Week! Love it...

About Dive into Reading: Dive into Reading summer reading program aims to improve children’s reading levels by combating “Summer Slide,” and continue his/her education over summer break.

Dive into Reading started in Summer of 2017 when Anna Maria Oyster Bar in Ellenton invited rising third graders from local schools to eat breakfast and practice reading. In the fall, they were excited to learn that students who completed the program not only beat “Summer Slide,” but showed an increase in reading proficiency when they returned to school!

In just its first year, Dive into Reading received an outpouring of community support, winning recognition and awards from the National Restaurant Association, School District of Manatee County and Manatee Chamber of Commerce. Because of the students’ success and COMMUNITY SUPPORT, the leaders of the program were able to expand significantly during Summer 2019.

Summer 2020 Dive Into Reading is a bit different... due to schools being closed until the start of the next school year, leaders are taking the program virtual through a program called Zoom.

The Summer 2020 Mentor quota has been met! Thank you to all who have registered.
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*Virtual appointments will be available during normal business hours for the duration of the national public health emergency.

In my pursuit to promote simple, sustainable practices among the readers of this newspaper, and with the belief that being a sustainable practitioner is rewarding and easily achievable, this month I decided to write about a technology that has been around thousands of years, but for some reason we lost it all this time and, somehow, little by little is coming back.

Before telling what it is, I would like to write that we have basically two types of technologies. One type that is complex and sophisticated and therefore it needs a lot of knowledge and expertise. Then, we have simply technologies that are easy to use and practical. Potato peelers is a technological product invented in 1974 by Alfred Newcezer. The broom, as we know it, was created in the nineteenth century. These are so simply and practical technologies that some people may not even think these as technological products. But they are.

My topic today is biogas, a technology that Assyrian (one of the first civilizations on earth) used to heat water baths. Biogas is made with organic waste. It is basically produced by the breakdown of organic matter in the absence of oxygen (anaerobically). Within the contest of this article by organic waste, I am referring to the food waste a household produce on daily basis, like banana peels and leftovers. It is like composting but in containers where there is not oxygen.

The Process

If you throw your organic food waste in a closed container where there is not oxygen, in a certain number of days, you will get two products. One is a high-quality organic fertilizer in the form of slurry. The other will be a biogas made of methane and carbon dioxide which can be used to cook or grill. Can you imagine? To be able to keep your garden and lawn green and growing by using a slurry made by your own food waste? What about the idea of cooking your burger with a flame made of your leftovers?

Biodigesters are the units where the biogas is produced. The organic matter (leftovers for instance) is dumped in these digestions chambers to start a decomposition process. The chamber has to be submerged in water to create an anaerobic (oxygen free) environment. When you discompose an organic matter, a fermentation process takes place. In this case, this process is done by methanogenic bacteria decomposing the waste to produce methane and carbon dioxide. The processed material is an organic, pathogen-free fertilizer that is rich in nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium - perfect to be used in your garden and lawn.

As mentioned above, you get two products - the slurry which stays down in the digestion container and you also get biogas, which due to its lower density than liquid, moves up and it is stored in a flexible container placed on the top of the main one. The produce biogas have a high content of methane (around 50-75% depending on the quality of the waste) which is flammable and therefore produces a deep blue flame and can be used as an energy source.

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one of the world’s most noble, produced to accommodate a more discerning palate. You can purchase it in varying levels of sweetness categorized as follows: Trocken (dry), Halbtrocken (half-dry), Kabinett (off-dry), Spätlese (sweet) and Auslese (very sweet).

Here’s a tip: Check the label for alcohol content. The drier wines tend to have a higher alcohol content.

Sémillon

This grape hails from France where it is one of the grape varieties used in producing Bordeaux Blanc. However, outstanding varietal versions are also produced in Australia, Chile, Argentina, South Africa and New Zealand.

The primary fruit flavors in Sémillon are lemon, apple, pear and green papaya. Depending on where Sémillon is grown, it can range from being a zesty, palate-cleansing wine like Sauvignon Blanc to a rich, creamy, lemon-flavored wine like an oaked Chardonnay.

One of my personal favorites is The Bunkhouse by Brokenwood available locally for less than $20.

So, there you have it. Six grand suggestions to help you cool off, simmer down and feel better this summer. Stay well, breath deep and collect yourself. Get together with a close friend or family member and begin the process of recovery with a simple act of hospitality… like sharing bottle of your favorite new white wine.

Cheers!

When you shop, try to shop local!

