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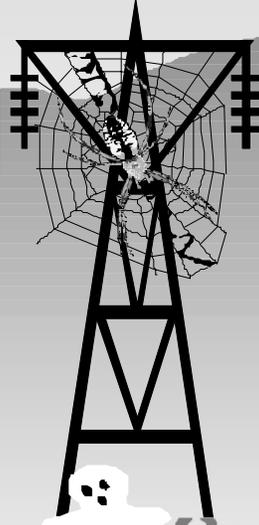
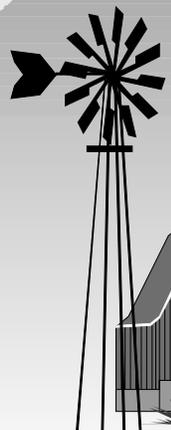
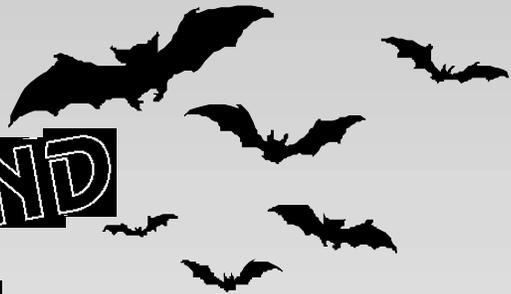


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Good day,

As a community, I feel, the residents of Myakka did an OUTSTANDING job of helping each other through the trials and tribulations of the recent hurricanes. On the question concerning Crisis Response: SINCE there was none for a while, I guess there's nowhere to go but up!

Thank you
Frank Dunlop

THANKS to all of our readers that wrote letters of interest and encouragement for the Myakka City Response Team now officially named "CERT" (Community Emergency Response Team)... !

In Memory of **Granny Ruby**...

Our community has lost one of our favorite seniors. Ms. Ruby went home to be with the Lord this month and we will have an empty chair at Senior luncheons on Tuesdays. She was also very lucky at bingo!

(In her remembrance we are re-running an interview from 'Seniorly Speaking' in 2000 written by Juel Gill.)

I thought I knew Ruby Osteen but I found out that I knew very little about her life. I'm beginning to think that the more hardships a person goes through, the longer the lifespan becomes. Maybe one just learns to go with the flow. Ruby was born over in Wauchula. Her maiden name is Bennett. Her dad worked for an attorney by the name of Barlow. Ruby had two brothers and three sisters. She was **NO-TURIOS**. She played hooky when she was in the third grade. She was not quite eight years old when her mother passed away, leaving her Dad with six children ranging in age from less than one year to four-teen years old to rear all by himself.

Mr. Bennett moved to Manatee because there was a thriving crate mill located there. People have to do whatever is necessary to survive at times and one of the things which he did was to add three years to Ruby's age so she could work at the crate mill. They must have needed help real bad. As small as Ruby must have been, I'm surprised they got by with it. Not only did she work but she stayed there as long as the crate mill stayed in business. In the



meantime she met her husband at a friend's house and found out that he worked at the crate mill also. In November 1929, she became Mrs. John Silas Osteen. She thought she was seventeen going on eighteen when she got married. However, years later, when she got her birth certificate, she found out she was only fourteen when she got married. Her husband's nickname was "Shorty". They were married twenty-two years and had five children before he died in 1951. She continued to work and reared her children by herself. All in all, she worked on the same job peeling grapefruit or oranges for twenty-seven years, then spent the next fifteen years working at the glass plant, all at Tropicana. She retired on February 15, 1979.

Of her four daughters, two of them ended up making their home at Myakka City .

The youngest daughter met her husband in Southeast High School. He was from Myakka City, Larry Betts. He graduated one year before Debbie did and went into the service. After she graduated he came home on furlough and they got married. His mother was Marshall Lee Putnal's sister. When he ended his time in the service, they came back to the Bett's homestead and have been here ever since. Another daughter, Marie married Jason Howell and they also made a home on Singletary Road.

Ruby only took care of her children, but if a member of her family got down and out they came to her. Both her Dad and her father-in-law died while living with her. Her sister, Maggie, was living with her at the time of her death.

