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Meet the Parrish Civic Association Board

Your community advocate, the Parrish Civic Association has been in existence since it was incorporated in 1981. Since it's inception, the PCA has strived to keep the residents of Parrish and the surrounding area informed in advance of changes that impact the residents and businesses. PCA has worked in conjunction with the County and an outside planning and development entity to complete the Parrish Neighborhood Plan. The plan, adopted by the Board of County Commissioners in October of 2020 utilizes Comprehensive Plan and Land Development Code requirements in conjunction with citizen driven input to set the stage for the future of the Parrish area. To this day, your PCA board along with volunteer committee membership, works tirelessly to monitor and influence changes to the Parrish area that serve the interest and maintain the integrity of the Parrish Community.

Gretchen Fowler, President: Gretchen received her Associates Degree in Nursing, RN in 1990, a BA in Psychology in 1993, and a Masters in Business Administration in 2003. As an RN, she works as a Family Care Coordinator at LifeLink of Florida, and is certified as a Grief Recovery Method Specialist. Gretchen and her family moved to Florida in 2010. Out of any place they could pick to move, the choice was Parrish where she currently resides with her son Colby. Gretchen has been a member of the PCA board since 2010, serving as Vice President, and then President, currently on her second 3 year term. She has advocated for the community and negotiated many projects and plans for Parrish, the Parrish Central Park being the most recent. When there is a PCA event in Parrish, Gretchen is there, coordinating the volunteers, working on logistics and making sure everything is running smoothly, and probably doing a dance or two.

Norma Kennedy, Vice President/Membership Chair: Norma is a native of Manatee County who moved to Parrish in 1970 with her family. Norma retired from Verizon as Customer Service Representative, Management Leader, and a Training Manager in their Training Department. She has been a member of the Parrish Civic Association and Parrish Arts Council since 2012. She also serves on the Rural Development Com-

mittee for the PCA, working to help guide the growth of our village. She enjoys working in the community, striving to promote and save our rich history. Norma can be found in the PCA tent at our events with our founding fathers' portraits and memorabilia from Parrish's history.

Cindy Chin, Secretary: Cindy is a native of Manatee County and lifelong resident of Parrish. She recently retired from State of Florida, 12th Judicial Circuit. Cindy has been a member of the Parrish Civic Association for the last 35 years. During that time, she has served on numerous committees, was the membership chairman for a term, and has been the Parrish Heritage Day Parade chairperson since 1985. She has been the Secretary for the past year. She enjoys being involved and hopes to continue serving the community.

Jennifer Hamey, Treasurer: Jennifer moved to Florida from Ohio in 2016 and started her law firm serving Manatee, Hillsborough and Sarasota Counties. Jennifer has served on many boards in Ohio and has brought that experience to the PCA, serving as Treasurer, Event Coordinator and lead volunteer. She also volunteers for the Parrish United Methodist Food Bank, Kim's Krew and several other charities. At Christmas, Jennifer hosted Elves for Elders, gathering gifts for our local nursing home residents.

Shaun Ausborn, Board of Directors: Shaun was born and raised in Manatee County. He served over 20 years in the Army and is now a realtor with Century 21. He has resided in Parrish since 2006 and has been a member of the PCA since 2018. Shaun has been married to the woman of his dreams, Jessica, for over 20 years, a teacher at Barbara Harvey Elementary. He has four sons with two grown, Donevan, who serves in the Air Force, and Dylan, who works in industrial manufacturing in Palmetto. His two youngest sons are Dalton, who attends Parrish Community High School, and Dawson at Harvey Elementary. He has served on several committees throughout his military and community service.

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Business Spotlight: Camp Osprey

by Mimi Sheffer

If your kids need fresh air, sunshine and adventure this summer, you'll definitely want to check out Camp Osprey! Nestled on 200 wooded acres beside the Little Manatee River, Camp Osprey is a Kid's Day Camp and an Overnight Adventure Camp for kids ages 7-15. Founded in 2018 by Gary and Sandy Bemby, Camp Osprey gives kids the opportunity to experience a variety of outdoor adventures, including horseback riding, archery, swimming, canoeing, a ropes course, ziplining, paintball, woodworking, crafts and much more.

"Camp Osprey gives children a much needed break to play actively and imaginatively outdoors. Camp is a slice of care-free living where kids can relax, laugh out loud, and be silly all day long with their new best friends. Fresh air and sunshine are pretty hard to beat!" say Gary and Sandy Bemby.

The Camp is located just north of Parrish in Wimauma and is a family affair, run by Sandy and Gary, long-time residents of the Parrish community, and their five sons. Sandy is a registered nurse and worked at Blake Hospital in

Bradenton before working at the School Board in elementary, middle and high schools in our area. She also worked as a camp nurse for several years before deciding to start Camp Osprey. Sandy believes "Children need love, nurturing, structure, consistency, a safe and healthy environment blended with fun, adventure, friendships, and treasured memories. Providing those things for your children is my highest priority. I promise to care for them as if they were my own children."

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Parrish Community

Parrish Business Association (PBA)

As you scroll through the local Parrish social media on any given day, you would be hard-pressed to not see requests for recommendations of an electrician, a shout out to the local eatery, or a tip of the hat for a random act of kindness done by one of our local business owners.

It would be easy to conclude that they function solely on keeping our HVACs running and our families fed. Little do many realize how impactful these local companies are in preserving our rich heritage and molding the future of our beautiful town.

Now, the question is what is being done to serve these businesses that are the foundation of this community. The recently launched Parrish Business Association, a PCA committee, looks to serve these business owners by advocating for them, providing relevant education, offering a platform to communicate with each other, and promoting them through local events.

The effectiveness of this vision is only as good as the role they play in preserving the historical significance in Parrish while adapting to the explosive growth. The end result will be that of local connected businesses that empower each other to serve their customers while more greatly impacting the community.

Interested in hearing more? Read on!

The Parrish business Association provided their first update to the board at the April PCA meeting, and they couldn't be happier with what has been accomplished, and what the future holds. Some of the highlights below encompass the defining of the vision of the Parrish Business Association (PBA), the Defining of their role in the community, and Defining the benefit the PBA will provide to the business community.

It is worth noting that after meeting with Shaun Ausborn & Norma Kennedy weekly during the whole of March and April; that one will come to the realization that there is a special shared vision within Parrish businesses. It is a vision of making a community wide impact while impacting their own bottom line through their services, solutions, and products.

While drilling deeper into forming the identity of the PBA, it became increasingly important that it should be an association led by the businesses themselves as they are the ones that are filling critical community needs first hand and not from a hypothetical viewpoint. The Parrish Business Association board will be comprised of these business owners, and that board looks forward to highlighting these nominees in the future.

Through the process of defining the PBA identity, the committee could see that there are three distinct needs that the PBA will fulfill for these local businesses:

- 1.) Advocate for these businesses and connect them to resources & partners
- 2.) Educate them on various legislation changes, grants, and local developments that impact their business

3.) Promote these businesses by extending their reach on various platforms and events.

So what do the next steps of the Parrish Business Association look like? You may have heard Abraham Lincoln's quote "Give me six hours to chop down a tree and I will spend the first four sharpening the axe". This quote offers a great parallel to the committees approach in getting this association set up - the longevity and long term impact on the business community is only going to be as good as the foundation that it is built on now. One of the important steps is to fill some of the board of directors seats. But before those are filled, it's in the best interest that the committee identify the needs from the businesses in the area, and then find the individuals that will best suits those needs (ie: doers vs. sitters.) The committee will also be establishing the infrastructure that will make collaborating with other businesses easier, connecting the business to the community more seamless, and even consolidating open business jobs in a single online location.

Finally, it's no surprise that this new Association will only be able to make the desired impact with the help of the local business community. The committee is imploring each and every single business to partner with the PBA by becoming a partner of the Parrish Civic Association, or expressing interest and thoughts via the information below.

This is something special. Connected business lends itself to a connected community.

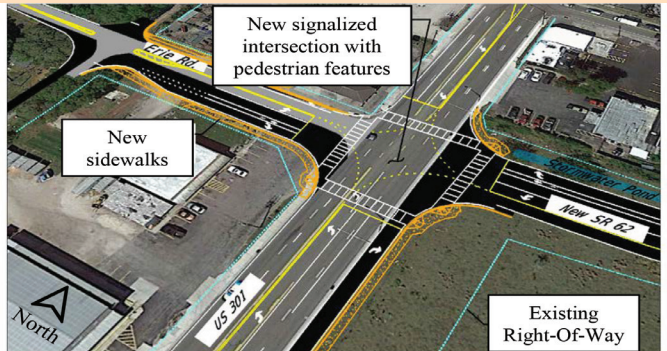
For more information or to be added to the PBA contact list, please email ParrishBusinessAssociation@gmail.com

Upcoming Parrish Events

May 5 - 6:00 pm - Online neighborhood meeting hosted by Hide Away Storage (planned for 301 next to C&K) on Microsoft Teams . Email RachelL@znseng.com for meeting link

May 18 - PCA monthly Board Meeting, Leslie Wells Realty Office, 6:30 pm

May 18 - FDOT will do a Zoom presentation on 301/62 intersection realignment and I-75/301 exchange at 6:30 pm at the beginning of the PCA meeting. Below is a graphic of the potential 301/62 intersection.



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To join the PCA fill out the membership form below.

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Perfect Love Casts Out Fear

by G.L. Donhardt, PhD

Weddings are often festive times when two people come together to pledge their love and devotion to one another. And friends who are eager to help them celebrate that dedication often turn to the New Testament for fitting words that express their love – sometimes with humorous consequences.

A friend of mine at the university was getting married and a group of us were putting together a small celebration for her in the office. I was unexpectedly out of town that day and phoned a staff member requesting that she write a scripture reference on the card that was being passed around and sign my name to it. I gave her “1 John 4.18” and

appropriate scripture for forthcoming nuptials. Verse 18 says,

18 There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. (ESV)

Well, my staff member didn’t know one scripture from another. She wrote “John 4.18,” instead of “1 John 4.18.”

18 for you have had five husbands, and the one you now have is not your husband” (ESV).

I had some serious splainin’ to do when I returned to the office the next day.



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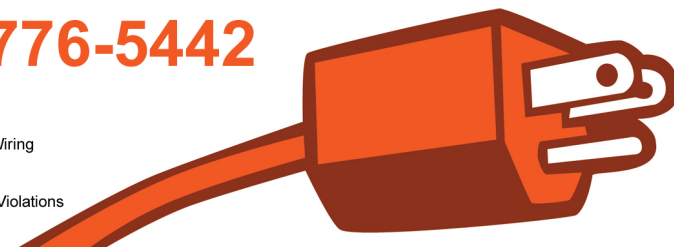
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Cooking with Cookie

Dinner Entrees for May

I'm always looking for new dinner ideas especially for the entree. Here are some that you might like to try in May.

Pork Saltimbocca with Peas (pictured at right)

4 boneless center-cut pork chops
Kosher salt
3 Tbsp. olive oil
1/2 cup flour
1 large shallot, finely chopped
8 fresh sage leaves
1/2 cup dry white wine
1 1/2 cups chicken broth
5 thin slices prosciutto, 1 slice chopped
1 cup grated fontina cheese
1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
1 10-oz. pkg. frozen peas

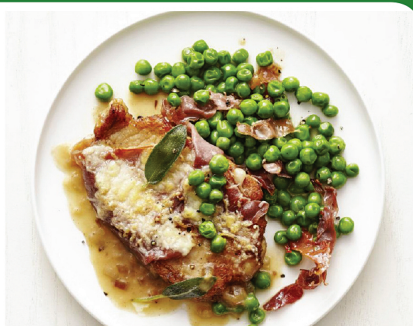
Preheat broiler. Season pork chops with salt. Heat 2 tablespoons olive oil in large oven proof skillet over medium-high heat. Dredge pork in flour and add to the skillet; reserve excess flour. Cook until browned. Transfer to a plate. Reduce heat to medium; add shallot to skillet and cook, stirring until soft. Increase heat to medium high. Add sage and 2 teaspoons of the reserved flour. Cook until sizzling. Add wine. Cook until reduced by half. Add 1 cup broth; return to boil and cook until thickened. Add pork; return to simmer. Top each chop with a prosciutto slice and then cheeses. Broil until bubbling. Heat remaining 1 tablespoon oil in saucepan over medium heat. Add the chopped prosciutto and cook until crisp. Add the peas, remaining 1/4 cup broth and 1/4 teaspoon salt. Cover and cook until peas are tender. Uncover and increase heat to medium high. Cook until liquid is reduced. Serve with the pork.

Yield: 4 servings.

Baked Lemon Chicken

One 3 1/2-pound chicken, cut into pieces of 8 or 6 chicken breasts
Kosher salt
Freshly ground pepper
Flour for dredging
3 Tbsp. olive oil
1 large onion, sliced
Peel of half a lemon (pith removed) cut into thin strips
2 large garlic cloves, minced
1 1/2 tsp. fresh rosemary leaves
1 Tbsp. honey
1/4 cup freshly squeezed lemon juice
1 cup chicken broth

Preheat oven to 400 degrees F. Season chicken with salt and pepper. Dredge in flour and pat off excess.



Heat 2 tablespoons oil in large skillet. Add chicken and saute until golden brown. Remove chicken from skillet and reserve. Discard oil and wipe pan out. Add remaining 1 tablespoon oil and heat over medium-low heat. Add onion and cook until golden. Add lemon zest, garlic and rosemary and cook for 2 minutes. Add honey, lemon juice and broth. Increase heat and bring to a simmer. Transfer onions to 9" x 13" casserole and spread them. Arrange the chicken in a single layer on the onions. Pour the cooking liquid over chicken. Season with salt and pepper. Bake about 45 minutes. Remove from oven and serve. Yield: 4 servings.

Sweet and Sour Meatballs

1 can (20 oz.) unsweetened pineapple chunks
1 pkg. (12-oz.) frozen fully cooked meatballs, thawed
1 large green pepper, cut into 1-inch strips
3 Tbsp. cornstarch
1/3 cup cold water
3 Tbsp. cider vinegar
1 Tbsp. soy sauce
1/2 cup packed brown sugar
Hot cooked rice
Thinly sliced green onions (garnish)

Drain pineapple, reserving juice. Set pineapple aside. Add enough water to juice to measure 1 cup. In large skillet over medium heat, cook the meatballs, green pepper and juice mixture until heated through. In a small bowl, combine the cornstarch, cold water, vinegar and soy sauce until smooth. Add brown sugar and pineapple to the pan; stir in the cornstarch mixture. Bring to a boil; cook and stir until thickened. Serve with rice and top with green onions. Yield: 6 servings.

Cooking Tip: Give pickle juice a second life. You can do this: Make more pickled veggies (bring the brine to a boil and pour over onions, cucumbers, carrots, radishes, or green beans; A better Bloody Mary: (stir tablespoon of pickle juice into your cocktail).

Bon appetit!