Many restaurants such as Ferraro’s and Anna Maria Oyster Bar, pet stores like Leo&Lucky’s (formerly Pets Plus), the Bulk Food Superstore and other restaurants and groceries are open.

Use the services of local businesses. Buy gift cards for future use.

Help our local businesses in this uncertain time.

When the situation improves, it’s these very businesses you’ll want to use and have close to your homes.
Most cat owners feed their kittens from bowls, and many allow their felines to graze all day on dry food that is continually filled when they let us know it is running low. This can make it difficult to know how much your cat is actually eating, especially in multiple-cat households (and, as cat owners know, it’s easy to “acquire” more than one cat)! Cats often become overweight and have no way to expend their energy with the availability of an all-day buffet and the slothfulness that goes along with being an indoor cat.

By offering food in a bowl only, we don’t allow cats to use their prey drive, which in turn can lead to cats being bored, anxious, stressed, overweight, and looking for an outlet. Cats are often surrendered to shelters due to behavioral problems like scratching furniture and/or people, stalking or pouncing at small children, being disruptive at night, and other behaviors that could be explained by frustration, anxiety, and boredom.

Cats who live outdoors catch many small meals throughout the day, which is why folks who have a nearby outdoor kitty notice a distinct lack of rodents and other pests around the house. Aside from sleeping, much of an outdoor cat’s time is spent stalking and hunting. While it is much safer to keep a cat inside, indoor cats don’t have the same outlet, and have little else to do other than eat. Toys and playing help, but can’t mimic the all-day mind and body that is catching prey on which to survive.

So what’s a cat owner to do? The first step is to stop feeding your cat alongside other household pets. Eating for cats is actually a vulnerable time. Cats are solitary hunters and predators. Eating alone encourages them to relax and eat more slowly, and to pay attention to when they are full. Less stress at mealtime can also help to decrease medical issues, including vomiting, urinary tract infections, and eliminating outside of the litter box.

Feed smaller, more frequent meals throughout the day to mimic a more normal feeding pattern for a cat. Cats are often accused of being finicky – but their stomachs are only the size of a ping pong ball. They really should only be eating a small amount at a time. An automated pet feeder can help with maintaining this schedule.

Ditch the traditional bowl – puzzle feeders make it more exciting for pets to eat as they have to work to get the food out. This also makes eating take longer, which helps to alleviate overeating. Puzzle feeders are great for both cats and dogs, especially those who are prone to “scorning and barfing.” If you’ve never seen a puzzle feeder before, come in to the store and we will show you a variety of options – pets love them.

A wonderful alternative or supplement to bowl feeding are fun, mice-shaped feeding dispensers, made by Doc & Phoebe Cat Co., and designed by Dr. Bales, a leading veterinarian in feline behavior and environmental enrichment. They have outer cloth wraps to stimulate the tactile feel of prey for a cat to grab, claw, and use their teeth on. These mice-shaped feeders are similar to puzzle treat dispensers that require pets to play with their toys in order for them to get the treats. Once your cat gets used to the idea of how to use the feeders, you can start hiding them to increase the amount of fun stimulation that goes into “catching” the “prey.”

We are excited to see you in store, or for curbside pickup or delivery. Ask us about alternative feeding options for your pets. See you soon at Leo&Lucky’s!
North River Church
Building Underway

North River Church in Parrish, Florida has recently broken ground on a new building. Located at 5525 Fort Hamer Road in Parrish, the church’s new 10,500-square-foot addition will sit on a 10-acre parcel. The building will house a foyer, sanctuary with stage, classrooms, nursery, youth room and restroom facilities.

Halfacre Construction Company will complete all site development and construction of the pre-engineered metal structure. The architect on the project is BWAS Design.

“As the community in Parrish continues to grow, we recognized the tremendous opportunity before us to be a beacon of hope in this area,” said Michael Kennedy, lead pastor at North River Church. “We purchased 10 acres of land in 2015 with the plan to build a permanent facility that will enable us to continue reaching out to this community and sharing the hope available through a relationship with Jesus Christ. The future is bright for North River Church, and we are excited to see God continue to move in incredible ways in the life of our church and community during this expansion and in the years ahead. Our goal is to help people know Jesus, grow in their relationship with him and tell others about him. This facility will be a great tool as we seek to continue this mission, and we are grateful to partner with Halfacre Construction on this project!”

The $2.4 million project is scheduled for completion at the end of October 2020. In October 2010, North River Church began as a church plant from West Bradenton Baptist Church with the goal of reaching the growing city of Parrish with the gospel. The church has met at Williams Elementary School for the last nine years and will celebrate its 10-year anniversary in its permanent facility at the end of 2020.
Train Rides Are Back at the Florida Railroad Museum!