When she retired she made a deal with her son-in-law Larry, and

came to live in Myakka City also. She now lives by Debbie and not too far away from Marie over on Singletary Road. She joined the Baptist Church and became one of my Preacher Son's most dependable members. We used to call her the "Boss" of the kitchen. Having 'Dinner on the Grounds' every Sunday kept her busy seeing to everything going smoothly. Another one of her jobs was helping with the holiday meals to be delivered to those in need.

We were laughing about when we learned to drive. She decided it was necessary for her to learn to drive and told her father-in-law so. Well, she backed into an orange tree and he wanted her to let him turn the car around for her. She said "No, I intend to drive this vehicle myself". She got it going and went to an aunt's. The driveway was a little narrow so when she got ready to leave she got the aunt to back it out for her. But after a few times of that, the aunt made her back it out herself and she drove until her eyesight got so bad that she gave up her license. Back when she and I started driving no one had to have a license in this state.

Her son John lives in Polk City and he has one daughter. Eva is a widow now and she has a daughter and two sons. Here in Myakka City the Howells have a daughter and a son and the Betts' have two daughters and a son.

Proverbs 31:25 & 28 & 30
25...she is a woman of strength & dignity, and has no fear of old age.
28.....Her children stand and bless her; so does her husband.
30...Charm can be deceptive and beauty doesn't last, but a woman who fears and reverences God shall be greatly praised.
Granny Ruby shall be missed by all who knew her, but she leaves us a Godly and challenging legacy!

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Managing The Challenges of *Extended Caregivers*

By T.J. Goelz/ Financial Consultant/Smith Barney

If you are a woman, with new medical advances prolonging life expectancies, the chances of becoming a long-term caregiver to a disabled or seriously ill spouse are greater now than ever before.

Extended caregiving can be an emotional roller coaster. And, without proper planning, it can be financially devastating. When faced with the prospect of a spouse's serious illness, only one thing is certain: for now, all the responsibilities are on your shoulders.

It is likely that in addition to the physical care giving responsibilities that have passed to you, all legal, financial and health-care-related decisions will become yours as well. Taking charge, as the proxy decision maker won't be easy, particularly if your spouse resists giving up his role, however necessary that may be.

Plan to "gently" take on the role of sole decision maker in your household. Start by identifying and surrounding yourself with professionals who can provide you with current information, resources and common-sense advice on personal financial matters and legal issues. The more advocates you have to support you during this uncertain time, the easier your transition should be.

Consider your caregiving options. Make a detailed plan now. By planning ahead and anticipating certain needs before your situation becomes overwhelming, you can avoid having to make important decisions during a time of crisis.

List the things you may need help with, now or in the future. List all your informal support contacts (e.g., family, friends, neighbors) and decide how each person might help meet your needs. Repeat the list for formal support services (e.g., community services, home care workers, adult day care programs). It is important to set a realistic time frame for any action planned. Of course, make an appointment with an attorney knowl-

edgeable in estate planning, probate, and, if possible, public benefits planning.

What types of care should you consider and how will you fund them? A professional familiar with your spouse's specific health issues, your current caregiving situation and community resources can often facilitate your decision. Explore every option with the help of an attorney, or professional who specializes in elder care, as well as a financial advocate before taking any decisive steps.

While you still have time together, track down: all financial accounts; keys to safe deposit boxes; important identification papers such as birth and marriage certificates, deeds to property, vehicle registrations, military records, Social Security cards, naturalization cards and insurance policies; and existing estate planning documents, such as your will or irrevocable trust or agreement.

Update your will. As an essential part of your family's estate plan, a will establishes who receives your assets and how they will be distributed. Dying without the benefit of a will leaves the laws of your state to decide the division and distribution of your property. It can also create unwanted estate tax consequences.

What's more, your will could explicitly address who will manage your spouse's assets in the event

of your death, and how much of your assets you wish to set aside for this purpose.

Evaluate your own long-term care needs. Although it may be difficult to focus on yourself now, it is important that you think about your own health and your future. Should you suffer health problems and require long-term care down the road, do you have a plan in place to cover yourself financially? Long-term care insurance can offer a good alternative to dipping into your retirement savings or relying on your children to shoulder this potential burden.

Keep in mind that you don't have to carry the burden alone. Use all resources available to you: your family, friends and community organizations. Finally, recommendations from your attorney, accountant and financial consultant can help you manage the financial challenges and sort through the many choices you will have to make.

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It certainly has been an eventful few weeks. May we be spared from being a part of such weather again. As always our Community pulls together and care for our neighbors. All of you make me so proud of being from Myakka.