Bad Schandau & The Czech Republic

A cruise on the Elbe River

Ralph Bellrose

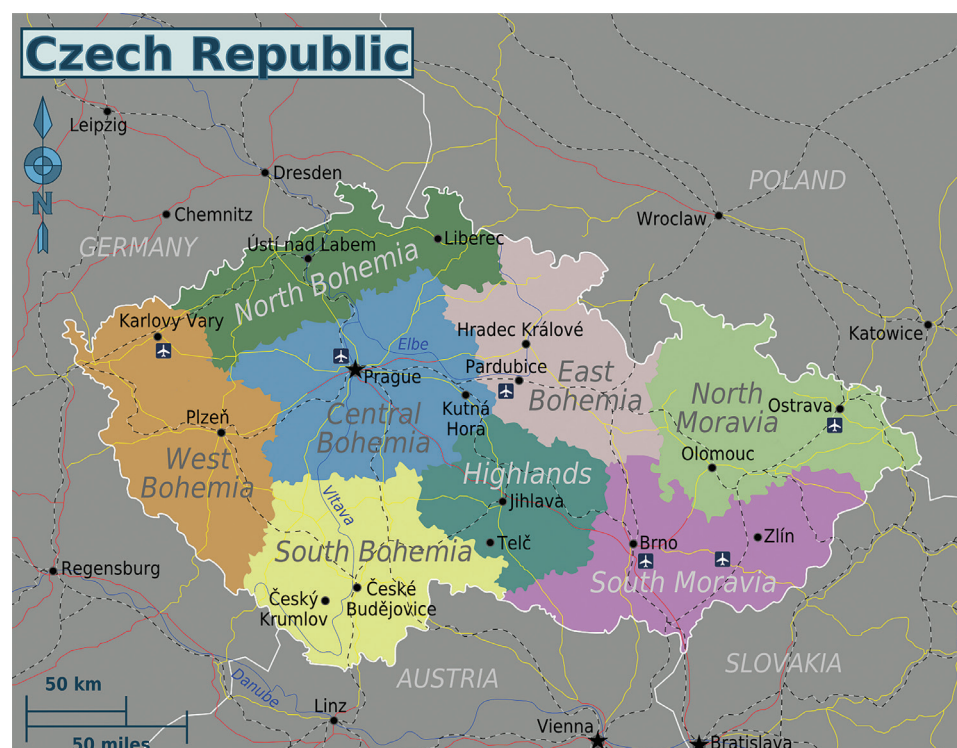


Saxon Switerland National Park and the Basteri Bridge, Saxony, Germany.

This morning with heavy hearts, and even heavier baggage, we leave the good ship "River Allegro", which has been our home for the last seven days, board the buses and depart Dresden for Bad Schandau. The crew is lined up on the sundeck to wave goodbye. They seem just a little too happy to see us go! I'm wondering what's in store for the people who will be boarding the ship this evening for the trip down river. With the river so low, they may have to be bused much of the way; not what they expected when they booked a river cruise!

We are heading for an area known as "Saxon Switzerland" so named by early settlers because of its topographical resemblance to their homeland of Switzerland. It is one of the most picturesque areas on the Elbe River with steep cliffs and towering sandstone rock formations. The town of Bad Schandau was developed in the 18th century when health-giving springs were discovered. A large spa and several hotels were built, along with many hiking and walking trails which weave their way thru the hills and forests. A series of rock columns, known as the "Bastei", rise 600 ft. above the river and have been a tourist attraction for over 200 years. A wooden bridge was constructed in 1824, to connect several of these rocks for sightseeing and climbing. It was replaced by a sandstone bridge in 1851 which was dedicated to Carl Heinrich Nicolai, a popular guide, writer, and bungee jumper. A number of people in our party decided to join the crowds

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Parrish Community Calendar

Every Month - Monthly Event Parrish Small Business Market at 83rd Street Station, 3rd Saturday of the month- See below

May 4 - Teacher Appreciation Day. Bring your teacher something special!

May 5 - Hide Away Storage on US 301 is hosting an online Neighborhood Meeting. Email rachell@znseng.com or call for more information 941-748-8080.

May 9 - Mother's Day. Don't forget to do something nice for Mom! She has been there for you your whole life!

May 18 - PCA monthly Board Meeting, Leslie Wells Realty Office, 8268 US-301, Parrish 6:30 pm - *If you would like to attend any of these meetings, please contact a PCA board member or send an inquiry to director@pcafla.org.*

Every Saturday & Sunday - Gamble Creek Farm Stand - 10 am - 2pm, 14950 Golf Course Road, Parrish

Dear Parrish - Help us fill our Community Calendar!

If you have an event coming up, please submit it to PVN@PCAFLA.org. Due to the publishing schedule, events must be submitted by the 20th of each month for the following month.

Congratulations Drs Delrose and Steinberg!

At the 2021 Winter Symposium of the ICOI (International Congress of Oral Implantologist), Drs. Daniel Delrose and Richard Steinberg won first place for their clinical poster entry. This organization is made up of Dentists and Oral Implantologist in 90 countries. Dr. Ady Palti, Co-Chair of the ICOI in announcing their first place was amazed that clinicians were so talented that they beat dental graduate students and professional dental researches from around the world. We are so lucky that the Doctors call Manatee county home.

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Cheri Coryea, Board of Directors: A newcomer to the PCA board, Cheri has been a resident of Parrish for over 30 years. She recently ended a long career with Manatee County Government. The last fourteen years of her time there, she worked as County Administrator, Deputy County Administrator and the first Department Director of the Neighborhood Services Department. In March of 2021, Cheri started her own business, Coryea Consulting, LLC., focusing on strategic planning, positive leadership and management, project management and program development. Cheri and her husband raised their family here in Parrish. They have two girls.

Alan Jones, Board of Directors: Alan is the owner of Jones Potato Farm, which was established in 1986 as a father-son potato farming operation. He serves on the Parrish Civic Association board as Chair of the Rural Development Committee and has been instrumental in helping secure changes to the Land Development Code to benefit Parrish. He is also working closely with the County to move the plans for a community park forward quickly. He serves on the Manatee County Farm Bureau and the Bradenton Economic Development Council. Jones Potato Farm has won many awards and accolades for Nutrient Stewardship Programs.

Iris McClain, Board of Directors: Iris has been on the board of the PCA for over 20 years. She helped organize the Parrish Foundation, Inc. and the Parrish Arts Council. She was instrumental in the organization of the Summer Youth Program beginning in 2000 and the Children’s Christmas Party . She has written many articles for the Parrish Village News during the past 22 years and has also collected large amounts of Parrish history with interviews & research and has published a lot of it in the book “This Old House.” Iris was in banking for 42 years in Manatee & Sarasota counties, before retiring.

Lorraine Prosser, Board of Directors: Lorraine has lived in Parrish for 16 years and been a resident of Florida for 34 years. She has been a board member of the Parrish Civic Association for 3 years and served on the Rural Development Committee, the Parrish Heritage Day Festival and the Hometown Christmas Event. Lorraine was a member of the Tampa Bay water ski team and the Sarasota Ski-a-rees for combined total of over 20 years. She has been involved since a young child with the creative arts such as dance, drawing and design. She is Certified Building Contractor and also received her certification as a Color Design Strategist. Her creative design skills and eye for color are used to help the customers of Prosser Painting choose the perfect colors for the interior or exterior of their home. Lorraine is also a member of the Manatee - Sarasota Building Industry Association, Limitless Business Group, Professional Women in Building, Manatee Chamber of Commerce and the Color Marketing Group.

Priscilla Whisenant Trace, Board of Directors: Priscilla Trace was born and raised in Parrish. She graduated from the University of Florida, came back to Parrish and founded the Ellenton Nursery Growers. Priscilla served as the District 1 County Commissioner for four years. While seated as the Commissioner of this district, she was instrumental in obtaining the installation of the 675/301 stop light with FDOT, widening and sidewalk additional to 121st Avenue and finalizing the St Rd 62 and 301 revised intersection connection with FDOT and the County. She is married and has one son. She recently joined the Parrish Civic Association board.

Tami Vaughan, Board of Directors; Editor, Parrish Village News: Tami Vaughan has lived in Parrish for 20+ years and has been a member of the PCA for most of that time. She has served as President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as serving on many committees including the Parrish Heritage Day Festival and the Rural Development Committee. Tami now serves as the editor of the Parrish Village News. A Manatee County resident for almost 50 years, Tami cares deeply about this community. Tami is married to Rick Vaughan and has two grown children, Katie and Ricky. She is a member of the National Butterfly Association, Parrish Playworks, Theatre Odyssey, Acting Distant and many other organizations.

Bradley Anderson; Executive Committee Chair: Bradley recently joined the Parrish Civic Association to help develop a Small Business Alliance which will focus on advocating for, educating, and promoting Parrish businesses. Bradley was born and raised in South Africa. He always had a passion for culture and the impact it has on communities, organizations, and people. Besides leading a successful team in a publicly traded company, that innate passion has led to his involvement with a family nonprofit which provides food, education, fresh water, and clothing to 2,000 orphaned children in Swaziland. He and his wife and have 3 children ranging from 4 to 9 years old.



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Last year, the Camp opening was postponed for three weeks because of the pandemic but they were able to open and had 700+ campers in the six week summer season. They are taking precautions to keep campers healthy by sanitizing tables and chairs after every meal and equipment after each group activity.



The Bembrys love helping kids and want to grow Camp Osprey, so kids will

have a fun place to enjoy their summers for years to come. They have even started a SEND A KID TO CAMP Campaign for kids who would like a camp experience but may not be able to attend. The summer sessions open on June 6th for Day Camps and Overnight Weekly Camps. The sessions are almost at capacity, so register today to secure a spot for your child. To learn more, visit <https://www.camposprey.com> or their Facebook page at fb.com/campospreyflorida. You may also call 941-928-6860 (after 3 pm) or email info@camposprey.com.



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Softball Camp	June 7 - 10th	
Soccer Camp#1	June 7-8th	
Basketball Camp	June 14 - 18th	Speed & Agility Camp June 7 - July 22
Cheerleading Camp	July 19 -23rd	3rd & 4th Grade @ 4 pm Tuesday & Thursday
Soccer Camp#2	July 26 - 30th	5th & 6th Grade @ 5 pm Tuesday & Thursday
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WHAT IS IT?
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WHO RUNS THE CAMP?
Camp counselors:
PCHS teachers, staff, and students.

WHERE IS IT?
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Drop off/Pick up bus loop next to cafeteria

COST?
Weekly: \$150
Optional-Before/After Care \$25
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WHEN IS IT?
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Expect Success

Do martial arts make me a positive person? Martial arts give me the confidence and conviction to step out and share what I know. There are times when I take my black belt for granted. Somehow, I concede that earning a black belt is not that important. I forgetfully wipe all the years of hard work and memories away because my journey began such a long time ago. But then I remember all the years of effort and I am renewed in knowing that I did something that was personally extraordinary.

In the process of learning a martial art, I changed the basic version of who I was into something much more than basic. That is not an easy thing to do when you consider your life ordinary. The extraordinary me was someone I did not know. Martial arts give me attitude. I'm not talking about the bad, ego-driven, maniac, holier-than-thou attitude. Instead, it is an attitude of positive expectation. I expect that I will try to turn negativity around. I expect that I will help others. I expect that I will never settle to be

What are your personal expectations? Make one of them to always overcome any limitation in your mind or body. Every day, I practice something related to my martial art to help me overcome my personal negative expectations or my perceived limitations. I work on mindset, flexibility, or martial arts. Every one of these actions, no matter how big or small, give me a grateful attitude and a sense of improvement that allows me to see my extraordinary self.

Failure is another consideration when pondering expectations and attitude. If you attempt something once and it does not work out, do you consider it a failure or a learning opportunity? Failure is not always how you see yourself, but rather what you think others think about you. You call it a failure because you worry that others will see it that way when in fact you should expect it to be an opportunity to learn and grow. Expectations and attitude go hand in hand.

To answer the question that I

posed in the beginning, if martial arts make me a more positive person, I say this: Do what you love, seek self-improvement, and learn from your mistakes. Replace my love for martial arts with whatever you enjoy and you will find the positive, extraordinary you. Do not expect failure. Instead, create positive expectations and expect success.



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someone I am not. I would not have any of these positive expectations, if not for my martial art practice.



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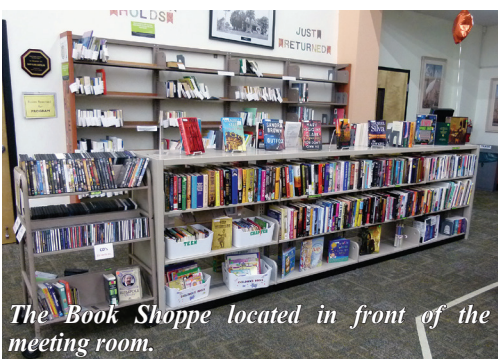


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News from the Manatee County Libraries

New Part of the Book Shoppe – Bargain Basement

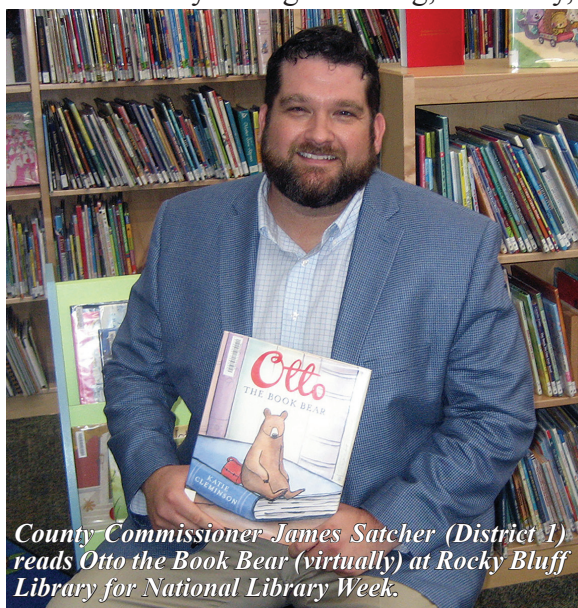
There have not been any Book Sales at the Rocky Bluff Library since the pandemic began. But ... now there is an ongoing opportunity to buy books at the Book Shoppe and at the Bargain Basement at the Book Shoppe.



At the Book Shoppe on the bottom shelf outlined in green tape, there will be books that are a little past their prime time. These books will have special prices and you can stock up for the coming summer months of great reading time.