It has been a long two and half months since the museum closed its doors. The museum met with Manatee County and developed a plan for the railroad to once again begin offering train rides. Precautions have taken place based on state, county and CDC guidelines, with extra cleaning between and during each trip, limited capacity and social distancing.

Museum volunteers are all super excited to welcome guests back! Train rides began on Saturday, June 6th and are operating every Saturday and Sunday at 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. As with every summer, the museum still offers its Kids Ride Free all Summer special, with up to 3 free kids (under 12 years old) per adult ticket (adults are 12 years old and older). Beat the summertime/covid blues and come out and enjoy a SAFE and relaxing train ride. The train features two enclosed, air conditioned coaches and two open air coaches to best meet your needs. Guests are free to move about the train.

Did you want to see Thomas the Tank Engine back in March? Well, the museum’s Model Railroad display car will also be open on weekends featuring Thomas and Friends.

In addition to general admission train rides, the museum will also be offering the following:

- Locomotive rental, drive a railroad diesel locomotive
- Caboose charters, have your own private car for your own private party
- Locomotive cab rides, ride shotgun with the engineer

While the museum’s ticket office / gift shop is open, it is recommended that tickets be purchased online at www.FloridaRailroad.com and any site purchases be made via credit card.

Interested in railroading? The museum’s train crew is all volunteer – you, too, can be part of the action. Come on out and Join the Crew!

More information and tickets can be found on the museum’s website at www.FloridaRailroad.com or by calling the ticket office Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at (941)776-0906.
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August 3 – 7, 6:30 – 8:30 pm kids ages 4 – 6th grade will experience a treasure-hunt themed VBS. “Mystery Island” will help kids understand who God is and that a relationship with their Creator and Savior is the best treasure they can have. Register NOW at nhbconline.org

Have A Great Fourth of July!
For the last four years, Priscilla has served all of District 1. Her commitment to you and your families is evident throughout the area.

**In the Environment**
Priscilla Whisenant Trace is a fifth-generation agriculturalist. District 1 is changing and Priscilla is working to preserve the open spaces, water quality, and rural environment we all enjoy.

**In Economic Development**
Priscilla has owned a successful small business for many years. She understands the challenges facing Manatee County businesses during the Covid-19 crisis and is committed to helping them navigate the future.

**In our Infrastructure**
Traffic congestion is a major concern for anyone living in District 1. Priscilla works through it every day—she has worked with the County and DOT to provide improvements at major intersections. Pictured is the new traffic light at 301 and RailRoad Road in Parrish.

**In Education**
When Priscilla identifies a need, she will jump in and bring people and resources together. In 2019, she worked with the staff of Manatee County and the School Board to provide a successful summer reading program for students at two local elementary schools.

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**Pizza & Politics CONTINUED FROM FRONT PAGE**
questions about their ideas directly affecting the growing Parrish area.

This event was the third one sponsored by the Parrish Civic Association. Eventhough the day was extremely HOT, the candidates were well prepared; the pizza from Ferrarro’s Italian Grille was delicious and the camaraderie was great. Each candidate had a table where voters could talk with them individually after the formal program. All CDC guidelines were followed and social distancing was practiced to ensure safety.

The program was presented live on Facebook and Zoom and METV videotaped the program for future viewing.

Many thanks to all of the volunteers and the Florida Railroad Museum for the use of their train car and the venue. Many thanks to all the candidates who attended and gave voters a chance to meet them, hear their views and talk with them one-on-one.

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** Candidates for State Attorney**
- Brodsky
- Chittaro
- Young

**Candidates for Manatee County Court Judge**
- Gould
- Jacobs
- Pratt
- Zinna
Isabella Macias of Braden River High School, from Parrish, was awarded the 2020 Virtual Valedictorian Scholarship by the National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS). The scholarship was awarded to select high school students who submitted special messages for the class of 2020 - full of inspiration and encouragement as they start their next journey.

Isabella’s message in her speech is to walk with desire, across the stage, and out the doors to achieve the impossible. She reflects on how even though her senior year was cut short, she can think of happy memories she had with her friends and classmates throughout her time in high school. She will attend the University of Florida.

To give you some background on the organization that awarded Isabella the scholarship, NSHSS is the premier international honors and scholarship program co-founded by Claes Nobel and James Lewis. It offers a lifetime of benefits, pairing the highest performing students worldwide with high school and college scholarships, events, connections, internships and career opportunities that begin in high school and carry on through college and careers.