We will be putting together a **CERTS** (Community Emergency Response Team) soon. If we can do without a storm for just a little while so we can get the training going. I thank you all that have called or stopped in to volunteer. We are still making our list and we can still use anyone interested in helping out when we have an emergency. Just call the center and we will put you on the list to be called. Thank you in advance for your caring.

Many things will be happening this next month or two. We are going into the holiday season and will be sending out information on our upcoming parade. If you are new, this is an event you do not want to miss. There will be several very important changes this year and we will be sending out a booklet soon giving all the changes that are coming up. So keep watch in you mail.

There will be some changes coming in Myakka Livin' also as we look to the start of our new year. If you want color back we need to hear from you, but keep in mind that it will cost more.

My condolences go out to the families of **Ruby Osteen, Charles Kersey, Col. Ottomar Herrmann and Zulema Gonzalez Garcia**. We have lost some very precious people in our community this month.

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I am so grateful that no one was killed during the past weeks due to the hurricanes. Not to make light of anyone's problems, but I do feel we are fortunate to have not lost someone in death.

The MAC building was broken into at the Myakka Park during this time and we were robbed. It really hurt my heart that anyone would do that. We lost several things that the kids and staff have waited a long time for us to be able to afford. I will list them for you and if your heart tells you to help us out, we will be so very grateful.

Stereo Sound System for Teen Club (just gotten & they were planning their first dance)

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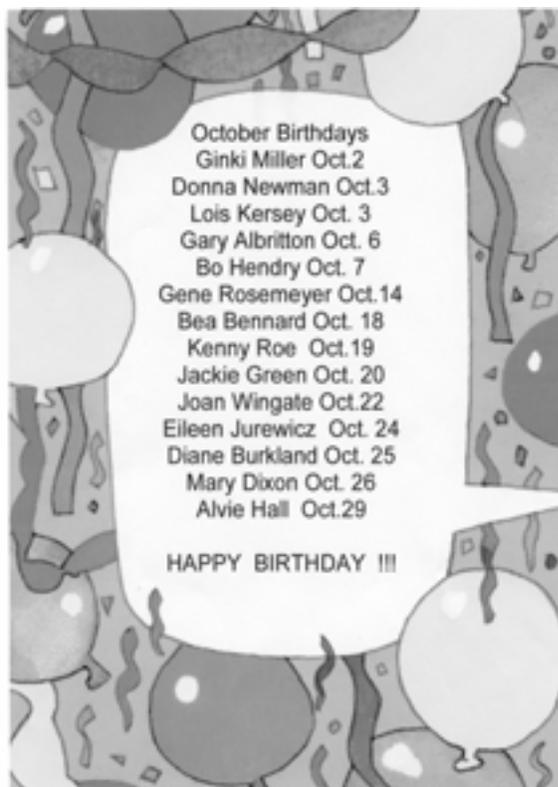
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Several of our regular field luncheons were cancelled in September but we are looking forward to a GREAT October with a field trip to Hundsauders Pukin' Festival...Friday October 22nd.



Senior October Calendar

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"Creepy Crowley" in October

Karl Hallsten telling stories at the Tatum House.



History, storytelling, candle making, good food, and fun will collide with Crowley Museum & Nature Center this month. It's Halloween time! Here's what is in store at "Creepy Crowley" for our Myakka City residents on the last two Saturdays of October.

On Saturday, October 23 at 4:30 pm, it's "Scary Stories for Halloween." Enjoy this evening of family entertainment with Karl Hallsten, a professional storyteller with a reputation for telling great stories that are captivating, humorous, and well, just a little scary. Karl will share his creepy tales on the steps of the historic Tatum House. Although you may be on the edge of your seat, the stories are guaranteed not to send your kids to bed with nightmares. (The stories are suitable for all ages, including adults.)

Karl is an active participant and leader in the Gulf Coast Storytelling Guild, where storytellers can meet to practice the art of telling stories, share new stories, and network for upcoming opportunities for storytelling at public events. Now a resident of Venice, Florida, Karl grew up in Minnesota where he loved to eavesdrop on his parents telling stories with their friends late at night. He began storytelling himself as a teenager at church and camp events. As an adult, Karl pursued a career in social work after serving in the military. Now, in retirement, Karl is back to storytelling and hopes to revive the art here in Florida.