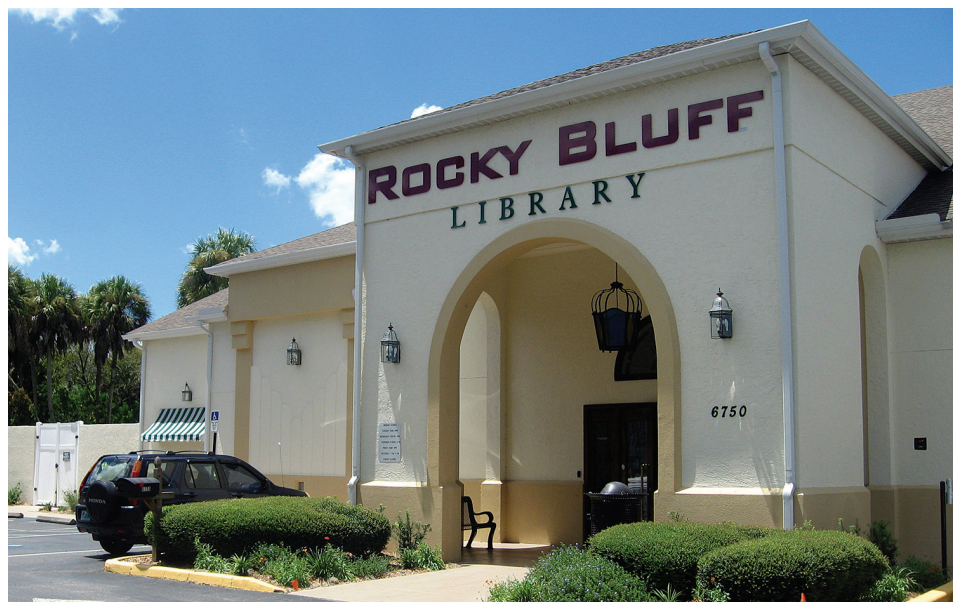
County Commissioner James Satcher Reads Children's Books at Rocky Bluff Library

April 4-10, 2021 was National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to your library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery, and exploration.



County Commissioner James Satcher (District 1) reads *Otto the Book Bear* (virtually) at Rocky Bluff Library for National Library Week.

During these challenging times, libraries of all types have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons. Libraries across the country are making a difference in people's lives by providing electronic learning resources like online homework help and wi-fi access for students and workers who may lack internet access at home. Manatee Libraries are supporting the community



with virtual services such as providing mobile hotspots, online educational programs, virtual story times, and job fair to-go bags.

County Commissioner James Satcher helped celebrate the week with a children's virtual story time. If you had checked the Manatee County Facebook page and YouTube channel the week of April 4 - 10 at 11:00 am, you would have seen Commissioner Satcher on Friday reading *Otto the Book Bear* by Katie Cleminson at Rocky Bluff Library. If you missed the real time broadcast, you and your children can go to https://www.mymanatee.org/departments/manatee_county_public_library_system/about_manatee_libraries/latest_news/welcome_to_y_o_u_r_library page and click on the YouTube channel to see Commissioner Satcher's reading as well as the other six County Commissioners reading other children's books.

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Mental and Emotional Spring Cleaning

by Michelle Phillips

Nature has a beautiful way of cleansing to purge what is no longer serving it and make way for renewal. Old leaves fall off and gentle winds carry them away to help the trees gather water and brace for the cold. With the spring thaw comes a flurry of new foliage to cover the bare branches and the growth starts anew.

In many ways, we as people have adopted a similar schedule for our own cleansing and renewal that follows nature's calendar. We use this time each year to go through drawers and closets to clean out the clutter, dust the nooks and crannies, and give things the "out with the old, in with the new" spirit.

On a similar note, I have seen through my career as a makeup artist that much of the beauty on our skin comes from treating it with the same reverence; cleansing and gentling exfoliating off the old, dry layers and allowing the new, glowing skin to surface.

It makes me wonder though, if taking such care of our external selves is so beneficial to creating beauty in our lives, why should we stop there?

Let's keep going with a spiritual and emotional

tidying up that truly sets the stage for a period of growth in our lives. Much like pulling out the couch to find life-sized dust bunnies, we might be surprised what we find by searching deep areas of our lives that may not get the attention they should.

Here are some places to look to start scrubbing away the negative in your world:

Nourish your spirit. Too many of us have influences in our lives in the form of books, TV, and movies that become the prism that we see the world through. And unfortunately, today, so many of these media sources are dark and negative. Take the time to find and enjoy positive influences on a regular basis to bring a more peaceful outlook.

Plant the seeds for growth. Have you always wanted to take an art class, dance lessons, or try meditation? (Try my free meditation download on my website www.michellephillips.com)

Rather than continuing to stagnate or grow in directions not of your own design, list the top ten things that you love to do and then start doing them. Make no excuses. When we begin to incorporate the things we love to do and experiment with new things on an on-going basis our lives become full of joy, happiness, and beauty.

While the first part of my career may have focused on outer beauty, there was a point where a shift was created. An awakening to the connection between the beauty of our inner spirits and what we radiate out to the world became clear. By taking the time to nurture your spirit and cleanse yourself of negative influences, you clean space for more beauty to come into your world!

Happy cleaning!

About Michelle

Michelle Phillips is a leading authority in the beauty industry and one of the most influential makeup artists in the entertainment industry working with national television networks, on movie sets, with top photographers, and magazines in the business including Swiss Vogue and Maxim Magazine.

For close to twenty years, Michelle worked with some of the most powerful and talented celebs in the world of entertainment, sports, and politics such as Katie Couric, Paula Zahn, Colbie Caillat, Derek Jeter, Condoleezza Rice, Sigourney Weaver, and Clint Eastwood.

Michelle has appeared as a host, guest host, and correspondent on TV shows and Networks such as; HGTV, HSN, QVC, CW, Oxygen, WeTV, The Daily Buzz, and Daytime.

Her popular Beauty Segment airing on TV shows across the country focus on improving a woman's self-esteem, anti-aging tips, the latest in skincare, and the newest and best makeup products and techniques.

Michelle is also a well-known women's empowerment coach and bestselling author of "The Beauty Blueprint". The book's success catapulted her into the motivational keynote speaking arena. Michelle speaks at colleges, universities, and some of the biggest venues in the country. Michelle has shared her message on speaking tours such as "The Power of Women" with Shark Tank's Barbara Corcoran, The View's Joy Behar, and actress/entrepreneur Suzanne Somers as well as The Hay House "I Can Do It Tour" with inspirational icons Wayne Dyer Louise Hay.

Michelle continues to touch the lives of thousands of women with her inspiring and dynamic wisdom providing them with powerful self-esteem tools of transformation; a transformation to not just Look amazing but to BE amazing!



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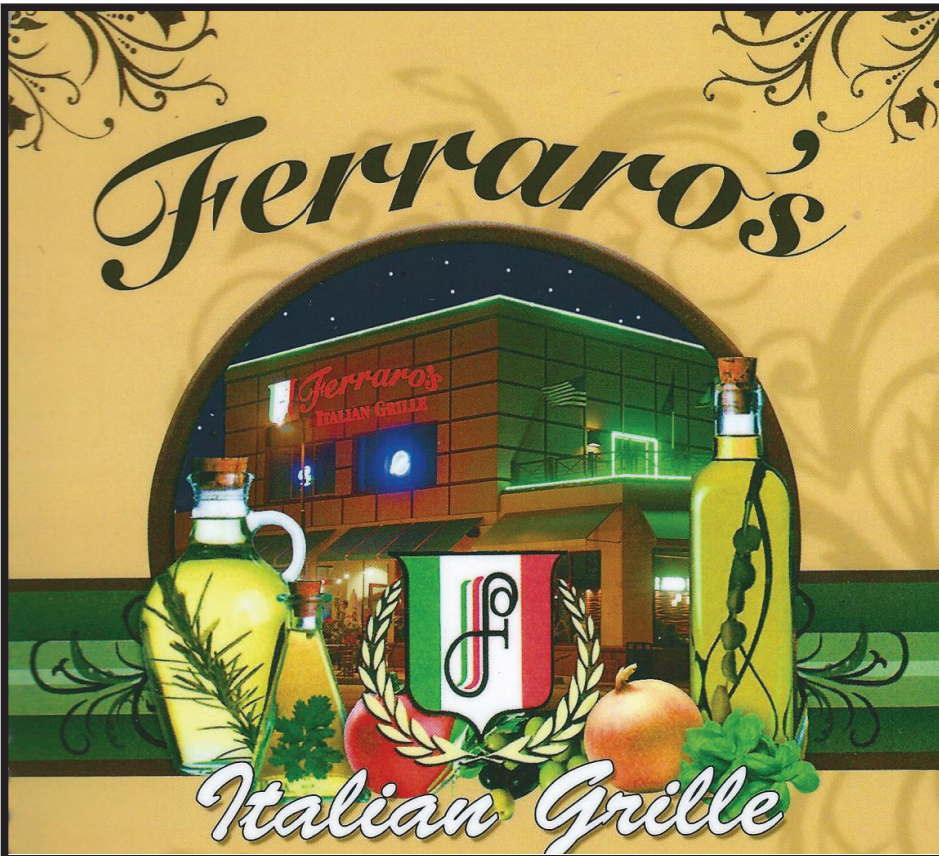
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2. What god/goddess was the month of May named for?
3. What would the weather be like during May in the Southern Hemisphere?
4. What was the Old English name for May?
5. Why is May a special time for Star Wars fan?
6. Which meteor shower passes the Earth during the month of May?
7. Which national landmark opened its door in 1931?
8. Why is May consider a good month for US presidents?
9. What are the May birth flowers?
10. Which female Russian leader born in May?
11. Which queen of England was born in May?
12. What zodiac signs does May have?
13. What do Hawaiians celebrate on the first of May?
14. What Americana food is celebrated during the whole month of May?
15. Back in the day, how did people in Europe celebrate the month of May?
16. Why is the significance of Cinco de Mayo?
17. What Cornish superstition is observed in May?
18. What event was considered ill-omened if it celebrated in May?
19. Which cereal food hit the store shelves in 1941?
20. What mechanical recording device made its first appearance at the Grand Opera House, in 1878?
21. Which executive branch of the United States federal government was established in 1794?
22. What bathroom item was patented in 1792?
23. "And They're Off!" What first race was held at Churchill Downs in 1875?
24. What gardening tool was patented in 1899?
25. Which NY Yankees player made his major league debut in May of 1936?
26. Which legendary bank robbers were shot to death in a police ambush in Louisiana in 1934?
27. Which national landmark bridge had its opening day in 1937
28. Which Christmas song had the biggest selling record in 1942?
29. Who's the first person to reach the summit of Mt. Everest in 1953?
30. Which famous sitcom debuted its premier in May, 1990?

Trivia Answers can be found on page 42.



- 1 Kentucky Derby
- 1 National Fitness Day
- 1 School Principals' Day
- 1 Hug Your Cat Day
- 2 National Lemonade Day
- 2 Rural Life Sunday
- 3 National Melanoma Day
- 3 Public Radio Day
- 4 Intergalactic Star Wars Day
- 4 International Firefighters Day
- 4 Teacher Appriciation Day
- 5 Cinco de Mayo
- 6 National Nurses Day
- 6 National Day of Prayer
- 7 National Military Spouse Appreciation Day
- 8 National Dog Mom's Day
- 8 Mother Ocean Day
- 9 Mother's Day
- 10 National Women's Checkup Day
- 11 National Eat What You Want Day
- 12 International Nurses Day
- 12 Native American Rights Day
- 12 National Fibromyalgia Awareness Day
- 13 National Apple Pie Day
- 13 Frog Jumping Day
- 14 National Dance Like A Chicken Day
- 15 National Armed Forces Day
- 16 Ride A Unicycle Day
- 16 National Barbecue Day
- 17 World Hypertension Day
- 18 National HIV Vaccine Awareness Day
- 19 Emergency Medical Service for Children Day
- 20 National Rescue Dog Day
- 20 World Bee Day
- 21 American Red Cross Founder's Day
- 21 National Waitstaff Day
- 21 National Endangered Species Day
- 22 National Maritime Day
- 22 Sherlock Holmes Day
- 23 World Turtle Day
- 23 Neighbor Day
- 23 National Taffy Day
- 24 Brother's Day
- 25 Cookie Monster's Birthday
- 25 International Missing Children's Day
- 25 Nerd/Geek Pride Day
- 25 National Wine Day
- 26 National Paper Airplane Day
- 26 National Senior Health & Fitness Day
- 26 National Blueberry Cheesecake Day
- 27 Cellophane Tape Day
- 27 Eat More Fruits & Vegetables Day
- 27 Nothing to Fear Day
- 28 Amnesty International Day
- 28 Sierra Club Day
- 28 National Hamburger Day
- 29 International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers
- 29 National Learn To Swim Day
- 30 World Multiple Sclerosis Day
- 30 Indianapolis 500 Anniversary
- 30 Mint Julep Day
- 31 Memorial Day
- 31 Necrotizing Fasciitis Awareness Day
- 31 World No-Tobacco Day

Interesting May Dates in Florida History

May 1, 1562 - Jean Ribault lands at St. Johns and claims Florida for France. Nearly 50 years after Ponce de Leon claimed "La Florida" for the Spanish, along came the French.

May 2, 1936 - Panama City Beach is incorporated in Bay County. Panama City Beach incorporated in Bay County - Gideon Thomas built the Panama City Hotel in 1935 and aggressively marketed tourism at a time most locals were only interested in farming.

May 3, 1901 - Jacksonville burns to the ground. It was one of the worst disasters in Florida history and the third largest urban fire in the U.S., next to the Great Chicago Fire, and the 1906 San Francisco fire. Photos of the devastation resemble those of European cities firebombed in World War II.

May 5, 1961 - Alan B. Shepard becomes first American in space. Astronaut Alan B. Shepard becomes first American in space - As remarkable as it was, it scored the U.S. just a silver medal because it came 23 days after a Soviet cosmonaut orbited the Earth. But that embarrassment, combined with the Soviet's launch of the first satellite in 1957, motivated Americans to the moon.

May 6, 1965 - Rolling Stones play Clearwater, write "Satisfaction" riff. A show-stopping "near-riot," creation of the famous "Satisfaction" guitar riff, and discovery of a lost set of photos decades later moves the Rolling Stones' 1965 Clearwater appearance into the annals of rock and roll history.

May 9, 1981 - Sinkhole swallows house and five Porsches in Winter Park. Winter Park sinkhole becomes Central Florida's newest tourist attraction.

May 10, 1781 - Spanish Gov. Bernardo de Gálvez captures Pensacola. The surrender following the Spanish land and sea attack left the British with no bases on the Gulf of Mexico, helping the colonists to victory in the American Revolution.

May 13, 1955 - Jax fans chase Elvis after show, tear off his clothes. A group cornered the singer in his dressing room and tore his clothes off in their competition to grab a souvenir. Elvis had to be rescued by police from what has become known as the "first Presley riot."

May 14, 1973 - Skylab launches new era of space study... and toys. Skylab was also celebrated in popular culture and was featured on kids' lunchboxes, a pinball machine, comic books and the TV show, The Six Million Dollar Man.

May 15, 1947 - Florida State College for Women becomes FSU. It was the latest - and last - of a long, crazy series of name changes at the oldest continuous site of higher education in Florida.

May 19, 2004 - Drugstore chain owner Jack Eckerd dies at 91. His name is no longer on the stores, but less than a decade ago, few Floridians could say they'd never shopped in an Eckerd Drug Store.

May 20, 1913 - Henry Morrison Flagler dies in Palm Beach. Because of Flagler's Florida East Coast Railway, crops could be raised and shipped, building materials could be hauled, and people -- tourists, workers, and residents -- could be shuttled to what was mostly mosquito-ridden scrubland little more than a century ago.

