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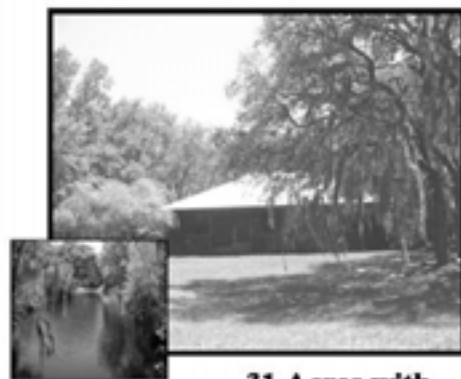
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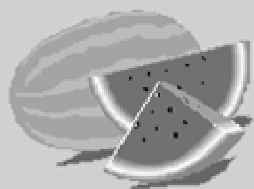
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"Were we slow on the uptake? Yeah..."

"I'll take the blame."



When Phishing isn't Phun

Ever been fishing? You know, that pastime where you use familiar bait to lure the unsuspecting fish to bite your hook and then once you have it on the hook you can do what ever you want with it? Well, the Internet has a new twist on that pastime which could get costly for the ill prepared. It uses the same technique with the bait and the same results are achieved in the end. Only it is called phishing.

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Protect yourself! If you think the request is legitimate, call your bank directly. It doesn't take that long. Ask them if they sent it. Then tell them where the link is to the site that is supposed to be theirs. That may help someone else who is a little less informed than you now are.

Be aware of the downside as well as the upside of the Internet. It has changed our lives so dramatically and will change them more and more each year. It has opened up a great new world to our children and us. You can, at a keystroke, find out information that used to take us hours to find and filter through at the library. Now a quick Google search can find more information about a topic in less time than it took us to open a book, maybe even just grab the book (I don't know about you but usually the first book I grabbed was the wrong one anyway)

If 40 years ago you had described the Internet to someone, as it is today, told them that within a second you can have more information about a history topic than you could ever use to make that 5-page history report due tomorrow. That you could buy a classic car

after seeing it and hearing it run (from 1000 miles away). If you had told them you could send a picture of your new grandson, or your daughter's first steps, to everybody in your family with just a few keystrokes, well they would probably responded "Right, and I guess next you will be telling me that they will be landing space ships on Mars too"

The Internet is probably one of the most important technological discoveries of the 20th century. Along with it comes the other side that criminals will try to exploit. Use the Internet but protect yourself along the way.

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

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MYAKKA CITY: CUT



...from modern conveniences to communication, it's been rough the past couple weeks for some of us. And for others - it still is.

Story & Photos by Kimmy Ellinwood

Thursday, August 12: many of us out here in Myakka City were going through the motions of hurricane preparedness out of a "you never know, better safe than sorry" mentality.

So we cleared our yards, stocked up on water, and got out our emergency lanterns. Some boarded windows, but most of us didn't. From news forecasts, we weren't expecting anything much.

And we certainly didn't expect what we got.

Friday, August 13: After hours and days of TV warnings not concerning Myakka City - Myakka City suddenly popped up on the screen, with a one hour warning that Charley was heading right

for us. Just enough time to evacuate - if you had a place to go.

There are over 500 mobile and manufactured homes in Myakka City and while some managed to find refuge in a local church, many did not. Several residents rode the storm utterly terrified as their home shook and the roof came off.

There have been a couple reports of folks coming to Myakka City to evacuate surrounding coastal areas - only to find there was no shelter and to ride it out in their cars.

WHAT HAPPENED?

Why hadn't the Elementary School been opened as a shelter and why were we left for days in the dark? Liter-

ally, without power and figuratively, without communication from Manatee County. Relief Services didn't even start until the following Monday.

It wasn't hubris that ruffled locals when we weren't mentioned on the TV or radio. As an unincorporated area, we have no local officials. We have no local town hall. With no mention on the news, with phones down at least a day, no service from the post office, and no response from Manatee County - we received no outside communication at all.

It isn't exactly easy to go door to door in Myakka City, but Myakka City Community Center, several local churches and concerned citizens, got together to go door

to door delivering what food and water they happened to have.