The National Society of High School Scholars (NSHSS) provides a wide range of opportunities that align with the journey from high school to college. In addition to awarding more than $2 million in scholarships to qualified applicants each year, NSHSS and its partners offer internships, study abroad, summer programs, discounts on educational services, and more.

For more information, visit https://nshss.org.
As the nation opens up and things get back to normal, I’m glad to report we have been busy on the water running charters and catching fish. July is a transition month as summer hits us full swing. This means great fishing and lots of heat mixed with some rain every afternoon. You can expect to have some great fishing trips when fishing in Tampa Bay.

The spotlight for the month would have to be Tarpon. Thousands of fish migrate up the coast just off the beaches of Tampa Bay and St. Petersburg. Tarpon are one of those fish that many consider a bucket list list fish. While they take a lot of effort and patience, you can find good success this time of year as they are very plentiful. Tarpons are a fish that will give you all you got and at the end of the fight you will wonder who caught who as you gasp for air on your next Tampa fishing excursion. Tarpon should be here all the way through the end of the summer so don’t forget to book your next Tampa fishing charters right here at 813-727-9890.

Next on the list would have to be Snook. This is my all-time favorite as I have enjoyed targeting them since I was a little child. If you like bass fishing, then you will love Snook fishing. It’s something everyone should experience. Tampa Bay Snook fishing is some of the best in the state of Florida. Summer time is a great time to target them as they spawn throughout the summer.

Fishing for Snook around the new and full moon will give you your best shot at a big female as they stack up around the passes and outer flats this time of year. It’s a great time to do some Snook fishing.

Bay fishing is another plus during the summer. It’s typically flat calm and the Mangrove Snapper are schooled up at just about every reef and rock pile in Tampa Bay. Mangrove Snapper are awesome fighters and are also great eating fish. In the mist of Snapper fishing you will also find some great Gag Grouper fishing as well. These same areas hold big Gag grouper and if you’re really lucky you might run across a Cobia in the same area.

Last would be Redfish. Most think this to be a spring fish, but we actually get some big schools of fish in the middle of the summer. Big schools of Reds is something everyone should experience at least one time. Redfish make for a great fight and you can catch fish exceeding 30 inches and shallow water. Book here if you are looking to catch some of the bronze bruisers.

As you can see, we have a ton of options for summer fishing in Tampa Bay. Don’t wait till the last minute; let’s get the date of your choice. If you want to talk in detail or email about the charter, we would love to answer any that you might have. You can reach us at 813-727-9890 or captjasonp@gmail.com.

Captain Jason Prieto is a native resident of Tampa and has fished Tampa Bay and its surrounding waters for the past 20 years. He is owner and operator of Steady Action Fishing Charters which is based out of lower Tampa Bay. To book a charter, you can reach him at 813-727-9890 or www.steadyactionfishingcharters.com. If you would like to catch him on the Internet tune into Tampa Fishing Outfitters Fishing Show on Facebook live and YouTube from 6:00 to 7:00 pm every Wednesday evening - it’s called called Get Spooled!!!!!!. Come join us in the fun.
Fact or Fiction

I doubt anyone could argue that 2020 hasn’t been one of the strangest years yet. From COVID-19 symptoms and virus hotspots, to masks, to dust storms, to killer hornets and beyond. This year is historical on so many counts. Yet, arguing is all we seem to do lately. It seems as if families and friends are truly divided on just about EVERYTHING! What seems true today is likely disputed tomorrow.

Who can you trust? Everyone has their “go to” source for the facts, but the contrast of information has never been more divisive and confusing. With easy access to social media and worldwide news programming, it is nearly impossible to zero in on the facts or even determine the definition of a “fact.”

On an average day, Realtors face a great deal of unknowns. However, add COVID-19 to the mix and we are subject to an entire new layer of uncertainty. Though we’ve always taken on the role of counselor, the new expectation is that we have become health advisors as well.

This selling environment can be extremely challenging. Do we allow potential buyers to see the interior of homes or should we expect them to make a buying decision based on photos and a video? Must buyers wear masks and booties? Can they open doors, touch cabinets or open closets? Who turns on the lights, the fans, adjusts the AC, etc.? What about greeting new clients? Do we elbow bump, fist bump, or shake hands of those who still extend theirs? You get the point. Every single business has been challenged to rethink HOW to do business.

Adding to the confusion is the market. Inventory is low. Is that because sellers are fearful of strangers in their homes? Is it because everyone is self-quarantining? Is it the realization that if we must work from home, we need a home that works? The interest rates are favorable, and buyers are plentiful. Maybe it is all that pent-up energy after months at home watching HGTV!