"Scary Stories for Halloween" is free with admission to the Center: \$5 per adult, \$3 per child (ages 5-12) and free for children under 5. Dinner packages including a hamburger, hotdog or Veggie burger with chips and a drink will be available for \$4 per person. The event benefits Crowley Museum & Nature Center.

On Saturday, October 30 at 10:00 am, Jan McCormick will be at Crowley to present "The History of Halloween and Spooky Candle Making." In interactive workshop for adults and children, participants will discover the origin of all the wild Halloween customs, from trick-or-treating to carving pumpkins for jack-o'-lanterns. Jan will demonstrate candle making, and each participant will have the chance to make his or her own hand-dipped candle to take home and use on Halloween.

Jan McCormick is the founder of History Out of the Box, Inc., a private education outreach program dedicated to promoting local and public history programs for students that incorporate the arts, math and science through hands on activities and projects. Jan believes it is important to ensure that local children are pro-

vided with the opportunity to better understand and appreciate the history that surrounds their daily activities. Before moving to the Sarasota area, Jan developed educational programming and curriculum for the Black Hills School system in South Dakota and the Kulpville and Lansdale schools in Pennsylvania.

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By: Alma Ovalle



Huracanes y la Vida Real

Al escribirles estas pocas palabras hoy, aqui en Myakka City, hemos sobrevivido el huracan Charley, el huracan Frances y el huracan Ivan en estos momentos, esta asotando a Cuba. Los meteorologos dicen que tal vez no llegue a causar danos a nuestra area de la Florida, pues parece estar suficiente lejos para causarnos danos aqui en el Suroeste de la Florida. Gracias a Dios. Espero que cuando lean esta, su seccion en Espanol, que se encuentren bien de salud y menos estresados desde esta temporada de huracanes.

Podemos comparar estos 3 huracanes aun con la vida real. Digo eso porque a veces en la vida real, parece ser que se nos vienen todos los problemas de un solo. No lo gramos entender el porque estamos pasando tiempos dificiles o porque estamos sufriendo enfermedades o el porque las cosas no marchan de acuerdo a

nuestros planes. Parece ser que los problemas vienen uno tras otros sin darnos suficiente tiempo de recuperarnos.

Igual que los huracanes, los fuertes vientos nos ocasionan problemas destructivos a nuestras vidas: fisicamente, emocionalmente y espiritualmente. Pueda que en la vida real, seamos tentados a rendirnos frente las amargas situaciones de la vida. Podemos huir de el huracan o de el problema, pero eso no borrará el simple hecho que el huracan o el problema causaron danos o que todavia existen.

La unica esperanza que tenemos es pensar que con cada tormenta que viene, despues tambien vendra la calma. Pasando la tormenta, nos toca el trabajo de evaluar y reparar los danos. Cuando podemos enfrentar la realidad de nuestros problemas, ya hemos tomado el primer paso hacia la calma y la paz. No perdamos la fe, sabiendo que la prueba de nuestra fe produce paciencia.

Gracias por su atencion y que Dios los guarde. Hasta el proximo mes!
Alma Ovalle

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Hurricanes and Real Life

As I write to you today, here in Myakka City, we have survived hurricane Charley, hurricane Frances and at this very moment, hurricane Ivan is just nudging towards Cuba. The meteorologists says that this one may not cause us any harm here in Southwest Florida. Thank God. I hope that when you read this section En Espanol that you are well and less stressed after this hurricane season.

We can compare these 3 hurricanes with real life. I say this because sometimes in real life it seems that our problems come bombarding us all at once. We don't understand why we are going through difficult times or why we are suffering illness or why things are just not going according to plan. It seems to be that our problems come one

after the other not giving us enough time to recover from the last one.

Just like hurricanes, the strong winds can cause destructive and devastating damage to our lives: physically, emotionally and spiritually as well. It may be that in life we may feel tempted to give up as we confront those hard situations. We may try to flee from a hurricane or from our problems, but that does not erase the simple fact that the hurricane or the problem caused damages and that the problems may still exist.

The only hope we have is to believe that with each storm that comes, so too does the calm after the storm. Once the storm is over, we take on the job of evaluating and repairing the damages. When we can confront the reality of our problems, we have taken the first step towards that calm. Let us not lose faith, knowing that the testing of our faith produces perseverance.