Phones were back up later the next day for those with a non-cordless phone or a generator. Driving on Wauchula Road, you enjoyed the curious site of what appeared to be Verizon Representatives taking turns guarding their generator from what must have seemed like thousands of power hungry Myakka City residents.

If you didn't have a generator, you didn't have lights. You couldn't run a fan in the heat and humidity of an August day or night. And you didn't have water. If you don't have water - you don't have the use of your toilet or shower.

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Above: top to bottom: My dog Lady had the right idea after all, Myakka City United Methodist BBQ - where both good food and a good crowd were gathered. Below: top to bottom: The Civic Center's Eagle lost its wings, Julianna Chabot trying to get the word out to those many who needed water.



generator, you were lucky to have lights and probably water. But no hot water. No way to run laundry loads, air conditioning, an iron or a vacuum, or any of the many appliances we usually take for granted.

It's like primitive camping in your house while you still have to go to work. It doesn't sound as bad as it actually is.

I personally was most surprised to discover how quickly a house will start to stink with a heavy sweet, sweaty musty odor when you go a couple of days in August with windows open to heat, humidity and very little moving air. To quote the movie *Matrix*, "It's the smell."

Complete reports of the damage out here haven't come in - but we know homes, crops, animals and jobs were lost. From all the coverage of other areas such as Arcadia and Port Charlotte, we also know on the whole, that Myakka City was still pretty darn lucky. No one is known to have been seriously injured, and we in no way suffered the utter destruction of entire neighborhoods, mangled homes and disrupted lives.

Sunday, August 15: On the Sunday following Charley, I went down to Myakka City United Methodist Church (MCUM) who had an open BBQ to all residents of the area.

MC resident Nancy Ness had this to say, "We have no lights, no water. There's some bottled water left in the refrigerator and we've been collecting rain water in a tub. We have some dry stuff to cook on a gas stove. We're doing okay, but we're sweating, getting eaten alive by mosquitoes and sit-

ting in the dark. The hardest part has been trying to explain to our two year grandson why he can't watch a video - he doesn't understand what's going on."

After the BBQ, my family and I stopped to see if a young lady jumping up and down on the side of the road at the MCCC Civic Center required assistance. I discovered it was Julianna, daughter of MCCC Chairwoman, Millie Chabot, holding up a notebook with "Free Water" written across the pages.

"We received 'Bring Your Own Jug' water from Braden River Fire Department. And I'm doing this until we can get the word out - or at least a sign. We really aren't sure how to get the word out to people who need it."

A little further down Wauchula Rd, I stopped to witness the utter destruction of the home of Mae Meeks, a parishioner of the Myakka City Church of God. Pastor Tony Taylor and other parishioners were helping 'Sister Mae' salvage what she could.

"You can take any photos you want, as long they don't include me," Sister Mae told me. "And you can tell everybody I'm fine. Things are just things. My grandson came to evacuate me just one hour prior to Charlie hitting my home. I'm very lucky."

Then Sister Mae got back to sorting through her belongings, and with a smile, she added, "You can also tell 'em that I'm looking for affordable housing or a trailer. Something - even if it's only temporary."

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Mae Meek's residence after Hurricane Charley hit on Friday, August 13, 2004. Shown, Pastor Tony Taylor and Church of God Parishioner helping sort through Mae's belongings.



"when he's running out of sunsets and his horse is slowing down..."



A couple of weeks ago I wrote about the cowboy poet Baxter Black describing the aging cowboys when "he's running out of sunsets and his horse is slowing down" but I have watched those aging cowboys and take my word for it—they can get the job done.

I remember one time when I was at Matthews Animal Hospital in Arcadia Mrs.

Jack Eason's dad, A.P. Burnett, had pulled into the parking lot in a pickup truck with his Appaloosa horse in the back.

He was probably going to work because I noticed his horse was saddled. A.P. was probably at least 70 years old at the time, but he was still what we all know as a working cowboy.