May 22, 1931 - Arcadia company starts selling canned rattlesnake. Yep, "Weird Florida" is not a new idea. We've been weird for decades.

May 23, 1898 - School for Deaf & Blind graduates first students. Two deaf students, Artemas W. Pope and Cora Carlton, would marry and raise a future Florida legislator, Verle A. Pope, known as the Lion of St. Johns. Its most famous alumnus, musician Ray Charles, did not graduate.

May 26, 1845 - Florida holds first statewide election. William Dunn Moseley became the first elected governor and David Levy Yulee won the first race for U.S. House. Yulee did not take his seat and instead was elected one of the state's first two U.S. Senators a short time later

May 28, 1935 - Controversial 'Old Folks at Home' adopted as state song. You know it as "Way Down Upon the Swanee River."

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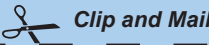
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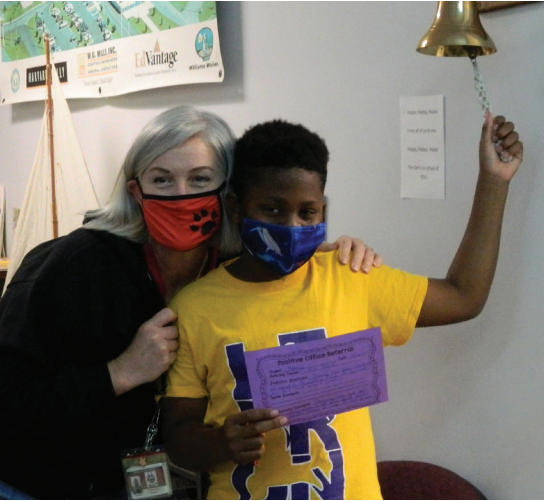


March News from Williams Elementary School

Congratulations 1st grader, Isabella, for receiving a Positive Referral for a great job on her classwork. We are very proud of you and all our students at Williams Elementary.



Congratulations to 5th grader, Semaj, who received a Positive Referral for a great job with his classwork. We are very proud of you!



We're proud to announce that Assistant Principal Sheila Waid from Williams Elementary School has been named a FINALIST for 2021 Florida Assistant Principal of the Year!

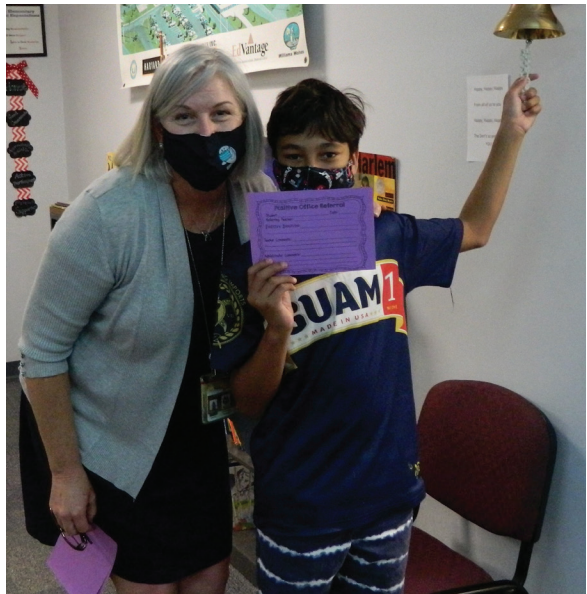
She and two other educators from Broward and Hillsborough Counties were named finalists by the Florida Department of Education this afternoon. The 2021 Florida Assistant Principal of the Year will be announced at a later date.

Mrs. Waid has been serving our District since 2003 and as Williams' Assistant Principal since 2018.

Good luck Mrs. Waid!



Congratulations to 5th grader, Javas, who received a Positive Referral for a great job with his classwork. We are very proud of you!



Congratulations to more Positive Referrals for a job well done on classwork. 5th graders, Savannah, Addison and Nathan.

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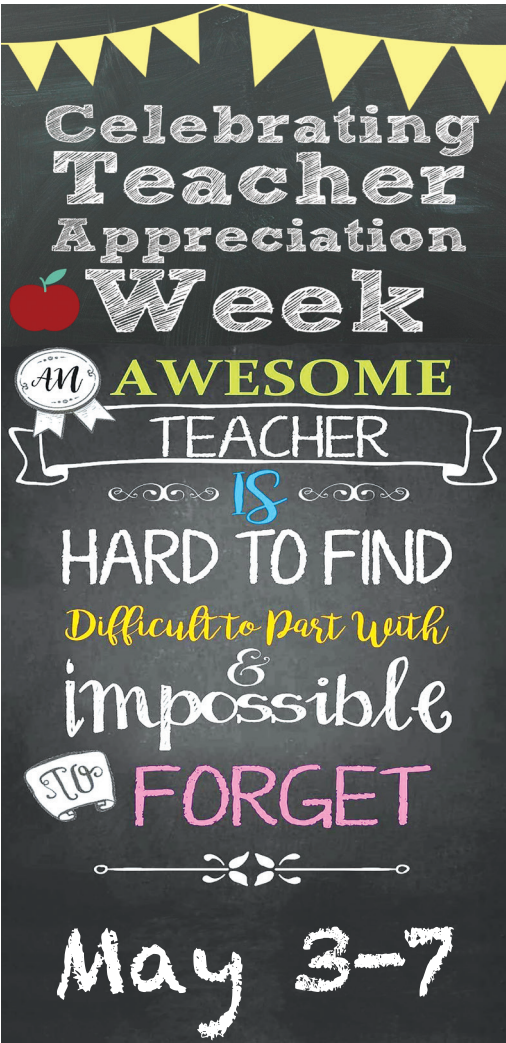
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News From The Florida Railroad Museum

By Cookie Jordan

A Day Out with Thomas Draws Record Attendance!

On several weekends this past April, *A Day Out with Thomas* was at the Florida Railroad Museum. This year (2021) Thomas played to a record crowd.



This Family came to Thomas all decked out in their Thomas finest!

Because of Covid-19 Thomas was not able to come to Parrish in 2020. Mattel who owns the rights to Thomas had to cancel all 2020 appearances. So, this appearance at the Florida Railroad Museum was especially important since it was the only one in Florida this year and the first one after the beginning of the pandemic. Apparently, the advertising paid off and everyone was ready to get out and enjoy the event and

wonderful weather. Charlie Belcher from FOX News 13 visited Thomas on Wednesday, April 14 and broadcasted live from the Florida Railroad Museum.

Not only parents and grandparents from the area surrounding Parrish but from all parts of Florida and beyond brought their children and grandchildren to spend a Day Out with Thomas. From the moment the attendees entered the



There was even a Stroller Parking Area because so many families had small children to take on the 25-minute train ride.



This family came dressed as Thomas characters such as Sir Topham Hatt.

area at shortly after 8:00 am children were excited and smiling at everything they saw. Many went first to the photo op area where parents and grandparents could take photographs of their children with Thomas. Some opted to visit the Gift Shop where they could buy all kinds of Thomas items – balloons, model trains, T shirts, masks and numerous other Thomas swag. Some went to say hello to Sir Topham Hatt or stop in party corner for lawn game fun. Others had a blast in the bubble zone. Still others enjoyed the petting zoo, the music, food vendors and a hay wagon ride. But ... best of all was the 25-minute train ride on Thomas!

Staff from the Florida Railroad Museum and numerous volunteers made this event so successful and the FRRM thanks every one of them.

If you missed out on A Day Out with Thomas in 2021, be looking at the FRRM website (www.FRRM.org) for the next appearance in 2022. The event is a great fun-filled, family experience.



Charlie Belcher from Fox News 13 broadcasted from the FRRM on Wednesday, April 14 showcasing Thomas and the FRRM.

Help the Florida Railroad Museum! Buy A Replacment Rairoad Tie



Pictured is an example of a worn railroad tie that needs to be replaced.

Did you know that the Florida Railroad Museum has 6.5 miles of railroad from Parrish to Willow? Bet you did *not* know that, and that approximately 22,000 railroad ties comprise that 6.5 miles!

A railroad tie has a lifespan of about 20 years. With regular wear about

1,250 railroad ties have to be replaced annually to keep the train rolling. The train tracks and rails are inspected weekly and worn ties are identified for replacement. A tie costs \$50.00. All labor to replace the ties is performed by FRRM employees.

From May 1, 2021 until May 31, 2021 a donor will match financial gifts. For instance, if you donate \$100, that amount will be matched and you will be buying 4 railroad ties. (A \$50 gift will be matched and you will be buying 2 ties, etc.) To donate, go to www.FRRM.org and click on the Donate key.

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The FRRM appreciates your contribution to keep the railroad rolling!



A new tie costs \$50.00, however if you donate \$25.00, that gift will be matched by a donor with \$25.00 to buy a new tie.

More information and tickets can be found on the museum's website at www.FRRM.com or by calling the ticket office Wednesday through Sunday from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at 941-776-0906.

Directions to the Rail Road Museum

The Museum is located 25 miles north of Sarasota and 35 miles south of Tampa off Interstate 75 at exit 229. The physical address is: 12210 83rd Street East, Parrish, FL 34219.

Endangered Plants in Your Backyard

By Plant Man

Florida is home to thousands of unique species of plants. A dramatically increasing number of which, are on the verge of extinction. Sometimes, these amazing and endangered species are found near our homes. You may have handled them yourself, with no understanding of their rarity. Endangered Plants in Your Backyard is designed to raise awareness of our local endangered plant species, in an effort to keep our wild species wild.

Plant of the Month:

Scientific Name: Polygala smallii; **Common Name(s):** Tiny polygala, tiny milkwort

Status: Endangered in Florida and federally

Order: Rosids

Family: Polygalaceae

Genus: Polygala

Species: P. smallii

Habitat: Tiny polygala occurs in four distinct habitats with similar characteristics: pine rockland, scrub, high pine, and open coastal spoil (Gann and Bradley 1995). All of these habitats are pyrogenic-extremely dry and prone to periodic natural fire. Pine rocklands historically burned every 2 to 15 years (Snyder et al. 1991). Sand pine scrub and sandhill burn less frequently, possibly every 10 to 50 years.

Field Description: Tiny polygala is an erect short-lived herbaceous species. Most plants germinate and die within one year. It forms a rosette and grows no more than 8 cm tall (Kennedy 1998). It has one to four, short, usually unbranched stems, and a well-developed, scented taproot. Its leaves are oblanceolate to lanceolate, from 1.5 to 5 cm long and 0.2 to 1.4 cm broad and occur in a basal rosette. The inflorescence is a cylindric raceme from 0.4 to 7 cm long and



0.5 to 1.8 cm thick and usually surpassed by the basal leaves (Kennedy 1998). The flowers have both functional stamens and pistils (perfect) and are not radially symmetrical (zygomorphic). The calyx has five sepals. The lateral pair is decurrent, large and petaloid. The corolla is a greenish-yellow color with three petals. The fruit is a thin-walled, two-celled capsule that splits down the center of the compartment. The seed is 1.2 to 1.4 mm long, with sparse rather short, stiff, appressed hairs.

Polygala smallii is in the family Polygalaceae, commonly referred to as the milkworts. These beautiful, unique plants were once thought to be endemic to Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, but recent surveys have extended its range to southern St. Lucie County. All 11 known populations are found within 9.7 km of the Atlantic Coast.

The tiny milkwort is a short-lived herb. The only known populations occur in sand pockets of pine rocklands, open sand pine scrub, slash pine, high pine, and well-drained coastal spoil. Within these habitats, it requires high light levels and open sand with little to no organic litter accumulation.

The survival and recovery of Polygalasmallii is threatened by habitat loss from urban development, fire suppression, and exotic plant infestation. From what I can gather, the tiny milkwort does not take well to cultivation. The diminutive plant requires occasional burning for survival as the fire and smoke may help its seeds germinate. As most all of the remaining habitats for the tiny milkwort are in highly urbanized areas, targeted, prescribed burns are employed to help the plant survive. This plant is critically imperiled.

What can we do? We can stop littering. Intentional and unintentional littering can collect in scrub, sandhill, and open coastal spoil habitats - where our tiny milkwort makes it's home. Plants can be crushed and "drowned" by the dumping process and accumulated waste.

I hope you enjoyed this edition of Endangered Plants in Your Backyard. More information on endangered plants can be obtained from your local USDA or by visiting <https://www.fdaacs.gov>

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Landmark Old Cypress Tree

Iris Worth McClain

This Old Cypress Tree still stands tall and proud of it's long history located at 121st Avenue East, behind the Parrish US Postal Office. You may drive by this old cypress tree every day and not know that it is most likely the oldest cypress tree in the Village of Parrish and has a history in the development of our community of Parrish.

The cypress tree was planted at the Oak Hill Plantation home of Bratcher (VanZant) Parrish. As the story goes, Lamar Parrish's great grandmother took the cypress tree from the woods out east of Parrish, to be planted close to their back porch that held an old hand operated pitcher water pump. Mary planted it by the back porch so it could survive with the water overflow from the pump. As you know, cypress trees love water. When Manatee County paved 121st Avenue E, it was protected from being cut down at the time. Many of the local residence said "No cutting down the Tree!"

Crawford and Mary settled here in 1868, he was born in 1811 in St. Mary's, Georgia. This Parrish family was among some of the first in this area and became known throughout the county as one of the founders of Oak Hill, now Parrish. Crawford was one of the outstanding pioneering families to settle in Florida and Manatee County (re-named due to another town in Florida with the name of Oak Hill).



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Crawford met and married Mary Bratcher (VanZant) Parrish in 1841. She was the daughter of a wealthy Hollander who had settled in Nassau County, Fl. The VanZant's made large contributions to Spain's efforts during the War of 1812.

In 1868, the Parrish's purchased the homestead from the widow of Major Iredell Turner, Ida (Turner) Carnes. His property was located along a major north-south cattle trail which became the main highway because of beef cattle trail used to move cattle from one location to another.

This location became the permanent home of the Parrish family for many years. Their neighbors were the Gillett family. Crawford had cattle and orange groves and was a farmer, doing much of it right on this property. Crawford and Mary had nine children. Crawford passed away in 1899, Mary in 1905, both are buried in Fortner Cemetery.

After Crawford and Mary passed away, their youngest son, Garrett VanZant Parrish and his wife Carrie Reid Parrish lived there until Garrett passed away. They had no children. Carrie loved the beach, so she had the old home moved on a barge down the Manatee River to the north end of Anna Maria Island in the early 1900's where it was a Bed and Breakfast for many years. "THIS OLD TREE STILL STANDS VERY TALL AND VERY PROUD" This information was given to me by Lamar Parrish along with much more information about Parrish. If you would like to share information about the old Parrish, please give me a call, Iris McClain, 941-776-1041 or e-mail irismcc@msn.com. I have so enjoyed collecting Parrish history for the past 48 years from many of the people that lived most if not all of their lives right here in Parrish with family and friends.