Zulema Gonzalez Garcia 1929-2004

Sentimos la perdida de nuestra querida y apreciada amiga que fallecio el dia que pego el huracan Charley. Dona Zulema murio en un asilo de ancianos en Port Charlotte el 13 de Agosto aproximadamente a las 3 de la tarde.

El velorio y misa tuvieron lugar en la Iglesia Catolica de Arcadia el sabado 21 de Agosto a las 12:00pm. Expresamos nuestro sincero pesame a la familia Gonzalez y Puente al partir de su apreciada mama.

Era una persona mujer muy dadivosa! Su don era de siempre ayudar a la gente! Mil Gracias por todo lo que hizo por nosotros y que Dios la tenga en Gloria.

We feel a sadness in our hearts for the loss of our dearly beloved friend who passed away the day hurricane Charley hit. Mrs. Zulema died in a nursing home in Port Charlotte at approximately 3:00 pm on the 13th of August.

The viewing and mass were held at the Catholic church in Arcadia the following Saturday August 21, 2004 at 12:00pm

We express our deepest sympathy to the Gonzalez and Puente families for the parting of their dearly beloved mother.

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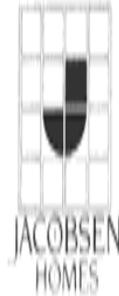
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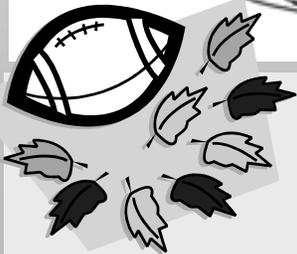
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While it isn't anything that will 'blow you away'... after the hurricanes and break ins and recent losses in our community - it's a breath of fresh air to write a little good news.

1 THE NEW BUILDING: MCCC is very excited over a potential site for the new building that will be more community oriented than any previously available. The offer is extremely generous and may also encourage greater funding - faster. We'll keep you posted!

2 MYAKKA LIVIN' COVER BACK TO COLOR? We've had so many requests and pleas... and let's face it - we really miss it, too. It was heartbreaking last month to feature a gorgeous rainbow in black and white!

(Since the September issue came out, I've had enough folks approach me about making the photograph available - in color - I intend to approach the photographer, Pastor Richard Nusel from the First United Methodist Church, for permission to use it on a Myakka City postcard I've got in the works.)

To get the ML cover back in color - we obviously have to

Jeanne had a little fun with the MCUM Church Steeple.

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3 LET'S GET TOGETHER AND HAVE SOME FUN! THE FALL HOE DOWN (pg 3) AND CHRISTMAS PARADE ARE COMING!

It's always been fun in the past - but this year - seriously, we need it so bad - it's going to be a blast! Can't wait to see you all as I run around again with my camera for Myakka Livin'.

(Did you know that it takes 10+ Myakka City Residents to get picture permission — but that at community events, meetings and functions, I consider everybody fair game?) See You There!

4 www.MyakkaCityFL.com: coming in time for Christmas, it's a great opportunity for Myakka City residents to continue visibly uniting 24 hours/7 days a week worldwide! And you can make it your home page, too!

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I have talked about Google.com so much that it is old hat to most everybody. If a student can't find more that enough information for a research paper in a very small amount of time at www.google.com, then he/she isn't a student, just a number on the schools roles.

Mapblast.com I use it all the time to look up addresses. A new customer, a new doctor, or a new store, just put in the address, and up pops a map of the location and, if needed, driving directions to get there. Step by step.

Switchboard.com. Want to know the phone number for the Buccaneer's front office? Go to switchboard.com, put in Tampa Bay Buccaneers and you will get the executive offices and the ticket office number along with the address 1 Buc Place. Then Mapblast to the address and you will have driving directions for your interview.

Schoolresults.org With the No Child Left Behind Act, schools are now required to make public the information about how their school compares with others in the area or country. Check out your school versus the district and state. You might be surprised.

Weathercenter.com/radar/animatedradar.htm

Gives you the animated weather for our area. Shows you where the storms are now and how long you have to finish up the mowing.

Want to here radio from another part of the country? Go to <http://windowsmedia.com/radiotuner/MyRadio.asp> and turn your speakers up! You can find many different stations from country, classic rock, classical to talk radio guys. Something for everyone. My favorite is <http://countrylegends971.com> If it isn't a gold record, they don't play it. Yes, it is from Texas.