As I write this, I must chuckle. There is no way to know with any certainty that my words will be considered factual next week; we are truly living and making up new rules daily.

In an aim towards becoming less divided, let’s all make a pledge today to stop saying “the new normal” and “we’re all in this together.” It is new, and we are all experiencing whatever “it” is, but the time has come to move forward and try to be respectful of each other’s ways, fears, and individual realities.

USUSUS - Fly your flag, honor your country, HAPPY BIRTHDAY AMERICA!
The Parrish Civic Association welcomes our new and returning members!
Thank you for your support!

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Join the Parrish Civic Association for 2020

The Parrish Civic Association has been going strong for over 30 years. In the beginning, it accomplished a really significant thing for Parrish - helping to establish the Parrish Fire Department. This has had so much importance to Parrish. After all these years, the Parrish Civic Association is still working hard for the common good of the community: organizing the Parrish Heritage Day Festival including the parade and Chili Cook Off, helping with the Parrish Children’s Christmas Party for needy children and families, helping to get the Y established in Parrish, developing Overlays to the Manatee County Comprehensive Plan and the Village, hosting the Christmas Tree Lighting, bringing important programs to PCA meetings during the year, and currently working with the Parrish Arts Council on cleaning up the corridor along 301 from CR 675 to Moccasin Wallow Road. We still have work to do.

Help us out in this effort by joining the Parrish Civic Association in 2020. Forms are on page 2 and page 55. Clip one of them out, complete it, enclose a check and mail it in today! Help your community continue the efforts!

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Answers to July Trivia

1. c. Goat
2. b. Ruby
3. a. Larkspur
4. b. Cancer
5. a. Canada
6. c. The fourth
7. a. Iceland
8. b. The sixth
9. c. Julius Caesar
10. b. Barn Day
11. c. Disneyland
12. c. Spinach
13. b. Amelia Earhart
14. b. Garfield
15. c. First US patent

Follow through and establish your self-loyalty. You owe this to yourself, and even more importantly, you deserve it.
Students in SCF’s College Reach-Out Program Recognized

State College of Florida, Manatee-Sarasota (SCF) honored 143 local middle and high school students in the College Reach-Out Program (CROP), including 48 graduating seniors from area high schools.

CROP, a statewide program serving 3,000 students statewide and funded through a grant from the Florida Department of Education, is designed to increase the number of low-income and educationally disadvantaged students who successfully complete postsecondary education. The program aims to develop students’ basic learning skills and foster academic, personal and career development through supplemental instruction, including workshops, visits to college campuses and other experiences.

Individual schools also select their top students of the school year. The 2020 CROP Students of the Year are:

- Bayshore High School: Ku’tur Williams
- Booker High School: Jaela Dennis
- Lee Middle School: Katherine Vasquez
- Manatee High School: Antonio Resendez II
- Palmetto High School: Mario Arredondo
- Riverview High School: Daniela Sanchez
- Southeast High School: Anayeli Alvarado

CROP site coordinators from participating schools are Dwight Gilmer from Bayshore High School; Lem Andrews from Booker High School; Keenan Wooten from Lee Middle School; Rui Fernandes from Palmetto High School; Angela Kasapakis from Riverview High School; and Laura Roberts from Southeast High School.

Of the 48 seniors in this year’s program, 47 plan to continue their education. Sixteen of the seniors will start taking college courses at SCF in June through the College’s Summer Bridge Program. These students will receive a scholarship of approximately $1,000 to cover tuition for two classes, as well as books and educational materials. CROP graduates who attend SCF also are eligible to receive tuition and book scholarships.

Ten SCF students in the CROP program received their degrees May 1. They are Yvette Alanis, Associate in Science, Occupational Therapy Assistant; Raul Alvarez, Associate in Arts; Erykah Bazan, Associate in Science, Criminal Justice Technology; Naye Bowers, Associate in Arts; Dapheney Brinvent, Associate in Arts; Jefferson Brinvent, Associate in Arts; Megan Mellott, Associate in Arts; Mickerly Pierre, Associate in Arts; Grecia Quevedo, Associate in Arts; and Leonardo Reynoso, Associate in Arts.

For more information, contact Dr. Kristen L. Anderson, director of special programs at SCF, at AndersKL@SCF.edu.
**Manatee County Commission: Follow Surgeon General’s Recommendation, Wear Face Coverings in Public**

After two days of lengthy debate over whether to make face masks mandatory in public, County Commissioners approved on June 24 a statement endorsing recommendations from the Florida Surgeon General that state all individuals in Florida SHOULD wear face coverings in any setting where social distancing is not possible.

