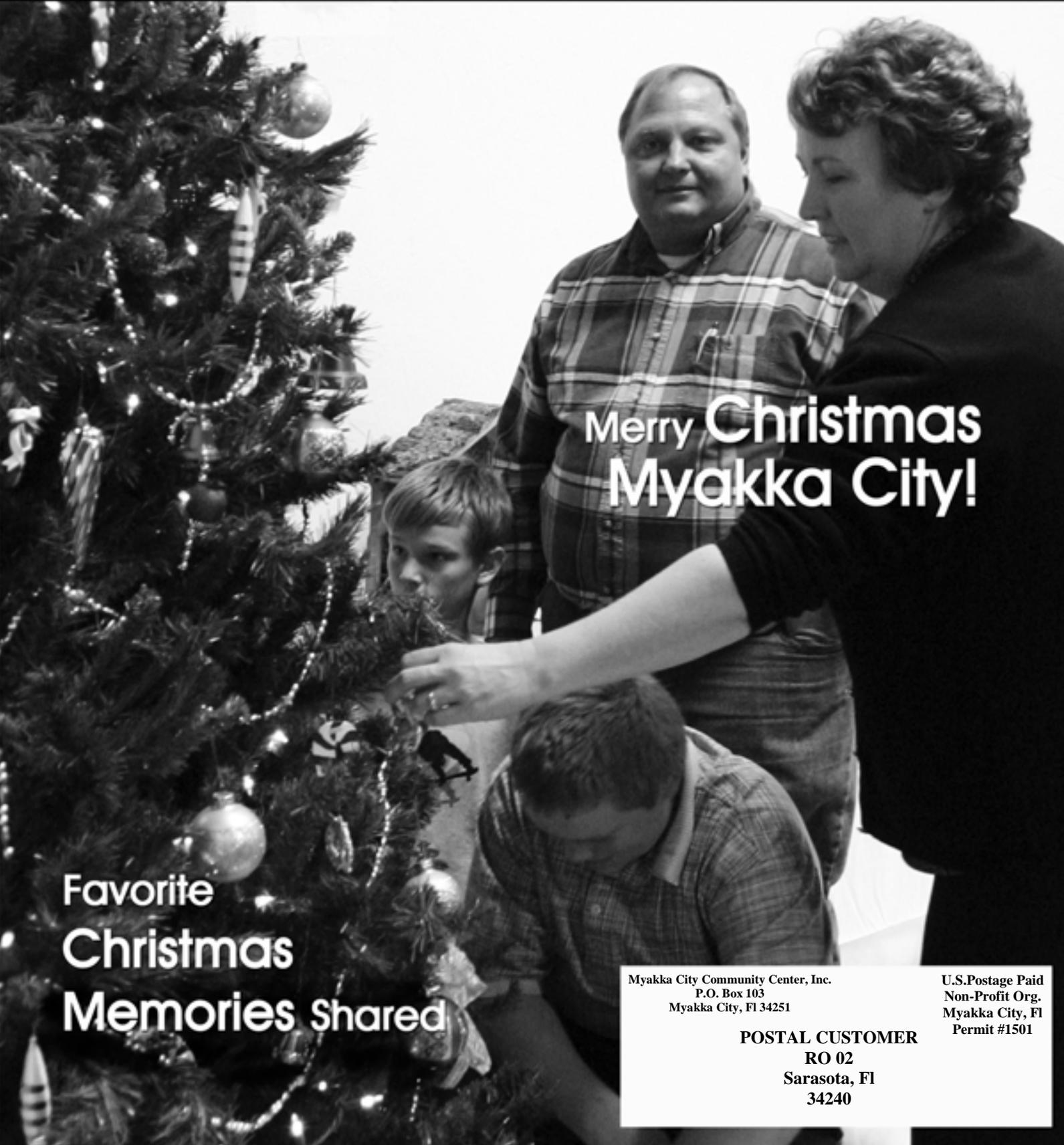


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Occupational Hazards for The Cowboy

by Ross A. Hendry DVM



I was reminded of the occupational hazards of being a cowboy in the middle of last month when I heard about a story in Desoto County newspaper about a man being gored by a bull.

I don't know all the details about it, but it seems several cows and a bull got out and were in a neighboring orange grove. Police officers notified the owner

and he sent several employees to help get them back in the pasture, but the bull bowed up and charged one of the men and gored him right in the thigh. He was airlifted to a hospital in Fort Meyers but it reinforces the fact that animals can be dangerous.

Cowboys are bound to have accidents and as a matter of fact I had one myself a long time ago when my horse stumbled and fell on me when we were working cows and I ended up with a concussion. I would like to tell you I was racing across the field trying to turn a yearling back or attempting to rope a 1500 pound bull, but it was a long time ago and I confess I was trying to outrun a deer, just to see if I could. Like I said it was a long time ago.

The victim isn't always a cowboy either, sometimes it is his horse. When I was practicing in Arcadia cowboys would often bring their horse in after it had been gored. In a crowded cowpen a Brahman cow or a mad cross-bred cow with long sharp horns will tuck one of those horns under a horse's belly and rip it wide open, sometimes we could save them and sometimes we couldn't.

Then there are ways to get hurt and it doesn't even

"Cowboys are bound to have accidents"

involve actually handling cattle. I remember some years ago when the late Doyle Carlton Jr. and Murray Albritton who was Forman of Horse Creek Ranch at the time, were in the cowpens looking over the black bulls.

They were evaluating the bulls to see if they needed to cull any when two of them got into a fight and they didn't care who got in the way. The bulls were butting heads and pushing each other all over the pens, when they slammed into Doyle and Murray who were standing near the fence and both men suffered back injuries in the fracas.

4-H NEWS WITH CHISOM TAVUM

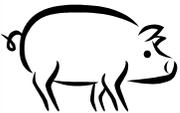
MOOOre News from My 7 Fine Dairy Club...

At our October meeting we discussed the State Fair.

We talked about our fundraiser we are doing, which is due by next meeting. Don't forget Manatee County Fair Mandatory meeting is Jan. 8th 2005. at 11:00am. Chisom did his demonstration on "Why Milk?" Next meeting is Nov. 30th at Woodland Baptist Church. Answer to trivia question: Which cow is the largest? Holstein, Smallest: Jersey.

Welcome new member: Caitlin D.