Iris Worth McClain, moved to Parrish in 1973 with her husband Merle and her two son's Kenny & Larry, coming from Sarasota. After retiring from her banking career of 42 years she became actively involved in the Parrish community with the Parrish Civic Assoc. The Parrish Foundation, Parrish Chili Cook Off, Parrish Arts Council and the Parrish "Y". She coordinates with much help from the local community, the Parrish Children's Christmas Party each year. She wants to provide interesting stories of old homes, buildings and families in and around Parrish to help preserve the history of Parrish.

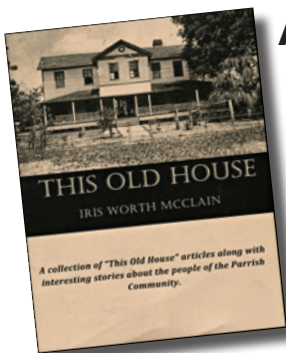


Iris Worth McClain

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.

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Motivation

John Phillips

In this month's column, I would like to address the issue of motivation. One of the most difficult obstacles to overcome when you are trying to master any skill is, in fact, the issue of motivation.

I would love to tell you that every morning when I wake up, I just cannot wait to grab my guitar and start practicing. Honestly, however, that is not the case. No matter how much we as musicians love our chosen profession, there are days when even we simply do not feel like practicing. So, what are we to do at such a time?

May I suggest three simple, but effective answers to this question. These are based upon my personal experience, as well as conversations with other professional musicians.

First, it is important to set aside a certain time each day which is absolutely dedicated to practicing your instrument. Just as we have certain times of the day where we brush our teeth, take a shower, go to work, have dinner, etc., we should have a certain time in our daily routine which is dedicated to practice. Ideally, this should be much time as possible. Realistically however, we know that we often do not have as much time as we would like. I suggest a minimum of 30 minutes every day if you possibly can.

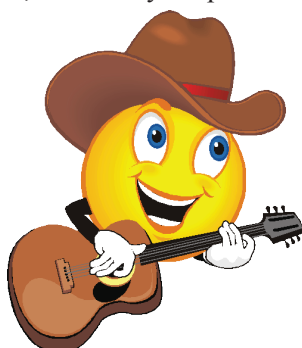
As Aristotle said, "Excellence is not an act, but a habit." By making practice an essential part of our daily routine we will be more able to fall into the "habit" of practicing and it will be much easier to remain consistent.

Second, I would like to suggest that you occasionally change things up a bit. For example, if you absolutely do not feel like playing, or if you cannot because of an injury, then temporarily change what you are doing during your practice time. For example, pick up the scores of some of the musical pieces which you are working on and analyze them. Read the names of the notes out loud. Count the rhythms. Analyze which chords are being played, where they are being played, and imagine any changes which you would like to make to the piece to make it more enjoyable. Experiment and have fun with it. You may also use this time to listen to or search for different types of music and write down a list of songs which you would like to learn. Adding some variety to your daily practice routine is, in fact, a great motivator.

Third, and this is to be the exception, and not the rule, is that sometimes you just need to take a day off. There, I said it. Some musicians will do this rather sporadically. They will typically practice every day and take a day off as needed. Others will schedule days off into their routine. Six days on, one day off is a common example. A word of caution: taking too much time off is actually a detriment to your motivation and often makes it more difficult to get back into your routine. Allow yourself to relax and enjoy your day off. Afterward, return to your practice refreshed and with renewed vigor.

In conclusion, no matter how much we, as musicians, enjoy what we do, sometimes we can find it difficult to stay motivated. The three things that will help in that regard are as follows: Stay motivated. Always do your best. Never give up.

If you have any topics which you would like to see in future columns, or to inquire about guitar lessons, you may contact John Phillips at guitarlessonsmanatee.com or by phone at (941) 915-4694.



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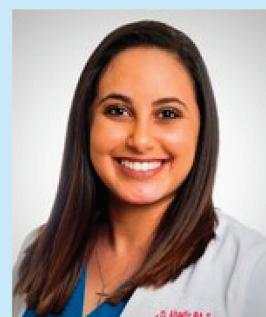
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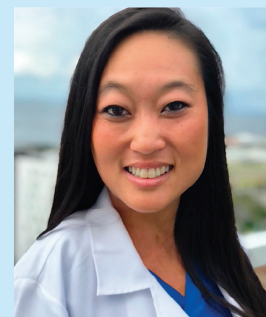
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Smoking Can Lead To Eye Problems and Vision Loss

Dr. Doug Black

It is well known how negative of an impact smoking can have on overall health. The direct link between smoking and the development of cancers, cardiovascular disease, and respiratory problems has been well documented. But what effects does smoking have on the eyes?

The most obvious impact of smoking on the eyes is the development of red, irritated eyes. This happens because of 2 different mechanisms. Firstly, smoke from cigarettes, cigars, and pipes is an irritant to the eyes that can cause an allergic reaction to occur. Secondly, smoke can alter the tear film of the eyes, which leads to the development of a dry eye condition. People who already have an underlying dry eye condition notice a worsening of their irritation when exposed to smoke.

Another group of people who are susceptible to an increase in ocular irritation from smoking is those who have thyroid disease, or Grave's Disease. Many of these people suffer from thyroid eye disease, which causes inflammation of the tissues that surround the eyes. This can cause the eyes to bulge forward in some of these patients. Studies have shown that smoking greatly increases the risk of a person with Grave's Disease to also develop thyroid eye disease.

Another condition of the eyes that can be exacerbated by smoking is the formation of cataracts. A cataract is when the natural lens inside the eye becomes cloudy or hazy, reducing the clarity of vision. Smoking decreases the supply of anti-oxidants to the eye, which can lead to cataract development. Smoking has been shown to cause cataracts to be more dense than they are in people who do not smoke. It has also been shown to cause cataracts to occur at a younger age than usual.

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The most serious ocular condition that has been linked to smoking is macular degeneration. This is a condition that involves a progressive loss of central vision which can lead to blindness. Current smokers are 4 times more likely to develop macular degeneration than are non-smokers. And people who have smoked in the past are 3 times more likely to develop this condition than are non-smokers.

So we can add the eyes to the list of things that can be adversely affected by smoking. Knowing the facts about the impacts that smoking can have on a person's overall health make it obvious that it is a good idea for any current smoker to make the effort to discontinue this habit. But it is a very difficult thing to do. Luckily, there are many new developments and products available that can help a person to be successful at making this important lifestyle change.

Douglas Black, O.D., is a Doctor of Optometry at Eye Center, Inc.



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News from Buffalo Creek Middle School



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These 4 members of the Buffalo Creek FFA Chapter traveled to Gainesville to compete at the 2021 State Meats Evaluation Contest. After finishing 2nd at the preliminary, these students buckled down with the goal of claiming the state title. These boys did exactly that. They left Gainesville as the State Champions. Team members were Jakob Stewart, Greg Collins, Connor Griffin and John Keen. Congratulations boys, you've have done our chapter proud.

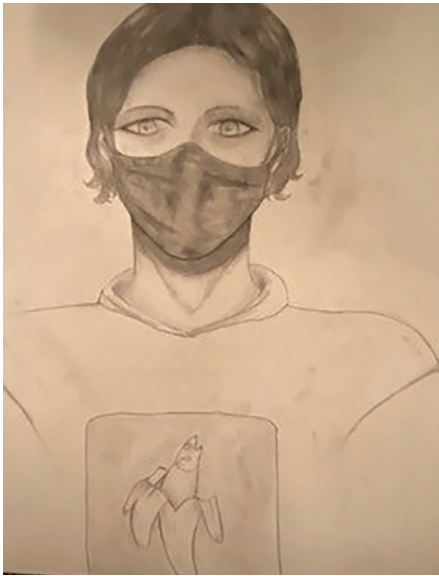


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BUFFALO CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL FFA

Congratulations to Audrey Walker for her drawing that was chosen to be part of an exhibition at the School Superintendent's Gallery!



Congratulations to Buffalo Creek FFA members who competed at the state land judging contest today. Team members placed 1st in the state. Great Job Kaycee, John, Duniyah and Ciara!

Buffalo Creek FFA members competed at the State Horse Judging Finals at The University of Florida. Team members were Ashley McIlwaine, Abigail Hoagland, Hailey Piccone, and Melanie Carlson. The team placed 2nd in the state! Ashley was 3rd overall at the contest with Abigail placing 4th as an individual. These ladies did a great job, we are very proud of the hard work they put in to prepare for the contest. Go Hawks!

Chapter Name	Contestant	First Name	Last Name	Field 1	Field 2	Field 3	Homesite	OD	Individual	Team Total	Rank
Buffalo Creek MS	23*	Kaycee	Kirby	9	27	42	64	50	192	544	1
Buffalo Creek MS	22	John	Keen	15	33	27	52	50	177	544	
Buffalo Creek MS	24	Duniyah	Morkus	33	36	12	44	50	175	544	
Buffalo Creek MS	21	Ciara	Cannon	12	42	15	46	50	165	544	

Go Hawks!



Three Buffalo Creek Middle School students were surprised by Director of Transportation Gary Sawyer on 4-12. The young artists were given awards from the Florida Association for Pupil Transportation for winning FAPT's annual poster contest. Kayla B. (1st place), Cheney M. (2nd place) and Jordyn K. (3rd place) are seen here with art teacher Tatiana Hernandez and Principal Bradley Scarbrough #WeManatee



Girls volleyball team, Led by Coach Rodd, is on fire this season GO HAWKS!

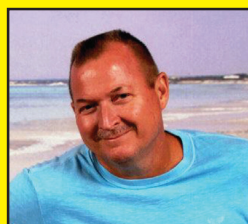


The accolades achieved by Buffalo Creek FFA members keep coming. On Tuesday April 20th, members traveled to Gainesville to compete in the State Finals of the Forestry Career Development Event. Team members are required to identify trees, insect, forest tool, complete a compass and pacing course, estimate timber yield and take a test about Florida forestry. For the first time in the history of the Buffalo Creek FFA, members placed 1st in the state for this contest. Team members included Ashley McIlwaine, Ciara Cannon, Hailey Lingle, and Nicole Weckesser. Great job girls!

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Czech Republic CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

who wanted to visit this bridge. True to form, I opted for some postcards of the views, a local restaurant, and a glass of wine. It was a long walk to the Bastei and after a long walk back, we boarded the buses and headed for the Czech Republic and Prague, the "City of 100 Spires".

We crossed the Elbe River, left Germany, and entered the Czech Republic. Since the Czech Republic is part of The European Union, there are no border guards or passport checks. They had planned to adopt the Euro in 2012, but that has been postponed indefinitely and the currency remains the Crown. We'll need to find an ATM. It's a four hour ride to Prague through rolling farmland, and after you've seen a couple of miles of fields you've seen 'em all, so I thought I would give you a little history.

The Czech Republic lies in the middle of Central Europe and shares borders with Germany, Poland, Austria, and Slovakia. It is made up of two regions, Bohemia to the west

and Moravia to the east. Its early history saw a succession of different rulers as various tribes or empires conquered, pillaged and plundered each other. Things settled down a bit in the 10th century when Bohemia/Moravia became a part of the Holy Roman Empire. By the 13th century, partly due to the discovery of large silver deposits, Bohemia was the richest and most powerful state within the Empire. Prague became the imperial capital and the seat of an archdiocese. The first University north of the Alps was founded, a new royal palace was constructed, and a stone bridge was built spanning the Vltava River. Work was also started on St. Vitus Cathedral. This period became known as Bohemia's "Golden Age". In the 16th century the country became part of the Hapsburg Empire and in the 19th century it was annexed by the Austria-Hungarian Empire. During WW I the Czechs and the Slovaks rebelled against the empire and fought for the allies. In 1918 as a reward for

their efforts an independent Czechoslovakia was formed with Prague as its capital. Their freedom didn't last very long. In 1938 Hitler seized a large portion of the country as a result of the infamous Munich agreement, and in 1939 he made the country a German Protectorate. The Nazi occupation followed with all of its horrors. The Soviet Army liberated Czechoslovakia in 1945 and the country remained under Communist rule until 1989, when they again declared their independence. There had always been some cultural tension between the Czech's and the Slovak's and on January 1, 1993 they decided to peacefully go their separate ways and the Czech Republic was established. The Czech's became mem-

bers of NATO in 1999 and joined the European Union in 2004. What a history! Next time, Prague.



Manatee Rare Fruit Council Fruit Tree Sale May 16th, 2021

by Raleigh Barnes, Manatee Rare Fruit Council

It’s that time of the year again... time to get your list together, pull out the ‘ole wheelbarrow or plant cart, and head for the Manatee Rare Fruit Council’s Fruit Tree Sale!

Once again, more than 5,000 trees will be on display for your selection. Nurserymen and women from all over the state will bring their best selections, and all of their helpful knowledge. It’s a unique opportunity to buy everything from the reliable standards to rare plants you won’t find elsewhere — all in one place, all on one day, all in a huge outdoor area!

So, mark your calendar for Sunday, May 16th, at our NEW venue, the Premier Sports Campus at 5895 Post Blvd, Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211. The

doors will open at 9:00 AM and close at 3:00 PM. View map here!

If you have had a hard time finding that one plant or tree you really desired, fear no more! According to many buyers this is that one show where you can find everything you need! We also heard from the southeastern Agricultural Agent that the Manatee Rare Fruit Council’s sale is the largest one-day fruit plant sale in this entire region! Think of it as one-stop shopping for all your fruiting plant needs. We can’t wait to see you!

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Junior Leadership Manatee Announces 42 Graduates

The Junior Leadership Manatee board is excited to announce the 2020-21 graduates of the year-long program that gives high-school juniors who live in or attend school in Manatee County the opportunity to get an inside view of the community.

During the school year, on days when the School District of Manatee County is closed, students participate in the following themed days: *Government & Law, Health & Human Needs, Media, Agriculture & Land Use, Culture & Recreation and Business & Industry*. Normally traveling by bus, the students connect with local leaders, explore potential careers and learn about community challenges, needs and resources related to healthcare, hunger, domestic violence, substance abuse, homelessness, animal welfare, agriculture, land use, manufacturing, tourism, recreation and the media.

The program culminates with a graduation dinner in which they can invite their parents. This year’s dinner was held on April 15 at Pier 22. Students are presented with graduation plaques and enjoy a keynote speaker. This year it was John Horne, Owner and President of the Anna Maria Oyster Bar, who shared how he turned around some of his early school issues and other challenges into a long and successful restaurant career—now with four locations and over 350 employees and numerous awards. Most recently, Horne received the Leadership Florida Impact Award (2019) and the National Restaurant Association’s Educational Foundation Restaurant Neighbor Award (2018).

Although this past year presented challenges with several organizations that have been regular touring places not able to grant tours due to their COVID guidelines, the students were still able to tour the following:

- Manatee County Jail
 - Salvation Army
 - Humane Society of Manatee
 - Bishop Museum
 - Hope Family Services
 - Johnson Preserve at Braden River
 - Dakin Dairy
 - Manatee Performing Arts Center
- Waterside Town Center
 - Jones Potato Farm
 - Suncoast Blood Center
 - Bradenton Area Convention Center
 - Hampton Inn
 - Easterseals
 - Operation EcoVets
 - LECOM

Kelly Foster, Junior Leadership Manatee 2019-21 Chair, who works for Manatee County Neighborhood

Services, thinks the students still got a lot out of the program because of the consistently high-ranking on-line surveys that the board distributes to the students after each program day, as well as verbal comments and overall high rates of participation on program days.