Commissioners also agreed to other elements of the Public Health Advisory that state:

- All individuals over the age of 65 and all individuals of any age with high-risk health conditions should limit personal interactions outside of the home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19.
- All individuals should refrain from participation in social or recreational gatherings of more than 50 people. For all gatherings of fewer than 50 people, individuals should practice social distancing by maintaining a distance of at least six feet from each other and wear a face covering.

County Commissioners urge Manatee County residents, business owners and visitors to read and adhere to the Surgeon General’s public health advisory issued on June 20, 2020, and respect others that cannot protect themselves in public spaces. The Board of County Commissioners supports businesses that require patrons to wear masks prior to entering their businesses, and requires social distancing if masks are removed.

The Surgeon General’s Public Health Advisory can be found at www.mymanatee.org/covid-19.

For more information on Manatee County Government, visit www.mymanatee.org or call (941) 748-4501. You can also follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/manatee.county and on Twitter @ManateeGov.

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**What Has the Pandemic Taught Me?**

*Cookie Jordan*

Below are a few random thoughts from my own experience interspersed with some from friends. What about you?

1. A friend told me she has enjoyed spending more time with her family so much that she’s questioning the necessity of attending all those weekly gatherings and volunteer meetings working on community projects.

2. I agree wholeheartedly. While I certainly miss seeing more people now, the collection of meetings can become exhausting.

3. More importantly, I have REALLY enjoyed our family evening meals regularly – and cooking. I have enjoyed my pet Golden Retriever (Ryder) but now worry that when things go back to normal, he will “suffer” separation anxiety from our being at home so much!

4. Pandemic purchases: Liquor, many items from Amazon, groceries - not much gasoline.

5. Stress and Money: When we all finally realized in mid-March that this pandemic thing wasn’t just something people on the other side of the globe had to deal with, many of us felt like we’d hit a brick wall. Wait – we’re on an indefinite day off with the emphasis on indefinite?

6. If that wasn’t stressful enough, the stock market understandably tanked. In fact, it was the fastest drop from Bull market to Bear market in history – faster even than the 1929 crash. The combination of the two caused much stress among some and an urge to “Do something! Anything!” I have gotten so that I don’t look at it any more.

7. Grocery shopping with a mask on makes it harder to see the labels and the mask gets

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Brandon Kanerva – Youth Pastor

Sunday
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Rev. William de la Torre, Sacerdote

Bible Study - Wednesday 10:00 a.m.
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Bun-Led Worship/Gillette Chapel ....... 9:30 am
Hymns Led Worship/Worship Center .... 11:00 am
Evening Worship ........................ 6:00 pm

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9:15 AM ............................. Sunday Worship
10:30 AM ............................. Worship

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Church Office - 722-0218
Dr. Scott Douglas, Pastor
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Email: office@ebcparrish.org

Sunday Services
9:15 AM ............. Sunday School Worship
10:30 AM ............. Sunday Worship

Wednesday
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July Blood Drives

Friday, July 3, 2020: Walmart, 508 10th Street east, Palmetto, 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.
Saturday, July 4, 2020: Walmart, 508 10th Street East, Palmetto, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
Wednesday, July 8, 2020: ITW GSE Americas, 11001 Highway 41 North, Palmetto, 8:00 am - 11:30 am.
Wednesday, July 8, 2020: Ellenton Ice & Sports Complex, 5309 29th Street East, Ellenton, 12:30 pm - 4:00 pm.
Friday, July 10, 2020: Regatta Point Marina, 1005 Riverside Drive, Palmetto, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm.
Sunday, July 19, 2020: Kostas Family Restaurant, 1631 8th Avenue West, Palmetto, 11:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Monday, July 20, 2020: Piney Point MHP, 8600 29th Avenue East, Palmetto, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm.
Monday, July 20, 2020: Publix - Gateway Commons, 9520 Buffalo Road, Palmetto, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.
Tuesday, July 21, 2020: Beall’s Outlet, 6242 US Highway 301 North, Ellenton, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm.
Sunday, July 26, 2020: Holy Cross Church, 505 26th Street West, Palmetto, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.

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- hospitals, clinics, government, schools, businesses, emergency management, law enforcement, tourist development and more - to shape messaging and address specific concerns.

For most of us, “home” is where we are staying during this uncharted, emotional and anxious time in our lives, doing our part with social distancing. Please stay safe and healthy at home.

When we begin to get back to some normalcy in our daily lives, please know I am available to work for you to restart your story!