Trivia Question: How many vitamins and minerals are in milk?



News from the Pig Pen... Mighty Fine Swine 4-H Club

First we would like to thank everyone again for their support of the National Pork Month. It was a huge success! At our November meeting we discussed having a Christmas party/ cookout, bringing can goods for Christmas baskets, how our pigs are doing, worming, feeding, the right amounts, and pig info. We decided to wait till after fair to discuss fundraisers. Britton C. did his demonstration on Building a Swine Muscle Making Ramp and Cody M. did his demonstration on My Survivor. Great Job Guys! Mandatory Meeting is Jan. 8th 2005 at 9:00am at the Fair Grounds. Next meeting is December 6, 2005 at 3:00pm at Myakka City Worship Center. Remember to bring a covered dish, Christmas ornament, updated record books, can goods, and Demonstrations.

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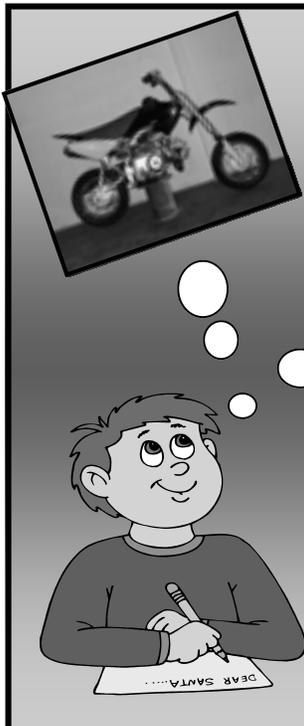
By the time you get this the big parade will be over and I will be more bearable to live with. I laughingly told Bobby Maddox one year that we needed to have a Christmas Parade to go along with the Craft Day and I had visions of children on their Bikes coming from Crane Park on the back side and maybe a few lawn mowers all decorated with the season's colors. You see what happened. But in the midst of the growth I fear the community has lost some of its community feelings and that saddens my heart. I am sure that even though I say every year "Never again" we will have another this next year. Bigger and Better. Bigger for sure, but the better I question. The first year I had so many people come to me after the parade was over and say "Didn't WE do it!" Everyone was proud of the job THEY did. That is the community spirit that must prevail for a community event to survive. In January I will tell you whether that happened or not. May it be so.....

Please take time to remember the REAL reason for the SEASON. Remember that money, or the lack there of cannot take away the true meaning of Christmas, but I must tell you that you will have to work at it. The American dream of everything we want, when we want it and no responsibility to go along with it, is probably seen at it's best/worst at this season of the year. I also preach to myself—TAKE TIME TO ENJOY YOUR FAMILY WITHOUT A PRICE TAG ON IT!! Hug your older children like they were little again. Hold your wife/husband instead of trying to figure out what the greatest gift in the world would be and how you're going to pay for it. Our Community suffered great losses this year not only in death of dear ones, but the hurricane has left us hurting also. I applaud the services that are getting toys for those that would go without, but what commitment in January and February? If we used the energy all year to take care of the less fortunate that we do at Christmas we probably would not have the number of less fortunate we have now. What commitment for the "poor" and "down trodden" for the rest of the year. Dear people it truly is the small things that are important. Christmas Day will last only 24 hours, but what is important, can and will last for an eternity. May you have the "Peace that passeth understanding" and may the "Peace of Christ rule in your heart during this season of "Joy to the World"!



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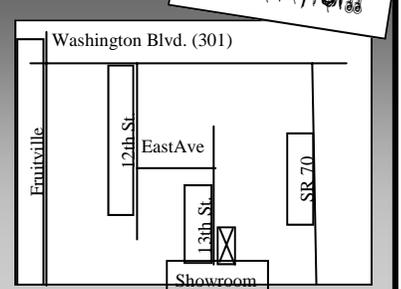
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Back and Forth : DATA TRANSFER

Do you take pictures with a digital camera? Do you like to share those pictures? Do you need to get a PowerPoint presentation to someone yesterday, but it appears that emailing over will take approx 8 hours? It is time to know the tools available to you for data transfer.

First an axiom: The older a computer is, the more difficult it is to transfer its files to another computer. Keeping that in mind, we will start with the tools that older computers may have and move on to newer technology. Most new computers will be compatible with the old components, so if one of these gadgets doesn't work for you, try another. One should fit the bill.

Hard drive to Hard drive transfer. aka: call a tech: There are some jobs so big and cumbersome that setting up two hard drives on a bench and using a single computer to transfer the data between the two is necessary. This is often done when backing up an entire hard drive, especially on a computer that no longer functions. It is also necessary in data recovery efforts so as not to modify the contents of the ailing hard drive.

LAN: Local Area Network. Now we are talking. The system with the fastest transfer speeds happens to be the oldest. It has evolved over the years, but is has always been the fastest at any given point in time. Current top of the line networks are so fast

that computers have a hard time keeping up. A LAN opens up many possibilities that would otherwise be too cumbersome to consider.

Floppy Disk. aka: Sneaker Net: I cannot say enough bad things about floppy disks. Newer computers do not even come with them anymore. They are slow, small and they fail more often than they work. I hate them worse than paper. Yet I still don't know what I would do without them. They are still the last resort a user has to copy files.

Direct Cable Connection - Parallel - Serial: This hard to find cable sets up a small network between two computers using either the parallel or the serial ports. This is not a good permanent solution, but one that works slowly but solidly in tough situations. Rather difficult to set up, but easy to use. And when it works, is very satisfying.

Zip / Jazz: The greatest thing since the floppy, the Zip drive and it's cousins the SyQuest, Jazz and Floptical drives all dramatically increased the storage capacity and speed of removable media. They are a little costly, but if you compare size vs price, you come back with a better deal than with a floppy. They are also more reliable. The downside is that they are going out of style in favor of CD-R(W)s.

CD-R(W): Using the exact same technology as audio CDs, at closer inspection you start to wonder what came first. Cheap, stable, fast and easy to use, CD's should be the first choice in your arsenal. They are fantastic for backups, and like floppies are cheap enough to give away. Approx 5 cents a

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Email, FTP, WAN, VPN, chat and other internet services: Actually quite old in computer years, and really just a big network, the Internet didn't come into popular use until recently. Now that the public has complete access to the Internet and all of its features, file transfer is now in the hands of the masses. If you have ever visited a webpage, you have transferred files over the internet. The amount of data traversing the world is truly unbelievable. With the advent of Napster, Gnutella, Kazaa, BitTorrent and others, file transfers can now be fun and illegal.