“Our program facilitators worked really hard to find alternative touring places and ways to keep the students engaged. We continue to receive several comments via the surveys and verbally from students who appreciated being a part of the program. Several are interested in continuing being a part of JLM by submitting their interest to be considered a student board member for the upcoming class. JLM students have the advantage of making connections with various organizations and individuals, which is valuable in and of itself, because they have actual resources to turn to in order to gain firsthand knowledge about their career interests and ways to contribute to our community,” said Foster.

Jemmo Joseph of Manatee High, 2020-21, said Junior Leadership Manatee was one of the greatest experiences of his life.

“I was introduced to many new organizations I never heard of before that help improve Manatee County every day. I was able to make new connections and make long-lasting friendships with both students and adults alike. Overall, I learned essential ideals that make a Leader who they are and the hardships they face every day. Through Junior Leadership Manatee, I now know a lot more of what it takes to be a true Leader and some things it takes to improve myself and those around me,” said Joseph.

Junior Leadership Manatee, which is made up entirely of volunteers, is fully funded by sponsorships. The Early Learning Coalition of Manatee is the organization’s Premier Sponsor. In addition to ELC, this year’s program was made possible by the following sponsors: Leadership Manatee Alumni Association, Joy FM, Children’s World, Mission Neem, Core Construction and the Sons of the American Legion (Kirby Stewart Squadron 24). To find out more about various available sponsorship opportunities, email chair@juniorleadershipmanatee.org. To find out more about the program, go to juniorleadershipmanatee.org, and follow them on Instagram and Facebook [@juniorleadershipmanatee](https://www.facebook.com/juniorleadershipmanatee).

About Junior Leadership Manatee: Junior Leadership is designed for teens interested in becoming future leaders by enhancing their knowledge of community resources, current issues and other factors influencing the direction of Manatee County’s future. Throughout the program participants gain special access to local businesses, government, agricultural and media staples in our community and learn what career and employment opportunities are available in our county. For any public relations questions, please contact Kelly Foster at kellyfostermat@gmail.com, visit juniorleadershipmanatee.org and follow them on Facebook and Instagram [@juniorleadershipmanatee](https://www.facebook.com/juniorleadershipmanatee).



Group Picture From Graduation Dinner (APR 15, 2021): Left to Right, Back Row: Ariana Majano (LWR), Keile O’Dell (Manatee), Colin Heina (Palmetto), Arianna Longo (Palmetto), Surain Ranajee (LWR), Seth Radebach (SCFCS), Logan Kliewer (Bradenton Christian), Jemmo Joseph (Manatee), Harrison Bakker (SCFCS), Toddrick Pollock (Southeast), Denny Lu (Manatee), Madeline Hume (Palmetto), Riley Williams (Palmetto) Second row: Caleigh Herman (LWR), Rayline Waldin (SCFCS), Taylor Rowland (Bradenton Christian), Luke Steiner (SCFCS), Marc Farinas (SCFCS), Jhonny J Lopez (SCFCS), Elaine Yantas (SCFCS), Aleta Alvin (SCFCS), Madison Koutsoudis (SCFCS), Jessica Burdette (Manatee) Front Row: Carlye Pepe (Palmetto), Aksharaa Praveenkumar (LWR), Alina Chacko (Southeast), Mallory Stroud (Southeast), John Horne (Anna Maria Oyster Bar Owner), Toddrick Pollock (Southeast), Gavin Andrews (Southeast) and Coral Bell (Palmetto)

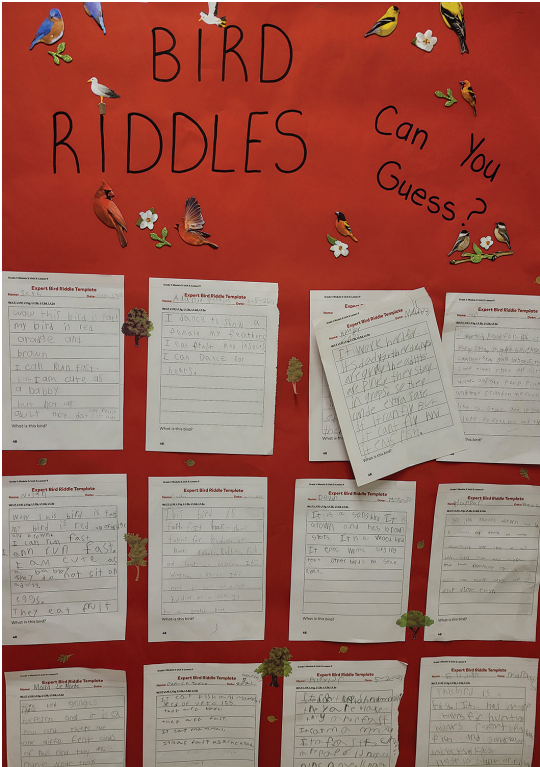
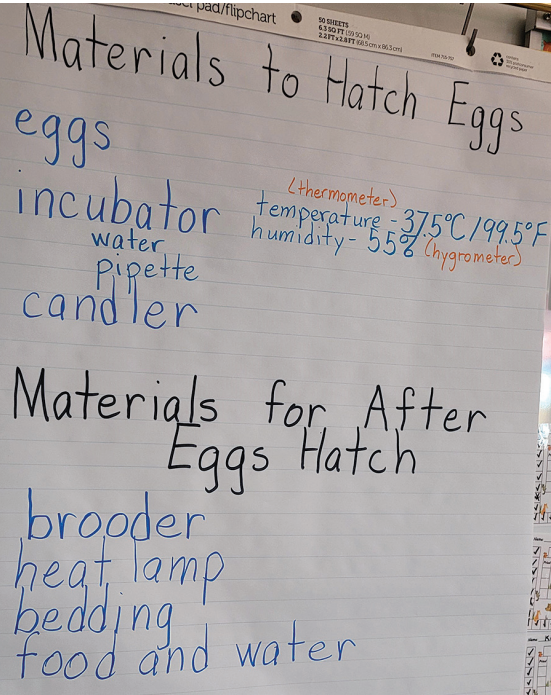
Not Pictured: Hannah Agliano (Parrish), Maddy Boehm (St. Stephen’s), Hannah Camacho (Bradenton Christian), Jackson Connor (St. Stephen’s), Ariel Gates (Southeast), Lindsay Karuza (SCFCS), Jocelyn Leal (Manatee), Caroline Lehman (Manatee), Brianna Myers (Bradenton Christian), Hannah Pickhardt (Bradenton Christian), Sienna Rodriguez (Braden River).

Parrish Charter Academy



Student Eggs-perts at Parrish Charter Academy

PCA 1st grade students have been building their literacy skills by engaging in an in-depth study of birds. In their unit of study, *Amazing Birds and Their Bodies*, they focused first on, “What makes a bird a bird?” The students built background knowledge about birds through various texts, participated in a cycle of reading, talking, and representing (through scientific drawing, writing, role-playing, music, and movement). For their



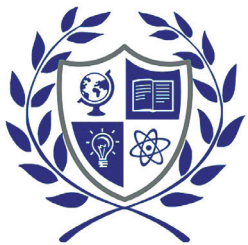
hatching to Cornell Lab of Ornithology; excitingly placing Parrish Charter Academy on the map! They also plan on participating in their special birding event on Global Big Day, May 8th. In the meantime, students have been anxiously awaiting their next batch of eggs.....laying cozy in their class incubators, PCA’s 1st grade classes are caring for Turkey, Duck and Chicken eggs. No doubt that Experiential Learning is the most engaging way to learn!



performance task, students created Expert Bird Riddle Cards and Expert Bird Scientific Drawing cards for a riddle matching game using facts from their research (as seen in pictures). They just entered their next unit of deeper study on birds with specific emphasis on teaching students specific habits of character (“contributing to a better world”) that will help them make a difference in the world around them.

In this module, they deepen their literacy skills and build citizenship. Specifically, students explore the module guiding question: “Why should we care about birds?” Students participate in close read alouds, structured discussions, and response to text through writing as they compare and contrast the characters’ experience in these stories. Also central to this unit is students’ work with the habits of character from their previous unit including empathy- which is central to respectfully listening to, responding to, and sharing opinions.

Not only did PCA students observe a Killdeer bird lay 4 eggs on their soccer field, but they took it a step further and with the help of 1st grade Team Lead, Ms. Knight, they reported their



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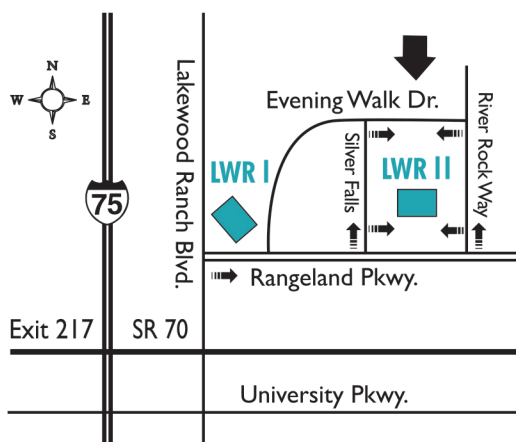
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The social distancing and stay-at-home orders necessitated by the coronavirus have led many of us to feel isolated. Still, we've fought back through social media, "virtual" gatherings and walks in the neighborhood, where we could greet friends and neighbors (from 6 feet away). But when you're dealing with the financial effects of the virus and you're investing alone, you could encounter some problems that may prove costly.

Of course, with so much investment-related information available online, on television and in any number of periodicals, it's not surprising that some people feel they can invest without any assistance. But the volatility of the financial markets over the past few months has also pointed to the dangers of going solo in the investment world. And you might find that a professional financial advisor can help you in several ways, including the following:

Taking emotions out of investing. During this period of market turbulence, many self-guided investors are letting their emotions drive their investment decisions. As a result, they sell investments when their price is down, "locking in" their losses. Furthermore, if they then stay out of the financial markets, they will miss out on the eventual recovery – and some of the biggest gains in market rallies usually occur right at the beginning. But if you work with a financial advisor who has helped you develop a personalized investment strategy based on your goals, risk tolerance and time horizon, you will be far less likely to react to extreme market conditions by making ill-advised decisions.

Maintaining perspective. When you're putting away money for the future and you suddenly have a lot less of it, you might start to wonder if that future is somehow in jeopardy. But if you've been working with a financial advisor and following your investment strategy, you'll know that you don't have to immediately cash out those investments that have lost value, and you may not need to liquidate them for decades if they were designed for a long-term goal, such as retirement. By the time you do need to sell them, their value may well have appreciated significantly. And if you've got a well-constructed portfolio, you'll also own shorter-term, less volatile investments to help meet your current cash flow needs.

Understanding the history of investing. The recent market instability is unique in the sense that its cause – a worldwide pandemic – is so highly unusual, and it hopefully will be a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Typically, prolonged market

downturns are triggered by explainable financial or economic factors, such as the bursting of the "dot-com" bubble in 2000. However, market drops of 20 percent or more – generally referred to as bear markets – are not at all unusual and have happened every few years over the past several decades. Financial advisors are well aware of this history and share it with their clients. And for many people, the knowledge that "we've been here before" is reassuring and makes it easier for them to continue following their investment strategies.

The road to your financial goals is a long one, with many twists and turns. So you might like to have some experienced company along the way.

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Six Reasons Why Kids are the PB to Pets' Jelly

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If you're a parent you may be a little wary of the idea of adding two or more feet, claws, or paws to your household. Parenting can keep you busy enough without worrying about cleaning out bird cages or changing the kitty litter. Accepting the responsibility of caring for another life is a big decision, but let's consider the paw-sitive results of saying yes to the pet!

1. Did you know that having a pet at home could benefit you and your family physically? Studies have shown that children who grow up in homes with animals have statistically less risk of developing allergic reactions later in life.

Other advantages include lower blood pressure, less risk of heart disease, and minimizing medical concerns means fewer trips to the doctor!

2. Having an animal can encourage a more active lifestyle. Playing fetch, tug of war; even walking the dog could become part of a low impact fitness routine the whole family can participate in. Having a pet can stimulate the urge to play, resulting in an increase in physical activity. Kids with pets go outside more often promoting an active lifestyle that can follow them through to adulthood.
3. Though smaller children should be monitored around animals, as they get older they can take on more of a leadership role. Exercising the pet, checking food and water levels, cleaning up after them; these examples are some ways a child can participate in "raising" their pet while simultaneously learning about responsibility along the way.
4. Children want to take part in caring for their pets; showing keen interest in finding out how to keep them safe and content. That bond helps foster children who are more empathetic towards animals and humans alike. Accountability and positive reinforcement do wonders towards creating more confident, patient, and respectful young people.
5. Growing up with a pet acts as an opportunity to teach about miraculous things like reproduction and birth, as well as some of the less pleasant lessons such a death and bereavement.
6. Overall, pets make kids happy. Their connection with their pets can increase serotonin, reduce stress levels, and help stave off loneliness. Amiable pet relationships encourage the development of trust. Some children confide in their pets, knowing that their private thoughts and feelings are safe. The unconditional love a pet provides can help a lot if a child is upset.

Finding the right pet for your family might take some time, and our staff at Leo&Lucky's would be glad to help however we can. After all, supporting lifestyles that feature happy, healthy pets is kind of our thing, and we're not *kitten* around. Adoptable local pets can be found at Petfinder.org or at your local Humane Society, County Animal Services, and rescue groups!

May Events Leo&Lucky's

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Saturday, May 8th - Anesthesia-Free Doggy Dental Cleanings (by appointment only, call 941.776.0770 to schedule)
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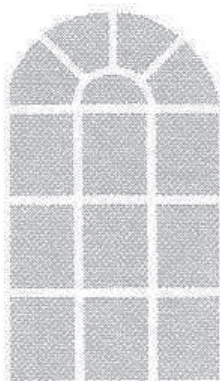
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Congratulations Braden River Soccer Club Girls U18

Congratulations to these eight dynamic soccer players who have played for the Braden River Soccer Club Girls U18, Braden River Rage. All eight girls have been signed to play Collegiate Soccer!! The Braden River Soccer Club is located by Lakewood Ranch High School and players come from all local areas.

Ashton Pennell and Lauren Ragazzone have signed with UWF, Kiki Slattery signed with UNF, Madelyn Krause signed with Ave Maria University, Kaylee Cooper and Haylee Woodhouse both signed with Warner University and Addison Chamberlain signed with Converse College.