There was a rack along the sides of the truck and the horse simply jumped in and out of the pickup. Matter of fact the horse had been seen jumping in the back of the truck without the rack and riding around the pasture like a cur dog.

Anyway I heard a lot of commotion in the barn and as I looked up here comes a 1,500 pound Brahman bull strolling out of the barn and heading for the parking lot.

The whole staff was outside by then, but nobody knew what to do or how to do it. Then, just as calm as he could be I saw A.P. glanced around at the situation then reached down and tighten the girth of his saddle.

Then he stepped up in the stirrup, swung his leg over the saddle and reached to release his lariat. He began building a loop and headed for the bull and in less time than it takes to write this tale he had the Brahman bull roped and was headed back toward the barn with the bull in tow.

Then there was the legendary cowboy Jack Duncan who, like A.P. Burnett, could do any job on a ranch or in the rodeo arena. I remember Jack roping calves during the old timer's roping event at the Hardee County

Fair. He had turned 70 the year before and still caught both of his calves in the roping event that night.

Jack had endured some really serious health problems including open heart surgery, but he always came back and when he died it was late in the evening after he had gathered cattle all day long.

Then there's Roy Crews and most cowboys in Hardee County know Roy. He is one of those hands who would lay back in the saddle and go just as fast as ole "Shorty" could travel to head off a runaway cow or a yearling. He could also ease into a pen and by himself throw and cut a boar hog that weighed almost as much as he did.

I also remember a few years ago when Roy, who was a rodeo cowboy before he was married and had children, and he was entered in the old timers bull riding at Wauchula Arena. If he hadn't reached for his hat to "fan" the bull just shy of the eight second whistle he would have placed in the bull riding. Now at 81 years old, Roy still works in the cowpens, but doesn't catch calves anymore.

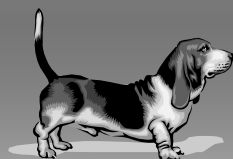
These aging cowboys have worked long, hard hours in all kinds of weather dealing with mad cows, fighting bulls, green broke horses, and riding at a full gallop across a pasture full of Armadillo holes. They are tough, but they have really always believed—if it can't be done a-horseback it ain't worth doing.

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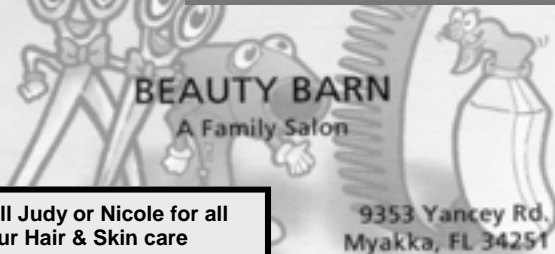
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Eloise Rowland stocks the table for hurricane families that need food.

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Senior September Calendar

Tuesday Sept. 7th & 21st Luncheon at Bethany Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 10am to 1pm

Tuesday September 14th & 28th Luncheon at Myakka Methodist Church Fellowship Hall at 10am to 1pm

Every Thursday Breakfast at the Ranch House At 8:45am - followed by games or arts and crafts at the Park Building , and a trip to the Beauty Barn for all who want to go!

September Birthdays

Linda Wester - Sept. 6
Mollie Gautsch- Sept. 11
Virginia Shanaberger- Sept. 9
Evelyn Hillstrand- Sept. 11
Jason Gould- Sept. 12
Candice Fleming- Sept. 19
Patsy Boyett- Sept. 20
Irene Carlton- Sept. 23
Marilyn Oxford- Sept. 26
Rodney Wingate- Sept. 27

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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I asked Pastor Tony Talyor if I should call around to get some more helping hands. He said that the members of their church had really gotten together and located storage for her salvageable furniture and belongings, and there were only so many that could work on site given the extensive damage to her home. But since she couldn't use a generator because of her home's exposure to the elements and probable wire damage – she did need to find someplace to store her cold food.

Mike and Yvonne Colegrove came to mind. At the MCUM BBQ, they mentioned they have a 175KW Generator (used for power at carnivals), and were opening their home to anyone who needed a shower, to do laundry or just get some relief from the heat.