If you think the idea of being able to access certain files at any computer you might happen across with an Internet connection, consider having your ISP set up an FTP site for you. They are cheap, kinda secure and most computers can access the files.

Infrared: A drift in a wrong direction, but pretty cool for it's time, Infrared is like file transfer using your television remote. Many laptops come with this technology still. When you first start, it is really cool. After five minutes, it loses its charm, and after an hour, you are looking elsewhere on this list for something better.

Firewire, USB Direct Cable Connection: Similar to the original Direct Cable Connection, but using far more advanced ports, this is a great way to transfer files quickly between two computers. The software has improved too, so it is not quite as hard to set

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By
Pastor Lynn (Spanky) Howell

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It is no secret that I have never been skinny. Even as a young lad I always wore the pants labeled "Huskies". So it is no surprise some 46 years later we are still some slightly overweight. All matter of opinion! I have been diagnosed with Dunlap disease. You know, when your belly has done lapped over your belt? And I have even been asked when I plan to do something about my weight problem. Start work-

ing on it? I have been for 45 years! **There is a lot of time and money invested in this spare tire I carry with me where**

ever I go. Someday some skinny person will need a fat transplant and I will be the donor of some grade A number one fat. But honestly the true revelation of my size came after two discoveries. The first was a trip to a store that advertised suits as 'buy one, get one free'. When the clerk very nicely informed me that they did not carry my size and they did not cater to portly gentlemen such as I. The second was when I went to tie my shoes the other day and I thought Momma (my wife, Kathy) would have to call Myakka's finest fire and rescue to revive me from the lack of oxygen to my body. Wow, what an experience!

So it was then I began to look at what did keep me from being the size 33 that momma fell in love with. The answer was simple and startling- "**DISCIPLINE**". The same thing that keeps a lot of us from obtaining the goals we set in life. Discipline is what children crave, parents some times are scared to deliver and most adults don't practice. As I look over my life both physically and spiritually. I see where if I had just been a little more disciplined, oh how different my life would be. How about yours? In closing this article for the front porch I encourage you to practice discipline. It is not a bad thing, but for me and probably you too, it will require sacrifice. For me- no more Mountain Dew's

from Mr. Bobby's, exercise (wow what a dirty word in my vocabulary), one less plate or two, and finally a conversation with the Father upstairs. For the things in life that really satisfies is a relationship with Him. Well got to go, salad is on the table. See you next month on the front porch!

From everyone here on the front porch have a very Happy Christmas and Joyous New Year!
Pastor Spanky, Momma, & Ashley




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by
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If you are a business owner who has no employees other than co-owners or spouses, you may want to consider establishing a one-person 401(k) plan for your business. That's right. As a small business owner, you can now enjoy the same 401(k) retirement plan benefits currently provided to millions of other Americans.

If saving as much as you can for retirement is a prime concern, a one-person 401(k) would probably be an appropriate choice for you. With a one-person 401(k) you are permitted to make profit-sharing contributions up to 25% of your compensation, subject to a \$205,000 compensation cap in 2004.

As a small business owner, you should be both interested and concerned about two prevailing trends coming together in the American workplace: the job growth created by small businesses and the responsibility of individuals for their own retirement planning. In fact, small employers (as defined by firms with fewer than 500 employees for most manufacturing and mining industries, fewer than 100 for all wholesale trade industries) represent over 99% of all

Plus, you may make an additional \$13,000 salary-deferred contribution, and if you are over age 50, that amount increases to \$16,000. The combination of profit-sharing and salary-deferral contributions for 2004 may not exceed \$41,000 (\$44,000 if you are age 50 or older). For many business owners, a 401(k) allows for larger annual contributions than other retirement plans including SEP IRAs, SIMPLE IRAs, and Keoghs.

The deadline to establish 401(k) is the last day of your fiscal year or December 31. Salary deferrals, however, may only be made for amounts earned after the date you adopt the plan, so it is to your advantage to establish your One-person 401(k) plan earlier in the year.

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Why the shortage?:

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Why is our vaccine made in the UK and not the US?:

The major pharmaceutical companies in the US provided almost 90% of the nations flu vaccine at one time. They did this despite a very low profit margin for the product. Basically, they were doing us a favor. In the late 80's a man from North Carolina who had received the vaccine got the flu. The strain he caught was one of the strains in that years vaccine made by a US company. So what did he do? He sued and he won. He was awarded almost \$5 million! After that case was appealed and lost, most US pharmaceutical companies stopped making the vaccine. The liability out weighed the profit margin. Since UK and Canadian laws prohibit such frivolous law suits UK and Canadian companies began selling the vaccine in the US.

Taken off the internet.



Myakka City Community Center
SUPER SENIORS & SPECIAL PEOPLE By Lois Kersey

Look who is our new King and Queen for this coming year.....Jake Collins and Judy Reynolds!!!! What a good time we had at our "Thanksgiving Feast", where we all took part in singing-a-long with Big Ray and eating all we could eat. Then crowning our King and Queen.

In December we are looking forward to the Christmas Parade. We have been working on a 'Covered Wagon'

as our float this year. We are looking forward to getting a 'New Bonnet' or 'straw hat' for the occasion. Then it's Party Time again... December 10th at 5:00 pm at the Myakka City Methodist Church Fellowship Hall we will be having our Christmas Party. Looking forward to seeing all of you there. If you need a ride call me. (322-8114) The bus will be picking up! Hope all of you have a Happy Holiday Season.



The new King & Queen, Jake Collins & Judy Reynolds!



The Thanksgiving Day Feast

December Calendar

Due to the Christmas Holidays we have a different schedule.