Way to go and good luck!!
For more information about Braden River Soccer Club visit their website: Braden River Soccer Club | 2021/2022 Competitive Soccer Tryouts at bradenriversoccer.org



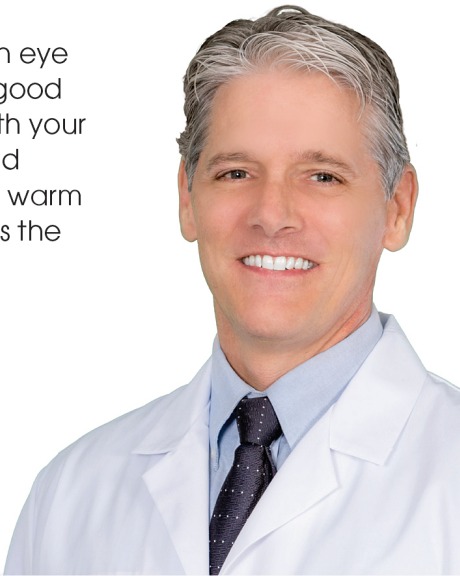
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Announcements From The UF/IFAS Manatee County Extension Service!

The following is a listing of the May 2021 upcoming webinars, events, and nature tours presented by the University of Florida/IFAS Manatee County Extension located at 1303 17th Street West in Palmetto. To register for any of our webinars, events, and nature tours please visit our website at <http://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/manatee/> or call (941) 722-4524 for assistance.

May 01, 2021 and May 15, 2021

Master Gardener Volunteer Mobile Plant Clinic - Christ Episcopal Church

Visit our mobile plant clinic located at Christ Episcopal Church, 4030 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton. Hours are 10AM - 2PM. Master Gardener Volunteers are available to share their horticulture knowledge and assist with plant questions. We've Got a Good Thing Growing!



May 03, 2021

Home Composting Webinar and Composting for Compost-a-Thon!

In celebration of International Compost Awareness Week (May 2-8) please join us on May 3 from 10:30AM - 11:30 AM for a virtual home composting class to learn why composting is important.

Then collect your compostable scraps from May 3rd-8th and bring in a bag to Manatee County Extension (1303 17th St. W. Palmetto 34221) on Saturday May 8th from 9-11AM as we partner with Sunshine Community Compost's Compost-a-Thon to see how much compostable material we can divert from the landfill this week! Grow, Eat... COMPOST...Repeat

May 06, 2021 and May 20, 2021

Master Gardener Volunteer Mobile Plant Clinic -St. George's Episcopal Church

Visit our new mobile plant clinic located at St. George's Episcopal Church, 912 63rd Ave. West, Bradenton. Hours are 9AM - 12PM. Master Gardener Volunteers are available to share their horticulture knowledge and assist with plant questions. We've Got a Good Thing Growing!

May 08, 2021

Riverview Pointe Preserve/DeSoto National Memorial Nature and Plant ID Tour

Join the Manatee County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers from 9AM-11AM on an educational nature walk. Casually stroll through to enjoy the beautiful Riverview Pointe Preserve and learn about Florida's native plants and inhabitants of a coastal environment. Suitable for all ages. Tour begins in the parking area of DeSoto National Memorial Park and enters Riverview Pointe Preserve.

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May 11, 2021

Mushroom Series-Amazing Mushrooms

Join the University of Florida/IFAS Extension from 11:30AM to 1PM for an interactive presentation on mushrooms. This is the second in a three-part webinar series covering: Mushroom Biology (April 20th), Amazing Mushrooms (May 11th) and Mushroom Identification Techniques (May 27th). Amazing Mushrooms will cover human uses past, present, and future. Focusing on the known and currently researched applications of mushrooms in medicine, industry, and culture.

May 15, 2021

Rye Preserve Nature Tour

Join the Manatee County Extension Master Gardener Volunteers on an educational stroll from 9AM-11AM. Take a hike through upland habitats along the beautiful Rye Branch and learn about Florida's native plants, natural history, and early settlement of the area. Suitable for all ages.

May 26, 2021

Florida-Friendly Landscaping for Pollinators Webinar

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Contact: Deina (941) 722-4524 ext: 1828 or deina.brinker@mymanatee.org for further class information. Minimum class size required, or class will be cancelled. Registered attendees will be notified.

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This webinar will provide you with the tools necessary to begin your own search for mushrooms, whether in your backyard or on a mushroom expedition. You will learn how to identify habitat, growth, fruiting season, and learn how to safely harvest mushrooms for identification purposes.

Jun 01, 2021

Tree Care for Hurricane Season

Join our Residential Horticulture Agent from 12PM to 1PM in a discussion regarding the do's and don'ts of prepping your trees for hurricane season. *Are you prepared?*



News from Harvey Elementary School


Our Harvey Harmony choral group performed on “the big stage” with our friends at Parrish Community High School. Some of our students got to participate in the bubble show, which was a huge success! Our sharks really learned some neat tricks. Harvey’s Second Grade Team had a Fairy Land transformation for their unit of study, even the students got to dress up for the fun week! Our fifth graders are working on their synchronized swimming unit and put on a small practice session for all who passed by. AMISTAD takes the house cup once again, but not after our House Cup Challenge, a fishing tournament (without water, boats, fishing poles, or live fish)!

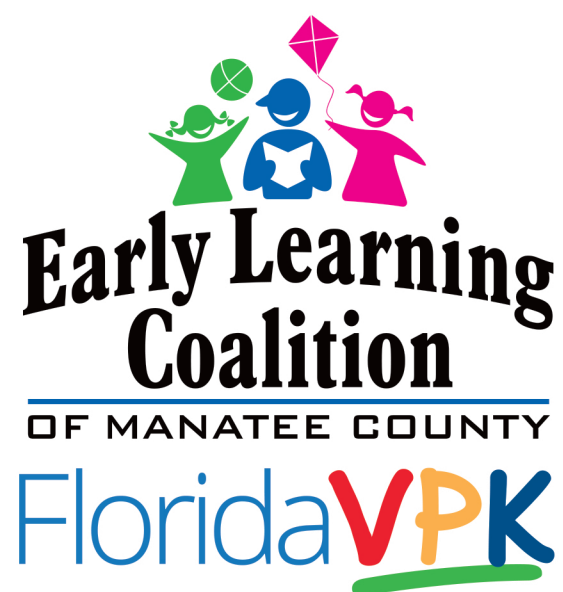


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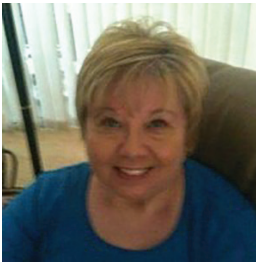


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Useful Tips when working with a Recruitment Agency



When I originally started the recruiting leg of my business, I wanted to stand out from other recruitment agencies. Keeping this in mind, what I really tried to do was contact the candidates whom I or my staff had interviewed and make sure that we left them with a positive customer service experience. I did this because I felt that the one thing that would help HR Pros, LLC stand out from a candidate standpoint would be great customer service. This was also solidified by the fact that when I asked candidates if they had a positive experience with other recruitment firms, 90 % of them said no. The reason was fairly universal: The Recruiters would call them and be “Gung Ho” about the job they were promoting but would not get back to them with any follow-up leaving the candidate without closure and feeling like the agency was only interested in them as a dollar figure. In other words, that the agency focused on providing good customer service to the companies that paid their fee but dropped the ball on customer service to the candidates who in my opinion are owed the courtesy of a follow-up call. Too many recruiters, it appears, are reluctant to tell the candidate they would not be considered for the job when the hiring manager selected another candidate. Instead of getting back to the candidate, many recruiters would just not give the candidate the courtesy of the truth (even though it was a rejection and hard to hear, it is the right thing for a recruiter to do). At HR Pros, LLC, we make every effort to engage with our candidates and to make sure we let them know if we have submitted them to a position and what the outcome is if any. Anyone that we engage with and submit to a position will hear back from us swiftly and specifically about their candidacy. Our corporate clients appreciate our follow-up with candidates as well. It just makes good business sense.

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 3. We ask them to keep in touch with us. If they change jobs, we want to follow their careers so that we can keep them in mind for future positions. We let our candidates know that by registering with HR Pros, LLC, we consider them part of the Staffing agency family and we take a personal approach as well as a business approach with our candidates.

In summary, 3rd party recruiters can be good or bad just like any business entity. I have found that treating our candidates special and on par to the way we treat our clients goes a long way in making for a great 3rd party recruitment firm.

Deb Sutton is CEO and Founder of HR pros, LLC a Parrish, FL woman owned business that specializes in Recruitment, Career Coaching and HR Consulting.



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Parrish Fire District Partnership

On Friday, April 23rd the Parrish Fire District in partnership with Florida Forest Service (DOF) along with a handful of probationary firefighters from Duette Fire Rescue, conducted a live brush fire training burn of approximately ten acres of dense and very parched overgrowth.

This multi-company, unified command scenario covered a variety of command and operational components, wildland firefighting techniques, and coordinated fire attacks with brush units, wildland safety for firefighters, fire behavior, radio communications and coordination, water supply resource management and operational and situational awareness.

Firefighters from each company were intermingled together to form two divisions in working the fire lines in a managed and synchronized manner allowing each organization to work together.

The Parrish Fire District would like to thank Michael Keegan, Area Supervisor and Captain Jason Guthrie for organizing and executing this essential training that not only allowed our District to provide this essential training to both Parrish and Duette recruits, but to reinforce our wonderful cooperation with the Florida Forest Service each year as we anticipate dryer seasons in future and look forward to protecting our residents.





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Tampa Bay Tarpon Fishing Steels Spotlight for May!

Capt. Jason Prieto

May is yet another great month to fish. You really get to see what Tampa Bay has to offer; from the backcountry and flats all the way into the Gulf of Mexico. It's some of the best all-aroundbest fishing of the year. It's hard to really know what fish to target but Tarpon fishing this month edges out just about any other fish. The Silver King will be running the beaches, passes, bridges and outer flats of Tampa Bay. It's time for some Tarpon fishing.!

Tarpon are one of my favorite fish to put clients on. There is nothing more rewarding than to have clients come all the way across the United States to get the Silver King checked off of their bucket list! Its nice to be the guy to put them on one! It's one of those fish you just have to catch and once you get your first fish boat side you will be hooked. Tarpon are one of the hardest fish to hook and even harder to land .Fifty percent of fish hooked get off because of there acrobatic jumps and freakish power. You will have to do EVERYTHING right to stand a chance to get your trophy in for a picture. I have spent years studying the Silver King and have had the pleasure of working with some of the premier Tarpon guides in the bay over my 16 years of guiding to become an accomplished Tarpon guide. It's not something everybody does and you have to love it and put your time in because it's some of the most advanced inshore fishing Here are a few tips to get you started Tarpon fishing.

Gear is the first thing!. I see so many people fishing the passes and the tackle is typically too small. This is bad for you because you are going to lose most fish you hook and also bad for the fish because you will fight that Tarpon nearly to death. Heavy spinning gear is the best choice for Tampa Bay. I love the Tsunami 5000 reels matched with the 8 foot St Croix tidewater 40l rods, They hold up the the biggest of fish and have plenty of backbone and drag to land the fish. 50 to 65 lb Ohero Braided line matched with 60lb Ohero fluorocarbon leader and a Daiichi 5/0 circle hook. Knots are also VERY important; I like to use a double uni- knot for line to leader and single Uni from leader to hook. You will also add strength with a Spider hitch on you main line. This sounds like a simple rig and it is but always remembers that you are stressing this tackle to its max and sometimes beyond, so you don't have a lot of room for error.

Finding Tarpon is not too hard as they have oxygen bladders and breach the surface periodically to gulp air. This makes it easier than other species to see from a distance and also to read from what direction they are moving. Areas to look this time of year are no big secrets as fish typically run parallel to the beaches and drop off into deeper water on the passes and bridges. Timing is everything and knowing what these fish do around the moon phases will determine you level of success. Knowing where the fish are going versus where they have been will be a great model to base your Tarpon fishing stage. Typically during New and Full Moons are the most productive times as the tides flow is the strongest during these periods of the month. Fishing those strong outgoing tides with pass crabs are of best way to target Tarpon. These pass crabs can be found floating with the outgoing tides on the moon phases mentioned above. Free lined or sometimes using a small split shot to keep the crab down will be a simple but effective way that works. When drifting the passes it is always very important to make sure you make full drifts of the pass The key to Tarpon fishing starts with a good drift. You can't catch fish if you're not on them. Another great idea is to use your bottom finder in the deeper passes to locate fish that are deep. I have become a better Tarpon guide simply from the use of Technology from my Lowrance HDS 12 with the structure scan and side imaging. This lets you see the school and how far out you are from the fish. It's the little things like this that will help you catch more fish.

Beach fishing is another great way to catch tarpon and there is no better thrill then sight casting tarpon on the beach at sunrise. Water depths are typically shallow so using free lined bait or a Cajun Thunder Magnum heavy duty float works great. This is also a great time to use the trolling motor as the shallow water depths tend to make these fish a bit spooky. As mentioned above the technology of today makes things easier and helps us catch more fish. I have become a better Tarpon fisherman thanks to my Rhodan trolling motor and its GPS anchor technology. It enables you to stay with the school easier and keeps the bait in the school. Remember beach fishing has become very popular and with popularity comes boat traffic and lots of fisherman. If we all do things right and respect one another we will all catch more fish. If



you come across someone fishing a school of fish just move to the next or try to work together on that school of fish. We will all win in the end. Best tip I can give you is to book a Tarpon trip with a Tarpon guide. No matter who you hire you will learn more 6 hours than you will learn the entire season on your own Tarpon fishing is not rocket science but knowing the tricks will be what puts fish to the boat. If you would like to get out for some Tarpon fishing I'm a full time guide and work hard for all my clients. You can reach me at 813-727-9890 or www.steadyactionfishingcharters.com

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As previously reported, our business is in pure chaos right now. New listings are flying off the shelves so to speak, with new construction, and even some DIY projects, seeing the squeeze due to people and materials shortages throughout the nation. Now, perhaps more than ever before, you need an agent with outstanding negotiating and organizational skills.

From the day you sign your listing agreement, to the day you close, have a plan in place. An experienced agent can help you with this. Without a plan, there is no roadmap to pivot from when things don’t go as smoothly as they were predicted. That day you are scheduled to close? Iffy at best. Paperwork delay? You might as well count on it as a possibility. For buyers, it can be frustrating dealing with lenders that promise the moon but are short on staff and can’t really fulfill the high demand.

Alternate plans are a smart tactic to adopt early and often. Suppose your house closes on time but you experience hiccups when it comes to moving into your new purchase. Where will you live in the meantime? Where will you store your belongings? Do you have pets? Where will they stay? What if the delay stretches from days, to weeks, to months? Do you have a cash reserve? Yes, make a plan. Yes, hope for the best. But, understand that a delay, isn’t a “no” but rather a “maybe we need to change direction” indicator.

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But guess what? We are preparing to put our plan “B” (Breathe) into action! While we had hoped to relocate by mid-May, updates and repairs to our new “home” dictate we’ll need to pivot and work from a temporary location while the dust settles. And because we said “maybe” and we kept our plan realistic, we’ve yielded a fun alternative. We’ll be making a cute little 1920’s fixer-upper in downtown Parrish our home base for a while...at least until we can invite you to our permanent location on the Manatee River.