These are some of the websites that can save you time, money and aggravation, or just make you day go a little smoother. Try them out.

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Where do Bluebirds go in a storm?

What a time every living thing has gone through these past weeks! I hope you and yours are all well and came through these hard times. I pictured bird boxes flying through the air, and all the past two years work would be gone. After hurricane Charley, I contacted all of my Bluebird Monitors.

I found as a total, hundreds of trees were lost on properties. As to structures, on State Rd. 64 our Monitor of M 6 Bambi, lost a 3000 sq. ft. shed. In Hardee county H 1 Maria and Horst, lost their huge carport and patio. The Ona Bluebird Trail was in the direct line of the eye, and as of yet I still do not have a report if it made it, but we had our doubts. The Monitors of the Ona Trail, both John's had the roofs on one bedroom in each of their house's break through or off. I have not heard nor wanted to bother Ken of our Arcadia Trail, because of so much destruction out their way, that checking on a few Bluebird boxes just does not seem that important.

After Francis I heard from Avon Park Monitor's and Kacky and Willie, they say that they will have to repair some of their large cone predator guards, but that their 100 boxes are fine. I did not hear of any other problems. I believe that at most we lost only 35 boxes, and plans are started now on how to replace that loss.

The end of September is when the years breeding records were to be in to Cornell University. We were doing fine on reporting until the storms, and now it is only the large Trails which yet have to report. We have had a fantastic year even with Mother Nature making a violent visit.

So where do birds go in a storm? I can't say I have found any written information, nor have I heard from other experts from around the country as to an exact answer. Some thought that perhaps the birds can sense the change in the drop of air pressure and instinctively know something is going to happen, and then know what they are to do. I wonder with Charley if that could be true because of the sudden change in direction and the very fast track it made through the state. How could a bird pick up the change, and then fly as many miles as it would be needed in so little time? Now then in Francis the storm took longer to arrive and it could be possible that birds would know to fly out of an area. But, then do the birds

In hurricane Francis, I saw a hawk on my neighbors power line. The hawk then flew to my fence line, where we looked at each other for a long time. Then the hawk flew within 8 ft. to my house's electric pole line. We again watched each other. It was like it was trying to ask for help as it's feathers were being blown every which way.

really fly as long a distance as would be needed?

I believe in hurricane Charley that many birds were killed. We all saw the pictures of the winds as they ripped through the trees. There was no holding on to limbs.

In Francis, with the exception of the West coast areas, but through the state and on to our coast, I believe there was a place for birds to still hide in the trees. In hurricane Francis, I saw a hawk on my neighbors power line. The hawk then flew to my fence line, where we looked at each other for a long time. Then the hawk flew within 8 ft. to my house's electric pole line. We again watched each other. It was like it was trying to ask for help as it's feathers were being blown every which way. I also saw how Blue Jays were only hoping about a foot at a time moving through my back bushes. Another lady told me that looking in the tree next to her home, she saw five hawks on the lower limb of a tree, where they were all huddled together. Her house was possibly blocking much of the winds. She also stated that the tree was filled with other types of birds.

In Gulf Breeze, Florida, is the Tiger Bay Golf Club Bluebird 50 Box Trail. As of this writing no word of the Monitor has been heard of yet. Aerial views do not look good, like most other pictures we have seen. Both this Trail, and the Ona Trail had very high winds, and I believe there was great loss of Bluebirds. Next years breeding in these areas should be of great interest, because we will be able to see if these two well established Bluebird Trails will have the returning nesters. We may be able to supply new information to Cornell University on what 80-135 miles per hour winds do to an areas birds. **THINK BLUEBIRD!**

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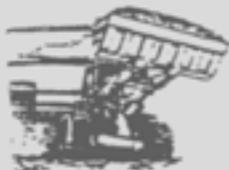
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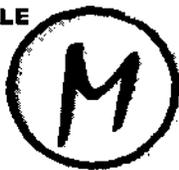
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Understanding Tax Cuts:

Let's put tax cuts in terms everyone can understand. Suppose that every day, ten people go out for dinner. The bill for all ten comes to \$100. If they pay their bill the way we pay out taxes it would go like this: the first four people—the poorest— would pay nothing; the fifth would pay \$1; the sixth would pay \$3; the seventh \$7; the eighth \$12; the ninth \$18; and the tenth person—the richest— would pay \$59. That's the way they decided to do it. The ten people ate dinner in the restaurant every day and seemed quite happy with the arrangement—until one day the owner threw them a curve (in tax language, a tax cut). "Since you all are such good customers" he said "I am going to reduce the cost of your daily meal by \$20". So now the dinner for ten only cost \$80.00. The group still wanted to pay their bill the way we pay our taxes. So the first four people were unaffected. They would still eat for free. But what about the other six—the paying customers? How could they divvy up the \$20 windfall so that everyone would get a 'fair share'? The six people realized that that \$20 divided by six is \$3.33. But if they subtracted that from everybody's share, then the fifth and sixth person would end up being PAID to eat their meal. So the restaurant owner suggested that it would be fair to reduce each person's bill by roughly the same amount, and he

proceeded to work out the amounts each should pay. And so the fifth person paid nothing, the sixth pitched in \$2, the seventh paid \$5, the eighth paid \$9, the ninth paid \$12, leaving the tenth man with a bill of \$52 instead of his earlier \$59. Each of the six was better off than before. And the first four continued to eat for free. But once outside the restaurant, the people began to compare their savings. "I only got a dollar out of the \$20", declared the sixth person, but pointing to the tenth said, "but that person got \$7!" "Yeah that's right," exclaimed the fifth person, "I only saved a dollar too, that's unfair that he saved seven times more than me!" "That's true" shouted the seventh person, "why should he get \$7 back when I got only \$2?" The wealthy get all the breaks!" "Wait a minute," yelled the first four people in unison, "We didn't get anything at all, the system exploits the poor!" So the nine people surrounded the tenth and beat him up. The next night he didn't show up for dinner, so the nine sat down and ate dinner without him. But when it came time to pay the bill, they discovered, a little late what was very important. They were fifty-two dollars short of paying the bill, imagine that! And that boys and girls, journalists and college instructors, is how the tax system works. The people who pay the highest taxes get the most benefit from a tax reduction. Tax them too much, attack them for being wealthy, and they just may not show up at the table anymore.

Taken from a circulating email attributed to T. Davies, Professor of Accounting & Chair, Division of Accounting and Business Law, The University of South Dakota School of Business, 414 E. Clark Street, Vermillion, SD 57069 Phone: 605-677-5230 Fax: 605-677-5427



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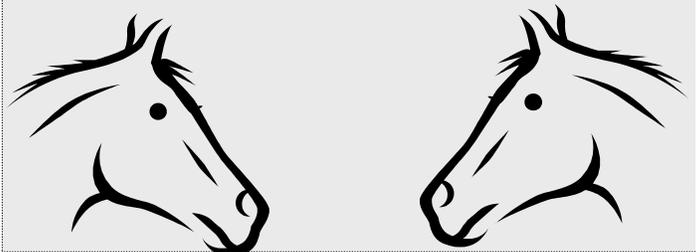
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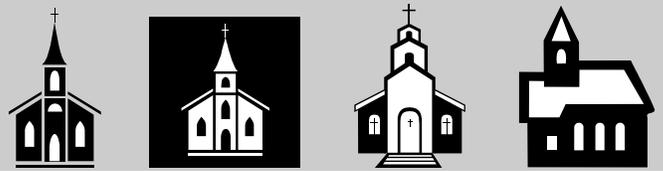
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 * Ph / Fax: 941-322-1905
SERVICES:
 Sun. Worship 10:30 am **MOPS:** 2nd Thurs. of Month at 9:30-11:30 am **Play & Learn:** Tues, Thurs 9 am-Noon **Women/Men Pot Luck Luncheons:** 3rd Wed. of Mo. at Noon **Wed. night church activities:** 7 to 8:30 pm **Live Simulcasts ea mo.** Check out www.abcreurrection.org

Bethany Baptist Church
 Pastor: Rev. A.O. Hendry
 Verna/Bethany Road, Myakka City, FL
 Ph: 322-1819
SERVICES:
 Sun. School @ 9:45 AM
 Morning Worship @ 11:00 AM
 Sun. night @ 6:00 PM
 Wed. night @ 7:00 PM