Tuesday Dec. 7th- Luncheon at Bethany Fellowship Hall 10am-1pm

Tues. Dec. 14th- Luncheon at MC Methodist Hall 10am-1pm

Thurs. Dec. 2,9,& 16 -Breakfast at The Ranch House at 8:45am

No Senior Luncheons on Tuesday Dec. 21st or Dec. 28th

Christmas Party will be December 10th at 5:00pm at Myakka City Methodist Church Fellowship Hall

December Birthdays

Mae Bailey...Dec. 2nd

Ruth Jones...Dec. 11th

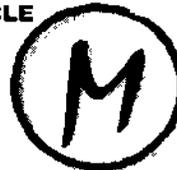
Dorothy Wingate Dec.12th

Dorthea Haberstroh...Dec. 18th

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We invite all seniors and those with special needs in our community to come out and join our activities. If you have questions about our programs or need a ride to attend any of our activities, please call Program Coordinator **Lois Kersey at 322-8114.**

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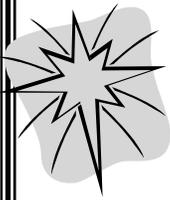



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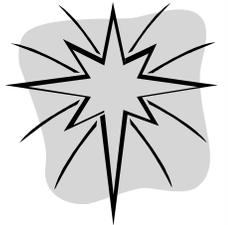
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Something Worth Waiting For

By Anita Underwood



Christmas is no accident.

God, the master designer, planned the great drama down to the last detail. He left nothing to chance.

In the 8th century B.C., he gave to the prophet, Micah, this message to deliver: "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting." (Micah 5:2)

God's stage was set. Mankind played his role for the next eight centuries. Towns and cities sprung up as the world's population grew. Rulers command their armies. Governments developed. And gradually through this time period, the Roman Empire expanded until it covered Southern Europe, Southern England, North Africa, Palestine, the Balkan States, Persia, and into India. At this stage of Rome's history, circa 4-5 B.C., Caesar Augustus was emperor. He had brought a great degree of peace to all these lands and his kingdom prospered.

His territory was vast. How many people were under his rule? He pondered this question. To determine the number he sent out a decree that all the people in his domain register for a taxation. To be sure that this registration be accurate he required each person to return to the place of his birth for accounting.

A man named Joseph, and Mary, his espoused wife, were among the people involved in the edict. They lived in Nazareth. They must go to Bethlehem, the city of their lineage. They prepared for the journey. They packed their provisions and joined the trains of donkeys carrying women, children, and supplies along the crowded roadways. Over dusty pathways and rocky hillsides, they tread the 75 miles to Bethlehem.

At night they set camp, resting their animals, while the aroma of roasting meat rose from the open fires. A cover of sheepskin warmed their bodies as they stretched out on the earth in slumber. Above the stars sparkled like diamonds in the ebony sky and breezes rustled the palm trees crisp fronds. Steadily they made their way until they reached Bethlehem. Travel-

ers from other parts of the empire crowded into the city. Hoards of people clamored for a room, a loft, anywhere to lay a tired body. Mary and Joseph also sought shelter. They reached the town's inn. Joseph knocked on the door. The innkeeper gruffly said "There are no more rooms". Joseph paused and turning aside began to walk away. It was then the innkeeper noticed the young woman astride the donkey, the fullness of her belly holding within it a new life. Her shoulders slumped from the weight of supporting the unborn infant. "Wait" he said, "There is a stable behind my inn. At this time of year the animals are out in the fields so it is empty. You are welcome to use it."

"Thank you", said Joseph bowing slightly as he led the donkey, carrying Mary, to the shelter. Joseph spread his cloak on the fresh straw covering the ground. He gently lifted Mary from the donkey and laid her on the warm cloth of his cloak. Again the stars sprinkled their flickering light in the deep darkness of night.

"And it was that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should deliver. And she brought forth her first-born son, and wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." (Luke 2:6-7)

God continued his master design. The birth of his son must be told. God sent his angels to make the announcement to all people. He chose shepherds to represent all of humanity.

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, an angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were very much afraid. And the angel said unto them. Fear not; for, behold I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." (Luke 2: 8-12)

The news told by the angels welled up inside the shepherds. It overflowed like clear water pushing its way over the jagged rocks of a creek. And like the creek's waters the news spread over the hills and valleys.

God continued his drama of deliverance.

"Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod, the King, behold, there came wise men

from the east to Jerusalem, saying Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and have come to worship him." (Matt 2: 1-2)

The star seen by the wise men was an astronomical phenomenon. In the years of 5 to 2 B.C. there were several brilliant stars in the heavens. One of these, Messori, Sirius, the dog star shone with extraordinary brilliance. These wise men, ancient astrologers, studied the firmaments. This heavenly body spoke to them of entry of a king into the world. With expectation they prepared for the pilgrimage to follow the star.

"When they heard the king, they departed; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was"

"And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary, his mother, and fell down, and worshiped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh." (Matt 2:9&11)

Even these gifts of the magi were god-ordained. Gold, the gift for a king, frankincense, the gift for a priest, and myrrh, the gift for one who is to die.

Christ's mass is complete. While Israel waited; God worked through time and men. God, the master designer, created history to fulfill his ultimate desires. "But thou, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth have been from of old, from everlasting."

The world waited eight centuries. "And she wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn."

How skilled are we at waiting?