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Colored Pencils Aren’t Just for Kids!

Colored pencils aren’t just for kids and coloring books! Colored pencils first became available to the public in the early 1920’s, but not until recently have they taken off as an artist medium. Some artists use oils or alcohol as blenders, while others use just straight colored pencil. Most colored pencils have a core of pigment surrounded by wood, while some are woodless. The core pigment material will depend on the pencil. You can get colored pencils with a base of wax, oil or water soluble.

Colored pencil can be used on many surfaces. Our members have used water color paper, film, drawing paper, pastel pad, illustration board, mat board, multi-media and canvas. The surfaces can be anywhere from smooth to rough.

We have a few members that work with colored pencils in all 3 formats - wax, oil and water color. “For me colored pencils are portable, relaxing and allows me to get the details. I like to blend my colors using just the pencils to create more depth,” said Nancy White.

Our 4th Annual Paint Around has been moved to September 19, 2020 from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm at Southern Atelier. Join us to see how quickly the artist’s create uniTue and extraordinary pieces. Our Paint Around is a fundraiser for a local school’s art or mu-

Exhibitions:
We will be extending our juried exhibition titled “Wings” at the Rocky Bluff Library through August. This exhibition has multiple mediums with a variety of traditional and creative subjects, all by local artists. The Rocky Bluff Library is now open; so be sure to check it out in the library foyer. Congrats to Sue Lynn Cotton, Fran Kain, Nancy Kingston, Steven White, Todd Rogers and Cynthia Rosso for being accepted into the “Wings” exhibition.

Our “Rocks” exhibition will be an on-line exhibition due to Covid-19. More information is out our website.

Don’t forget to share your artwork and you works in progress on our Facebook Page.

Save The Date: Our 3rd East2West Art Market is November 14th and 15th! We encourage local artists to join in this event. Our booth rates are very reasonable as we do all of the organizing instead of hiring out a 3rd party. Best of all, it is indoors at the Bradenton Area Convention Center. Check back often to our website for information.

Call To Artists: 3rd Annual Photography Competition & Exhibition 2020 with Johnson PhotolImaging as our sponsor! Our theme this year is “Reflections”. Artwork must be original with an interpretation of the theme and artistic merit. Submission deadline is July 10th and the display will be at the Rock Bluff Library.

Call To Members: We will be having a Christmas / Holidays card design contest. We will be printing the winning design(s) and send out to our 2020 supporters. Stay tuned for more information.

We are always looking for volunteers to help. Currently we are looking for individuals to help with the project planning and membership opportunities. We are working to get members involved, increasing memberships, increasing benefits and to work on fundrais-

Artist’s Tip of the Day: Do you have tips you’d like to share with others? Be sure to add your tips to our Facebook Page. If you have any subjects you’d like to get tips on, email us at getinvolved@parrisharts.council.org.

Members Benefits: ArtConversations! Typically monthly, we are now currently using Google Meet and meeting every other week. We share what we’ve done, working, tips and work during the hour. ArtConversations dates - 7/8, 7/22 (model) and 8/5. Meet other artists and enjoy the time together! RSVPs are appreciated at getinvolved@parrisharts.council.org.

There are many advantages to becoming a member of the Parrish Arts Council. Art-Conversation is every month at the Rocky Bluff Library. Members also enjoy free or discounted participation in art activities throughout the year. Single PAC memberships are $25 annually, January through December. More information regarding membership may be found on our website: parrisharts.council.org.

The Parrish Arts Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit serving Manatee County and the surrounding region since 2013.
Learning from the Covid-19 Pandemic:
Adaptive Retooling

Quite warm.

8. Spending priorities: When the world first shut down, we pretty much stopped spending on anything other than food and drink, Netflix and toilet paper, right? Were there some things you didn’t miss at all? What did you really miss?


10. Don’t miss: Meetings taking up my time. Spending money needlessly.

11. Financial lesson: I spend less money when I stay at home more frequently.

12. Chocolate and wine makes everything better, every time.

13. Miss dressing up nicely: I’ve always known I tilt slightly toward wearing new clothes and having a reason to dress up. Staying at home, it seems, I almost wear a daily uniform, don’t worry about my hair or makeup. (I’m getting really lazy about that.) It’s sad when the only reason you have to dress nicely is when you go to the grocery, Book Club or the doctor! (I don’t need so many clothes for what I do day-to-day now.)

14. I like human contact – talking face-to-face with others and open, honest discussions about sports (when there are some), families, pets and other topics.