As always thank you for the opportunity to help our friends and neighbors in the community we love. Stay tuned for more, not-so-subtle, hints from our team and grab that pen and paper. Make your plan “B” today. Just breathe...



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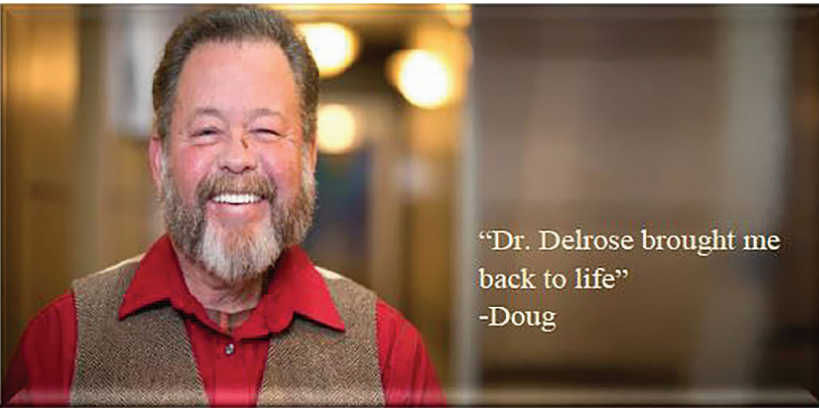
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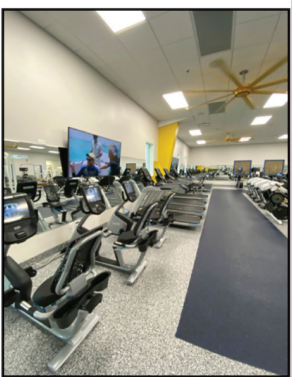
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Small Business Outlook

The Mission of Parrish Professionals Inc. is to promote new and existing businesses in the Parrish area through networking, education and referrals while contributing to the economic growth of the Parrish community. We have been blessed with having partnered with SCORE for the educational growth of our organization. SCORE has come out yearly to talk to our members and our members have personal success stories thanks to this relationship.

Our speaker, A.J. Velazquez, is a senior Human Enterprise Development executive and Business Coach with more than 25 years of success building and maintaining human enterprise and cross-cultural operations worldwide.

Fluent in English, Spanish, and Portuguese, he received his graduate and post-graduate education while serving in the AF. A.J. is considered a Subject Matter Expert (SME) in Latin American political, cultural and security affairs. He retired from the USAF after 23 yrs of service in 2009, and continued serving his country in different capacities as a Department of Defense (DoD)

civilian, National Defense Contractor, and Independent Contractor/Consultant for Latin American Affairs and Business Development.

A.J. is passionate about developing powerful, enduring and value-added relationships with all stakeholders across the corporate and public sectors.

The Manasota Chapter of SCORE covers Manatee and Sarasota counties in Florida and has over 75 volunteers locally to assist you with Education and Mentoring on a wide range of business issues. They are a non-profit resource partner of the Small Business Administration. This chapter is part of an organization of over 10,500 volunteers with 389 offices across the nation. SCORE provides a number of workshops during the year to assist with business startup, business management or growth and business promotions.

SCORE also provides FREE MENTORING at a number of locations in Manatee and Sarasota Counties.



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Answers to May Trivia

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| 1. Emerald, symbolizes success and love | 10. Catherine the Great |
| 2. Spring is in full bloom for the Romans in May, and this month is named after Maia – a goddess of growing plants. | 11. Queen Victoria |
| 3. May in the Northern Hemisphere is similar to November in the Southern Hemisphere | 12. Taurus and Gemini |
| 4. In Old English May is called the “month of three milkings” referring to a time when the cows could be milked three times a day. | 13. Lei Day |
| 5. May the 4th is celebrated as Star Wars day, due to the way the date sounds similar to “May the Force.” | 14. May is National Burger Month |
| 6. Every year there is a particular meteor shower in May called the Eta Aquariids meteor shower. This meteor shower passes by Earth between April 19 and May 28. | 15. Back in the day in Europe, it wasn’t a good May if you didn’t celebrate it with a maypole. |
| 7. The Empire State Building opened its doors on May 1, 1931. At the point of its construction, it held the record for being the tallest building in the world | 16. The date is observed to commemorate the Mexican Army’s victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862 |
| 8. May is a pretty good month for US presidents. Every other month of the year, at least one US president has died, but never in May! | 17. There’s the Cornish superstition that buying a new broom in May is unlucky. Oh, and apparently, you shouldn’t wash any blankets either! |
| 9. May actually has two birth flowers – the Lily-of-the-Valley and the Hawthorn. The Hawthorn flower is a symbol of hope, while the Lily-of-the-Valley represents the return of happiness and sweetness. | 18. May was once considered an incredibly ill-omened time to get married. There’s an adage for it actually, which goes: “Marry in May and you’ll rue the day.” |
| | 19. Cheers |
| | 20. Phonograph |
| | 21. U.S. Post Office |
| | 22. Flush toilet |
| | 23. Kentucky Derby |
| | 24. The lawnmower |
| | 25. Joe DiMaggio |
| | 26. Bonnie and Clyde Barrow |
| | 27. The San Francisco Golden Gate bridge |
| | 28. “White Christmas” by Bing Crosby |
| | 29. Sir Edmund Hillary |
| | 30. Seinfeld |

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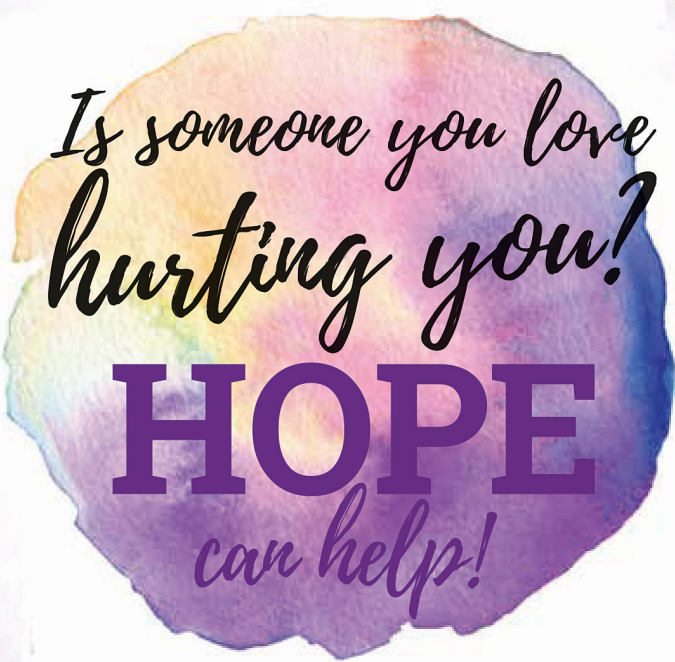
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- Thursday, May 13, 2021: 1:00 PM-7:00 PM, Esplanade at Artisan Lakes, 10730 Inglenook Terrace, Palmetto
- Saturday, May 22, 2021: 10:00 AM-3:00 PM, Lake Trevesta Club, 6021 Trevesta Place, Palmetto
- Sunday, May 23, 2021: 9:00 AM-2:00 PM, Holy Cross Church, 505 26th Street West, Palmetto
- Monday, May 24, 2021: 11:00 AM-5:00 PM, Shake Station, 4219 US 301 North, Ellenton
- Thursday, May 27, 2021: 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, Central Jail, A14470 Harlee Road, Palmetto
- Saturday, May 29, 2021: 11:00 AM-6:00 PM, Leo & Lucky's, 8943 US Highway 301 North, Parrish

PARRISH Arts COUNCIL News

by Nancy White, Parrish Arts Council

May ART Challenge

May Art Challenge theme is 'monochromatic or black and white. The medium is the artist choice'. What colors will we see being used for monochromatic or the fabulous values in black and white. What will you choose? All mediums and ages are invited to participate. We'd love to have you post your completed artwork on our Facebook page and tag #parrishartscouncil on Instagram. Express and share your creativity. You do not have to be a member to participate. We are looking forward to see what everyone shares. For more information, check out the Call to Artist link on our website. If you have an idea for a challenge, contact us, getinvolved@parrishartscouncil.org.



Photography by
Steven White "Chrome"
and "Grant's Canons"



Watercolor "Vase in 15
Minutes" by Nancy White



Exhibitions

The 'Karalee Hammes - Solo Exhibition' is currently at the Rocky Bluff Library until late June. Stop by and check out her artwork. If you are interested in any of the artwork, contact us or the artist directly.

"Open" exhibition is currently at the ComCenter at Lakewood Ranch until August 27th. Stop by during their normal business hours to see the awesome and talented local artists. Artwork may be purchased by contacting the artist. Thank you to the ComCenter for hosting. This is the 2nd year they have hosted.

Call To Artists

"Time & Space" is a youth exhibition for ages 8 - 18. The artwork will be a collage of the artist interpretation of "Time & Space". Mat board, scrap paper and instructions will be provided. They can use magazines, newspapers, calendars or photographs to create their artwork. To create the artwork, they will be cutting out, arranging, gluing and piecing together their scene to the mat board. They can work through their layout with the scrap paper. PAC will add a mat to the artwork and then display them at the Rocky Bluff Library. We only have space for 24 - 30 pieces of artwork and have 2 age groups.

Registration and details are on our website (parrishartscouncil.org) under the Call To Artist. Registration deadline is May 28th. Pick-up of supplies will be in June with a drop off of artwork by June 18th at the Rocky Bluff Library.

Spring Virtual Art Market! This will be an opportunity for artists to show and sell their artwork. The art market will be held on our Facebook page until May 7th. Head to the PCA Facebook page and check out the wonderful artwork for sale. Maybe you'll find something for mom. All sales will be done through the individual artists.

PAC Artfully Angels card collection! Each quarter we will be collecting handmade cards (photography counts) that we will be donating to a local nursing home for their residents. For the fourth quarter, focus on Holidays.

For more information check out our website.

Save The Date

ArtConversations! - May 26, 2021 from 6pm - 7pm via Google Meet. Please let us know if you have suggestions or want to teach a mini session during our ArtConversations!

Online Art Auction - coming this late April and early May. Artists will be able to post their artwork for sale or not. More details to come!

Call To Members

We are currently in the need of a volunteer secretary and volunteers to maintain our website and write our monthly PVN article.

We have so many talented members so don't forget to share your artwork and your works in progress on our Facebook Page and Instagram.

We are always looking for artists, volunteers, and sponsors that want to participate, learn, share and network with other artists and art enthusiasts. If you are interested, please contact the Parrish Arts Council at getinvolved@parrishartscouncil.org.

Artist's Tip of the Day

Learning the basics to drawing can be an essential step in improving your artwork. Drawing can be the foundation to understanding light, shading, composition and perspective. Be sure to add your tips to our Facebook Page. If you have any subjects you'd like to get tips on, ask us on Facebook or email us at getinvolved@parrishartscouncil.org

Members Benefits

There are many advantages to becoming a member of the Parrish Arts Council. **Opportunities to exhibit, ArtConversations!, sharing knowledge, meeting other artists, and keeping art in the community are just a few to mention.** Members also enjoy free or discounted participation in art activities throughout the year. Single **PAC Adult Memberships** are \$25 and single **PAC Youth Memberships** are \$15 with both being annually, January through December. More information regarding membership may be found on our website: parrishartscouncil.org

*Join the Parrish Arts Council
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"PAC will support local artists and cultivate an artistically inspired community."
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The Parrish Arts Council is a 501(c)3 non-profit serving Manatee County and the surrounding region since 2013.

North Manatee Soccer Club

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| U13 boys (2009) 6-8 | U15boys(2007) 7:00-8:30 |
| U14boys (2008) 7:00-8:30 | U12boys(2010) 6-8 |
| U16boys (2006) 6-8 | U12girls(2010) 6-8 |

Great CDL Showcase for our U15 Mutiny!

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Game 3: 2-0.

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- 2010 girls - 2nd place, FCL league
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Parrish Civic Association

Parrish Village News



Letter from the Editor

May 2021

This year is moving along quickly and another month has passed us by. The snowbirds have wound their way back north and the traffic on the roads has eased a little! The weather here in Parrish has been absolutely glorious but the hints of hot muggy days to come are already showing.

My husband and I got both our vaccinations with no adverse side effects (yay!) so we are hoping things will start returning to some semblance of normalcy. Don't forget according to the CDC, you still need to wear your mask in certain situations, even if you've been vaccinated. Be mindful of your fellow man... The vaccine does help cut down on transmissions, but case counts are still quite high, so it's best to continue to wear a mask until more are vaccinated.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in this wonderful community! My two children are grown now and have moved away, but I still remember breakfasts in bed and "coupons" for favors at a later date. May also has the Indianapolis 500 and the Kentucky Derby. And happy Memorial Day. Let's take a moment on May 31st to remember all the men and women who died while serving in the U.S. military.

In This Issue

The Trivia and special event section is back! Check out page 14 and test your trivia knowledge. Thank you so much Savitri Brant for finding the information for us. If there is anything else you would like to see in our pages, feel free to email me with suggestions.

We also received many interesting articles this month. First look to the cover story to learn all about the board of the Parrish Civic Association. Pretty fascinating group with many diverse backgrounds! And also on the cover, notice that the Business Spotlight section is back featuring a wonderful sounding kids camp.

Just a reminder, on page 6 is the community announcement page. We welcome any and all announcements including weddings, births, obituaries, and community events. We are looking to expand this section to more than one page, so send on the information!

We have several new feature writers including Michelle Philips who's article is on page 12 and don't miss the Rare Fruit and Nut announcement on page 26 along with the Junior League Manatee Graduates.

Are You Really Reading the PVN?

No one found the monkey last month. I thought it would be too simple so I guess I made it too hard! He was at the PCA table for the Heritage Day Festival and appears in the photo of Iris McClain waving, just off her right shoulder, hanging between the pictures.

So look again this month for "Minkey" hidden in a slightly more visible spot in the pages of this issue. Keep in mind, he's a tiny monkey, so he may be difficult to spot. The first person who sends me an email identifying his location, gets a free membership to the PCA for one year...

Read on and good luck!!

Tami Vaughan
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MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

IN TODAY'S WORLD, MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Have you ever asked yourself, "How can we get a particular business in the Parrish Proper area?" The PCA has worked diligently to have a lot of restrictions lifted with the county. How did that happen? Members working together for a common cause makes it happen. As the growth continues in Parrish and surrounding communities, this is the time to put your words into action. If our voice is loud and people grow together, changes can take place. It takes a village!! Please consider joining us to control the growth in the Village of Parrish.

YOUR VOICE WILL BE HEARD!

Thank you to all who have already joined with us in the past to get the traffic light at 675, Renaming the school to keep our identity as the community of PARRISH...

BE THE VOICE – BECOME A MEMBER

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- Parrish Village Force Main - Estimated 06-2021
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- Erie Rd/US 301 Realignment - Estimated Completion 12/2023
- 121st Ave E Improvements - Estimated Completion 12-2022
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