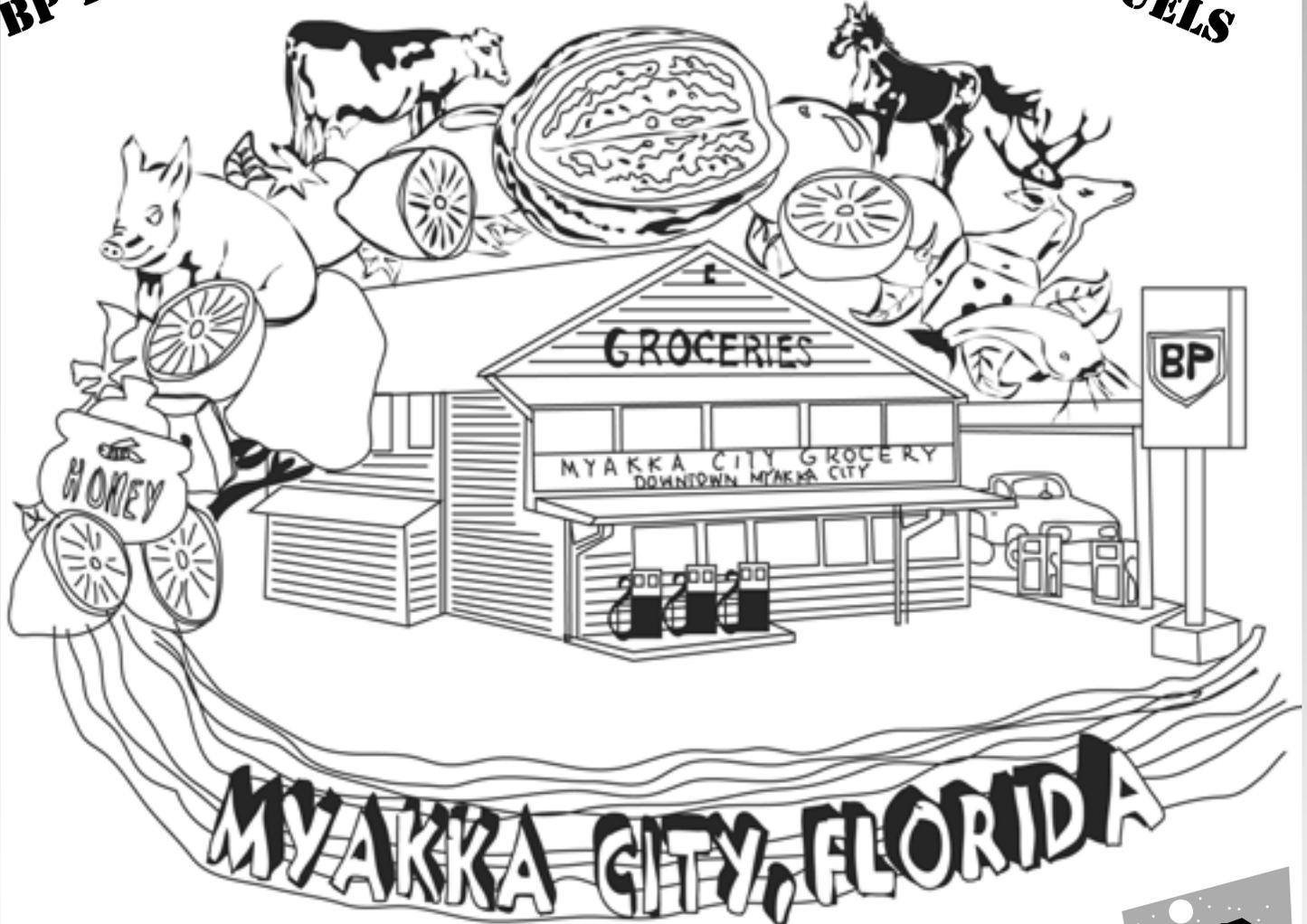
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SHARING CHRISTMAS



We called all the churches in town asking our Pastors to share their fondest Christmas memories with our readers.

We thank both Pastor Lynn Howell of *Myakka Family Worship Center* and Pastor Chet Zarayski of *Myakka City United Methodist Church* for their wonderful Christmas stories.

MY FONDEST CHRISTMAS MEMORY by Pastor Lynn Howell

The great joy any parent can have is when you have the opportunity to give first hand your child the experience of a life

time.

The Howell clan had such an opportunity about three years ago. Come and go with us as we relive that Christmas Eve.

We had just finished our family Christmas Eve Celebration. Momma (Kathy, my wife), Ashley (the family baby) and I had just returned home from Pepas and Nanny's to begin our own tradition of feed for the reindeer and milk and homemade cookies for Santa when the phone rang.

Momma answered the phone while Ashley and I began the night's preparation for our soon to be guest Santa. Mother called from the living room to ask if I knew where a store was that would be open all night. A mother had just called looking for a place where she might find

Santa's elves working late because she knew her family had not made the Christmas list.

Kathy took the wish list and sizes as **I began to pray for our own Christmas miracle.**

Mother hung up the phone and made a mad dash for a box that Ashley would call Momma's Junk Box. "Grab the wrapping paper," she yelled. "Get the bows and someone bring me that candy off of the table."

"What are you doing?" we begin to ask as she worked relentlessly checking her list and filling each item.

What a miracle it was as each item was filled from Momma's Junk Box. "Wow!" she exclaimed. "This is one time it paid to buy all that stuff and keep it."

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MEMORIES

The cover and pictures shown show off Myakka City Family Worship Center's Christmas decorating, preparation's for their Christmas play and their program "Operation Homefront" for overseas military personnel. - Kimmy Ellinwood



everyone's wish except one. Ashley inquired what the missing item was...

"A Barbie doll," she said.

Ashely left the room and we could hear her plunder through the presents under the tree when she yelled, "I found it, I got the Barbie!"

She had bought one for her niece for Christmas and because she had got her something else, she did not think Morgan would mind the subtraction of one gift from the tree.

With all the gifts wrapped and tagged, we loaded the 97' Dodge Sleigh and began the trip to the awaited destination. Approaching the place of drop off about the hour of midnight, Ashley made these observations...

"This is a neat experience. It's not the getting but the giving that's fun!" and finally, "Daddy, do you think God has this same kind of excitement and feeling that Christmas Eve, as the world awaited the arrival of the Christ child so long ago?"

I think so... what about you?

(See back page for Christmas Programs)

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MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY

By Pastor Chet Zarayski

My favorite Christmas memory is the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. I was young. I was at church with my entire family. It was a large church crowded with hundreds of people. I remember that **the entire church was dark except for a single candle that flickered in front.** The church was silent.

The silence was broken by our pastor knocking on the door of the church and announcing in a thundering voice, "Unto us a Child is born...". Candle after candle was lit from that single light at the front until the entire church was bright.

I remember the people singing Silent Night. The pastor's message was "Jesus, the Light of the World." I still get goosebumps when I remember that beautiful service. What an impression it made on me.

Come join us this Christmas Eve at Myakka City United Methodist Church for a Candlelight Service at 7:00 or 11:00 PM. Make your own memories.

(See page for Christmas Programs)

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While Myakka City Baptist Church did not submit a Christmas Memory, they would like to announce their Christmas Musical "And It Came To Pass."

Mary & Joseph were two ordinary people—a lot like us. They had a long journey ahead - like many we've taken. Check & re-check the bags. Get those last travel tips from Mother. Feel growing excitement as the trip finally begins. But there was one not so-so small difference that distinguished Joseph and Mary's experience from ours - one that would change the course of history.