Evangel Baptist Church
 Pastor: Bill Jenkin III
 3605 Lorraine Road, Bradenton, FL 34211
 Ph: 708-6636 Fax 708-6646
SERVICES:
 Sun. 9:30 AM classes for all ages, 2 - adult
 Sun. Morning Worship 10:30 AM
 Sun. Eve Worship & Praise 6:00 PM
 Wed. Prayer & Bible Study 7:00 PM
 AWANA Clubs 5:50 PM
 4 yrs thru Jr. High (Mid Aug.- May)

Faith Christian Church
 Pastor: Rev. B. Scott Clark
 5215 Lorraine Rd.
 Bradenton, FL 34211
 Phone: 746-5711
SERVICES:
 Morn. Worship @ 9:30 AM & 11:00 AM
 Weds. @ 6:30 PM: Small Groups & Kids Club

Myakka City Baptist Church
 Pastor: Rev. Jimmy Driggers
 P.O. Box 207, Myakka City, FL 34251
 Phone: 322-1055
SERVICES:
 Sunday School @ 10:00am
 Morning Worship @ 11:00AM
 Sunday Evening @ 6.00PM
 Wednesday Evening @ 7:00PM

Old Miakka United Methodist Church
 Pastor: Marion Sortore
 1620 Myakka Rd., Sarasota, FL 34240
 Phone: 322-8575
SERVICES:
 Morn. Worship @ 8:00AM and 11:00 AM
 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM
 Youth meet Sunday @ 4:00 PM

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 Pastor: Rev. Tony Taylor
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 Phone: 322-2124
SERVICES:
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 Morning Worship @ 11:00 AM
 Sun. Eve @ 6:00 PM
 Wed. Eve @ 7:30 PM
 Family Training Hour & Adult Bible Study
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Myakka City United Methodist Church
 Pastor: Chet Zarayski
 10525 Lebanon Ave., Myakka City, FL
SERVICES:
 Sunday Morning Worship @ 9:30AM
 Sunday School @ 10:45
 Youth Group Sunday Evenings @6
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 Sunday Evening/carry-in dinner @ 5:00pm

Myakka Family Worship Center
 Pastor: Rev. Lynn Howell
 33410 Singletary Road, Myakka City, FL
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SERVICES:
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 Sunday Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Evening @ 7:00 PM

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 Phone: (863) 735-0123
SERVICES:
 SS @ 9:45AM /MW @ 11am * SN @ 6:30p.m.

Shepherd's Creek Lutheran Church
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 6325 Lorraine Road
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 749-7686
SERVICES:
 Sunday at 10 am
Wednesday night Life group
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Sandy Baptist Church
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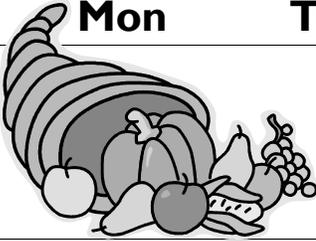
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Worship (See Directory)					1 MAC / ELC	2
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3 Worship (See Directory)	4 MAC/ELC	5 MAC/ELC SSSP LN ((BB) SCOUTS	6 MAC / ELC Church Nite	7 MAC / ELC Senior Breakfast	8 MAC / ELC	9 Teen Club
10 Worship (See Directory)	11 MAC / ELC ..	12 MAC / ELC SR LN (MC) SCOUTS <i>Historical Society Meeting 7:30PM</i>	13 MAC / ELC Church Nite	14 MAC / ELC Senior Breakfast	15 MAC / ELC	16 Teen Club
16 Worship (See Directory)	18 MAC / ELC MCCC Board Meeting @ 7pm MCCCInc Bldg.	19 MAC / ELC SR LN (BB) SCOUTS	20 MAC / ELC Church Nite	21 MAC / ELC Senior Breakfast MAG Basic Computers I	22 MAC / ELC	23 Teen Club
24 Worship (See Directory) CHANGE!	25 MAC / ELC	26 MAC / ELC SR LN (MC) SCOUTS	27 MAC/ELC Church Nite	28 MAC/ELC SENIOR BREAKFAST Basic Computers I	29	30 
31 TIME CHANGE!! 	MAC - Morning - After school - Care ELC - Early Learning Center MAG - Myakka Action Group			SR BR - Senior Breakfast SR LN - Senior Luncheon (BB) - Bethany Baptist (MC) MC Methodist		

Senior Breakfast (The Ranch House)
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Senior Luncheon
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Myakka City Methodist Church 2nd & 4th
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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
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