15. Watching TV – watching the news (no matter what channel) is depressing! Hearing the number of coronavirus cases daily, politics and angry citizens compound the unhappiness. I try not to watch TV news much anymore. I have watched a great deal of Netflix, have recorded lots of programs for watching at a later time and have watched the few live sports that are aired – even NASCAR Racing!

16. Adapting - I am adapting to a new routine, not because I necessarily like it but because I feel that it will work for me. I have even bought decorative color-coordinated masks that match my clothing - at least it makes it more fun!

What have you learned?
July is here and with it the birthday of our country. We may not be celebrating July 4th the same as in years past but nevertheless, we can still celebrate. There’ll be relatively no fireworks, no gathering at our lovely beaches, no gathering together with our friends for a wonderful picnic, but we can celebrate in our own homes and enjoy the freedom that comes with the Fourth of July!

Pizza & Politics in Parrish
What a wonderful day - although the heat was blistering! July 27 did bring out all the candidates for this third political event at the Florida Railroad Museum sponsored by the Parrish Civic Association. Standing on an open air train car, the candidates looked as if they were on a traveling “whistle stop” from location to location.

We heard from candidates running for State Attorney, Manatee County Court Judge, Manatee County School Board and the Manatee County Commission. Moderator Tom Aposporos did a terrific job of keeping the program moving despite a few train whistles blowing and some train noise as the FRRM kept to its Saturday schedule.

Candidates answered a standard set of questions and then were available before and after the formal program for one-on-one sessions with voters who attended. The attendees were also provided great pizza from Ferraro’s Italian Grille along with many bottles of ice water. Many thanks to the Florida Railroad Museum for allow the Parrish Civic Association the use of their location as a perfect venue for this event.

The Effort Still Continues - the Parrish United Church Food Ministry
Once again, the organizers and wonderful, tireless volunteers had a stupendous Food Pantry Drive-Through on Saturday, June 27th! As we all know, there are still many people who are suffering a great deal through this crisis. People have been furloughed; people have lost jobs; businesses have been temporarily closed; some people are working in perilous situations; and, many are going hungry.

This effort in Parrish has brought many people in our area together to help. It’s the Parrish United Methodist Church Food Ministry. It’s basically a Food Bank for the needy. It is open two times a month - on the second and fourth Saturdays from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm.

There is still a big need for food and financial donations (check out the article on the front page of this newspaper). Some cars were lined up to drive through the distribution area at 7:00 am on June 27th. They actually opened the drive through grocery line an hour early at 9:30 am. Cars stopped with their trunks open. Volunteers filled the cars with hygiene necessities, boxes of produce, bread, eggs, bags of non perishable goods and meat as they cars proceeded through. Over 350 cars went through the line which added up to 1,400 people being served.

Because the Ministry now has a big chiller and freezer, all the food was not distributed at the drive through and the extra food was taken to workers in the area without cars to come to the location.

If you can afford to donate food, there is a collection basket/barrel at the church for you to stop by and drop off your donation. If you want to provide financial help, you can do that by writing a check made out to PUMC and in the memo line put Food Pantry. Mail to P.O. Box 375, Parrish, FL 34219. (That donation allows Kathi DeCarlo, and Lori and Jim Racky to go purchase food from the Manatee Food Bank at greatly reduced prices.) Please help if you can. Many in our community need help.

Well, we have been busy since last month’s report. We held a Reverse Senior Parade for students living in Parrish communities. The students were so appreciative for our efforts. Thank you, Parrish, for supporting them, as 200 cars participating in the parade honoring those students. Of course, Social Distancing was practiced. Students stayed on the right-of-way with their cars in which some decorated. Cards, Gifts, and congratulations were given as the 200 cars past the students.

Still reaching out for Business Owners, the PCA would love to have your support through membership in our association! With your support, the community will recognize your business. Please think about joining us.

The PCA is looking at various projects at this time. Of course, the Parrish Park is first and foremost; the county is working on this with us. The Lift Station for sewer is being installed on Erie Road. This is a beginning!!! Erie Road is in the process of construction of being widened. The county is in the process of securing the right of way from the new high school on Erie to US Hwy 301.

If your business is a corporate, please consider supporting us which would enable us to gain more traction in the community with events, and community improvements. If your HR Department would be interested, please reach out to us.

New members bring new energy to the PCA and means more people to serve on committees, work on projects, events and raise money for the PCA. If you have not joined please fill out the membership form on this page. Thank You!
A must see! From the moment you walk in the front door you are captivated by the expansive view of the lake in this well-maintained Lakeside Preserve home. MLS #A4468448 $269,900

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