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EN ESPAÑOL

By: Alma Ovalle

Festival de Otonio Primeramente les quiero dar gracias a todos los padres hispanos que participaron en del Festival de Otonio de la escuela de Myakka. Todo fue un gran exito. Les damos

gracias especialmente a la Senora Nancy y la Senora Norma por organizar y tomar el tiempo para recibir las llamadas de todos nosotros.

Varios padres participaron con donaciones de dinero, platos desechables, servilletas y con comida. Las flautas se vendieron rapido y el mole con arroz estaba super delicioso. Tambien se vendio pan dulce, sabritas con salsa y paletas. Todo el dinero que se recaudo se le fue entregado a la directora de la organizacion de Padres y Maestros (PTO). Gracias especialmente a las madres hispanas que acompañaron a Nancy en el puesto al vender la comida!

Nuestro puesto fue parte de la clase de ESOL con la Maestra Santiago-Parreno. Ella estaba tan contenta y orgulloso de que tantos padres cooperaron. Mil gracias a todos de nuevo por su participacion de donaciones o por

comprar la deliciosa comida. Esperamos que para el proximo ano podamos ser aun mejor!

Fall festival

First of all I want to thank all the parents who participated in the Fall Festival at Myakka Elementary. It was a great success. We especially thank Nancy and Norma for organizing the event and for taking the time to take all of our calls.

Many parents participated with donations of money, paper plates, napkins and food. The flautas (chicken in fried tortillas) were sold quickly and the spicy chicken and rice was delicious. We also sold sweet spanish bread, chips and salsa and spanish lollipops. All the money that was made was turned in the PTO president. Also, special thanks to all the mothers who helped Nancy at our food booth.

Our booth was in conjunction with the ESOL class and Mrs. Santiago-Parreno. She was so happy that many parents participated. Many thanks once again for your participation of donations or for buying the delicious food. Next year we will be even better

Classes de Ingles

Me da mucho gusto decirles que aqui en Myakka City usted tendra la dicha de poder aprender el Ingles. Necesitamos oír de ti para saber cuantas personas en total estan interesadas. Porfavor llame a Alma Ovalle al 322-1100 para apuntar su nombre en la lista de personas que participaran. Esto nos dejara saber cuantos maestros necesitamos y donde tener las clases. No deje pasar esta oportunidad!

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Holiday Time Again

Well, it is that time again; Christmas is right around the corner and you don't know what to buy for that special someone. I have a suggestion or two that might help.

The first suggestion is to do away with that old Windows 98 computer and get a new state of the art computer. The prices have come down so much that it does not pay to continue fixing that old one. If you have a computer that is still running Windows 98 the odds are that it is over 5 years old and just gets you by. If that is all you want from a computer, then you do not have to read any further. This article is not for you. If, however, you are tired of waiting for your computer to work, and you think faster than it does, then read on.

The last few years have seen a tremendous drop in computer prices. Dell and Compaq (HP) have cut so much of the cost out of their assembly process that other computer manufacturers just cannot compete any more. That means lower prices for you and me. You can now get a state of the art computer with enough "stuff" on it, for most computer users, at under \$500. Most of the major computer stores like Best Buy, Staples, Office Depot, etc will run specials on these basic machines throughout the holiday season at around \$500 or less. These are a good place to buy the computer if you want it right now and don't want to wait a week or so. The downside to these places is that they will sometimes load up programs that you don't want or will not use. If you are willing to wait a little time (and you have some time between now and Christmas) then I would suggest going on to the website of Dell or HP and ordering just the machine you want without the add-ons. The websites are fairly easy to navigate and you can get some good deals. Dell will generally run what they call their OUTRAGEOUS DEAL of the week. This is usually a machine that is configured to what the majority of people would like, without any extras. It is shipped free and you pay no sales tax. For those of you that think you don't know how to set it up when it comes, the

directions are real easy to follow. If you need help, give us a call and we will help you through it.

So what should you get in this new computer? My opinions are as follows:

Central Processing Unit (CPU) will generally be between 2.4 and 2.8 GHz maybe 3.0. I will almost guarantee you that most people will not see the difference between these numbers, so if 2.4 GHz is considerably cheaper, stick with that.

Memory (RAM) is the place where you can spend your money wisely and get true value for your dollar. RAM memory for most of us, is the ability to run many programs at the same time. For people that play games on the computer, it gives the player faster movements. Most computers will come with a minimum of 128 Megabytes of RAM. Doubling this to 256 is well worth the money and usually can be done for less than \$40. 256 will be acceptable for the normal user; however going to 512 would be better if the cost is not too much, \$50-\$70. Don't skimp on the RAM.

For the hard drive (the storage place) I would recommend an 80 GB drive. If you need help in determining what you need, then 80GB is plenty big. 40 GB may also work for you. Getting more hard drive will probably be a waste of money and make keeping it working properly more difficult.

Almost all computers come with a CD-RW, or burner now. If you are ordering it, include it. If you are looking at a package deal at the store, it should be included. If not, look closely at the total package, something is wrong. It costs very little more than a CD ROM and opens up so many more possibilities for you. If you get this, you will not need a Floppy drive so don't spend the money.

All computers now come with Windows XP on them. It is a great operating system so don't be afraid of it. It will take you by the hand and lead you through. There is even a way to make it look like Windows 98 if you want.

If you are not on Myakka Tech's high speed Internet, you will need a modem, which should be included. Generally they will include a word processor program like Word Perfect. While this should be acceptable for most users, you may want to upgrade to Microsoft Word. It is a matter of personal preference however. If you are getting a desk top computer, I would not recommend adding a DVD drive. How many times are you going to

want to sit at your computer and watch a DVD on that small monitor? Spend the money on a regular DVD for your TV and watch it in your easy chair. A DVD on a notebook computer may be a different situation however. You can watch DVDs in your car on long trips.

You can upgrade your monitor or keep what you have. Many times they will include a CRT monitor (TV type) in the package. If you are ordering it you will have to make the decision as to flat screen or regular CRT type. That one is a personal decision based upon \$\$\$\$ versus space saving.

Of course to go along with that new computer, High Speed Internet Service from Myakka Tech would make a great Christmas present for the whole family.

I hope this guide proves useful to you. If you need more help, call us and we will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have. Yes, of course it's free.

We truly live in an amazing time. What will tomorrow bring?

Remember, if you have a computer or Internet question, email us at answerman@myakka.com. We will either answer it in our next month's article or by email directly back to you. If we answer your question in our monthly column, we will send you an official Myakka Technologies cap.



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Good news! There are two New Additions at the Myakka City Family Health Care Center! We would like for everyone to get acquainted with our new nurse practitioner at the Myakka City Family Health Care Center, Karla Colon, ARNP.

Karla was a nurse for twenty years before deciding to go back to school to get her Masters Degree. She has had all kinds of experiences such as open heart, recovery rooms, and nine years at a level one trauma center. Her vast experience brings all kinds of new treatments for us here in Myakka, without having to go to town. For example she can do stitches. As long as there is no nerve or muscle damage, Karla can sew you back up. In addition, she can remove moles, warts, and ingrown toenails. We are certainly grateful to have her here in Myakka, Welcome Karla!!

Along with the new nurse practitioner, the Myakka City Family Health Care Center now has a limited Pharmacy. They have common medications such as Antibiotics, decongestants, high blood pressure pills, heart medications, blood thinners, and Non-narcotic pain medications. So if they issue you a prescription, you may not have to go to town to get it filled. Their current turn around time is thirty minutes. They write your Rx, call it in to the central pharmacy, where a pharmacist goes over your medications, he then sends the label back to the Health Care Center, where they fill the Rx, and then place your label on the bottle. Also, if you have medications that you need monthly, you can arrange a schedule with them so that you can pick your Rx up there

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A Letter From Our New Commissioner

Dear Residents,

I am so appreciative and humbled to be chosen by the voters to represent County Commission District 5. My sincere thanks is extended for your support and recommendations during the campaign. I am looking forward to working with you during the next four years.

By the time you receive this letter, I will have been sworn into this important position but as of today I have not yet taken my oath of office. However, that does not mean I have not been working for you. The day after the election, Ernie Padgett, County Administrator graciously invited me to attend two informative county meetings. I had the opportunity to attend the county staff meeting as well as a meeting between the Commissioners and the Legislators. Since then, I have had meetings everyday with the county staff so that I can learn more about county operations. As a result of these meetings, I have been so impressed with the expertise of the personnel and department heads in the county. In addition, I have already addressed a constituent concern for a Myakka City resident. As you can see, I am enthused and ready to step into the job as soon as I take my oath on November 16th.

As I visited Myakka City and Bethany during the campaign, I learned a great deal about the issues that concern you most. District 5 has doubled during the past four years and with growth, there is a need for more services. Therefore, we have new issues to address, such as planned growth and transportation. At the same time, we need to protect our quality of life in East County. I am anxious to work for you on these issues as well as many other important issues affecting our county.

As your new commissioner, I will have big shoes to fill. We have been blessed to have Commissioner Jon Bruce serve us over the past eight years. I wish Jon well in his new endeavors.

Thank you again for your support and I will be visiting Myakka City in the near future.

Sincerely, Donna Hayes
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M.L. missed getting this in our November supplement. It was important to know that our new Commissioner was and is thinking about us. She has been sworn in and is looking forward to serving our needs.



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up as the Parellel – Serial connection.

Smart Media, CF, Portable Flash cards, keychains: Digital Photography has made small, removable, solid state storage devices very popular. Now they come in forms that don't even fit into a camera, like key-chains, pens, watches, etc. Camera cards require a reader that will plug into a USB or Firewire port on your computer, and they then act pretty much like a portable hard drive. The other forms usually have a USB connector built right in, making them truly portable and convenient.

DVD+-R(W)/RAM: DVDs look like CDs, but they can hold over 7 times the amount. Newer dual layer DVDs can record on two different layers inside the DVD, yielding twice the storage at about 9 GB. DVD's come in many different flavors with little differences. These are DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RAM, and the Dual Layer varieties. Make sure your DVD writer and media are compatible.

Portable hard drives, iPods, PDAs: Portable hard drives are exactly the same as internal hard drives, but with a nice outer shell, and either a USB and/or a Firewire connection. Very fast, portable and with capacities up to 250 GB, (that's a lot, 137 GB is considered big enough for 100,000 books, text only) they are very handy in the file transfer category when a network is unavailable. As with all hard drives, they can withstand reasonable physical shock when they are off, but should be handled very carefully or not at all when running.

The coolest Christmas present of the year goes to the iPod. Simply a small external hard drive with some clever electronics attached, it can store up to 60 GB of files, and if they happen to be audio files, it can play them. They are a tad pricey and there are cheaper alternatives, but if you want cool...

Other varieties include new media players and PDA, and are a hot new electronics market. See your Best Buy or Circuit City flyer for the latest.

Wireless Networking, Bluetooth: Ah yes, the future is here. Sending files and surfing the internet without wires is a minor miracle of the modern age. Why? We were promised no wires and flying cars. Setting up a wireless network can be very easy if everything goes your way, fairly difficult if it does not. Either way, the results are well worth it. A computer tech can set one up at your house in short order, so it may not be worth the aggravation of doing it yourself.

Bluetooth is designed to be a slick way for little gadgets to talk to one another via radio waves. With a cool name and a corporate following, it is bound to start creeping into everyday life. One day, it won't be uncommon to say, "save the file to the coffee maker, and I will transfer it from there to the ceiling fan. That is where we keep our important stuff..."

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Crowley Museum and Nature Center

Hands-On Pioneer History at Crowley in December



Zan Butterfly Deerwoman

Pioneer history enthusiasts will have their share of hands-on activities to choose from this month at Crowley. Pioneer Days, Crowley's annual celebration of the rural southwest Florida settlers, will take place on December 11, followed by an assortment of hands-on children's programs during the Winter break from school.

Pioneer Days is certainly not something you want to miss, whether you are a yearly attendee or have yet to experience the live pioneer craft demonstrations, storytelling, old time tunes and hayrides. This year's event will feature all of the traditional favorites—sugar cane grinding, blacksmithing, spinning, basket weaving, soap making, butter churning, whip cracking and pioneer games—but in addition, you and the kids will be able to participate in many projects and create some keepsakes to take home. Jan McCormick of History Out of the Box will lead candle dipping, paper marbling and "sweet meats" (candied orange peels) workshops. Jann Warfield will display her incredible array of hand-made quilts and will also help you try your hand at quilting. And some friendly Girl Scouts will assist with broom making, nature crafts and pioneer gardening.

Pioneers grew gourds in their gardens, dried them and made water ladles, bowls, and bird houses. Today, the Sarasota Gourd Patch uses these interesting vegetables for creative art projects. On Pioneer Days, adults and children can make a charming gourd snowman with a little help from Ronda Smalley, the leader of the local group.

This year's Pioneer Days also includes a number of traditional Native American crafters and demonstrators,



Jann Warfield showcasing her talent for quilt making.

thanks to local teacher and ceremonialist Zan Butterfly Deerwoman. For a small donation to cover materials, folks can make their own dream catcher or

bead a pair of earrings in the traditional way. The Native American circle will also feature educational talks about the ancient Native American way of life and traditional healing herbs. Drumming, flute playing and chanting by the fire will take place throughout the day.

Ann Shank of the Sarasota County History Center will be presenting "Pioneers of Sarasota County" in the pioneer museum, preceded and followed by the unmatched storytelling talents of the Gulf Coast Storytellers. The acoustic duo "Myakka" features mean banjo picking and soft vocals. They will also share the stage with two performances during the day.

Pioneer Days takes place from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday, December 11 and is free with admission (\$5/adult, \$3/children ages 5-12 and free for children under 5.)

Later in December, Crowley has organized an encore of some popular Pioneer Days demonstrators. On Tuesday, December 21 at 1 pm, Jan McCormick will present "Pioneer Holiday Traditions and Candle Dipping." And on Thursday, December 30 at 1 pm, Ronda Smalley of the Sarasota Gourd Patch will lead "Gourd Fishin'," another imaginative art project—this time making decorative fishing lures from gourds. Extra materials fees apply to both workshops, but the quality projects are well worth it. School is not in session those days, so come on out to Crowley! And please remember to make your reservations by calling (941) 322-1000.

You can visit Crowley Museum & Nature Center online at www.CrowleyMuseumNatureCtr.org. You will find a complete listing of December programs including guided nature walks, creative workshops for adults and more.

Crowley Museum & Nature Center is a non-profit nature and pioneer history center located at 16405 Myakka Road in Sarasota. The Center's mission is to preserve a natural site where today's and tomorrow's generations can learn about, appreciate and enjoy the environment and cultural heritage of the rural gulf coast of Florida.



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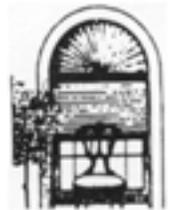
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Signup location:

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 (Next to Dave's Mini Mart, across from the feed store)
 From 11 till Noon on dates shown. (Signup can also be done on
 pickup days and times.)

Pickup Location:

Myakka Family Worship Center
 Singletary Road, Myakka City
 From 11 till noon on dates shown.

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December 2004 Community Center & Events



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat		
			1 MAC/ELC	2 MAC/ELC Basic Computers I	3 MAC / ELC Teen Club	4 PARADE		
5 Worship (See Directory)	6 MAC/ELC	7 MAC/ELC SR LN (MC) SCOUTS	8 MAC / ELC Church Nite	9 MAC / ELC Senior Breakfast Basic Computers I VETERN'S	10 MAC/ELC SENIOR XMAS DIN. Teen Club	11		
12 Worship (See Directory)	13 MAC / ELC	14 MAC / ELC SR LN (BB) SCOUTS <i>Historical</i>	15 MAC / ELC Church Nite	16 MAC / ELC Senior Breakfast Basic Computers I	17 MAC / ELC	18		
19 Worship (See Directory)	20 ELC ..MCCC Board Meeting @ 7pm MCCCInc Bldg.	21 ELC SR LN (MC) SCOUTS	22 ELC Church Nite	23 Senior Breakfast Basic Computers i	24 CLOSED MERRY CHRISTMAS	25 		
26 Worship (See Directory)	27 MAC / ELC	28 MAC / ELC SCOUTS	29 ELC Church Nite	30 Senior Breakfast Basic Computers i	31 CLOSED HAPPY NEW YEAR!!			
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Senior Breakfast (The Ranch House)
(Call Lois for a ride @ 322-8065)

Senior Luncheon
10 am on Tuesdays
Bethany Baptist 1st & 3rd
Myakka City Methodist Church 2nd & 4th
Bookmobile after luncheon 1-3 (open to everyone)

Scouts
Cub Scouts @ 6:30 at Myakka City United Methodist
Boy Scouts @ 7:00pm at The Myakka Baptist Church

Teen Club
7:00 pm (call 322-8114 for details of evening)

Sunday Worship
For Sunday Worship see *Church Directory* page 38

MCCCINC: *Monthly Board Meeting - Everyone Welcome*
- 3rd Monday each month - 7 pm.

Historical Society Monthly Meeting - all are welcome.
7:30 pm at the MCCC Inc. Bldg.

MAG: Speakers to be announced.

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MAC

Administrative Director -Pepper Sellars

Located at: Myakka Community Park
10060 Wauchula Road, Myakka City

Phone: 322-8114

Hours: 6am—6:00pm

Program Director:Vicky Mizell

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MAC - Camp Myakka

Program Director - Vicky Mizell
MAC Coordinator - Cathy Sullivan
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Teen Club

Director—Ms Vicki & Ms Cathy

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Seniors and Special People

Coordinator:

Lois Kersey

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Program Director: Cheri Douglas, CDA

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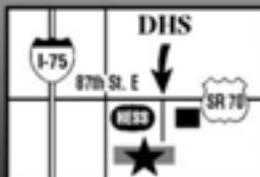
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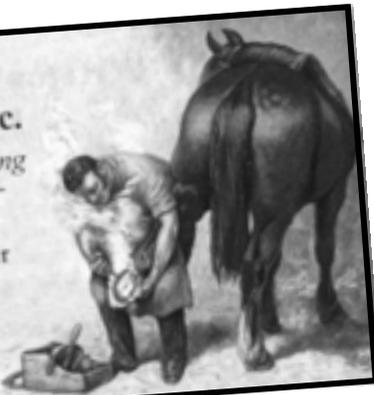
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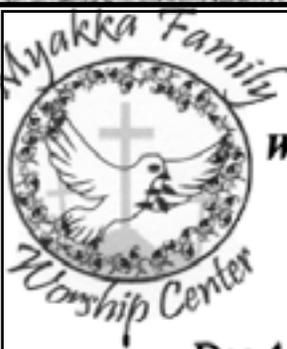
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