"We have air conditioning, washer/ dryer, hot

water and more lights than you need. With a generator this size, you can't under load it. So we're lighting quite a big area around our house. It's a bit embarrassing at night – but we've seen some hard times ourselves, and you can't, as they say, hide your light under a basket."

When I called Yvonne to see if she had room for Sister Mae's food, she said "Of course. At times like these – you can always make a little more room."

With our local churches functioning as our first responders - in addition to the quick efforts of our Community Center and Fire Department, we are very lucky to have the generous pastors and congregations that we have in Myakka City.

In addition to the many efforts of Myakka City Methodist Church and Church of God already mentioned, I also know the Myakka City Family Worship Center with

Lynn Howell offered a daily dinner meal open to all, that many gathered at the Sandy Baptist Church and that members of Myakka City United Methodist Church came over to assist with the relief efforts.

On Sunday, there was also a County School Board parents' meeting at Myakka City Elementary School to determine how students may continue attending school. I did not attend the meeting, but I certainly did hear any number of mixed emotions to the decision to bus the elementary school children to Nolan Middle School in Lakewood Ranch.

Monday, August 16: Relief Services arrived – from the Red Cross, Salvation Army, The Public Health Department (Medical Services) - at Myakka City Methodist Church. Water, ice, showers and bathrooms were made available at Myakka City Elementary School, in addition to being set up as a shelter for those in need.

Thursday, August 19: THE MEETING: Several weeks in advance of Hurricane Charley, Ginki Miller had arranged for a Myakka Action Group "Meet The Candidates" evening – a convenient forum for MC residents to hear the issues and meet the candidates before the August 31st election.

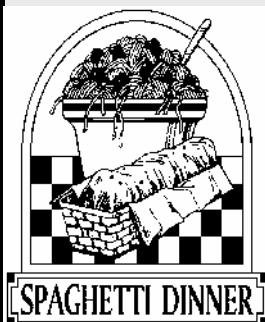
Sometime by Monday, August 16th it was clear



Relief Services set up at Myakka City Methodist Church, Top to bottom: Outside facilities, outside supplies, posted information signs on front doors, friendly welcome / check in desk, residents sharing a meal together, and posted information signs leaving the Fellowship Hall.



Several volunteers came from all over the area to assist with sorting and distributing food stuffs and dry goods from diapers to toilet paper. Thanks to all for their hard work!



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Above: Medical Assistance provided by Myakka City Family Health Center.
Below: Help and supplies came from Salvation Army.



that the meeting had evolved to a **“Meet Your County Officials - Get Some Answers – And Let Off Some Steam”** evening.

As Ginki Miller, Director of MCCC, put it in her

opening speech, “How hot we are - in more ways than one.”

The main concerns boiled down to:

- 1) Why wasn’t the Elementary School opened as a shelter prior to the Hurricane?
- 2) Why did it take three days to get any kind of response from Manatee County and other relief services?
- 3) Following the Hurricane, why did it take days to get the Elementary School opened as a shelter for those now clearly in need?
- 4) When will power be restored?
- 5) Will we be eligible for assistance from programs like FEMA? And what if we aren’t?

County Commissioner Jonathan Bruce began by stating that the storm caught them off guard. They didn’t plan appropriately for how it would affect Myakka City – as the Western part of the county was very prepared.

“We all learned a tremendous lesson. I’m grateful there was no loss of life. Homes we can rebuild,” said Commissioner Bruce.

“Where do we go from here? We learn from our mistakes.”

Bruce went on to say that he didn’t realize that we had the destruction here that we do and that when he and Representative Reagan got here on the following Monday, “I was shocked to see the homes impacted.”

“Were we slow on the up-take? Yeah. I’ll take my portion of the blame.”

According to Bruce there were three main lessons learned:

- 1) The Shelter needed to be open. With only an hour’s notice, there wasn’t any way for folks to evacuate to the shelter in Bradenton.
- 2) We need more generators in the County. Manatee will have to pursue funds. The County was not prepared for all the shelters and generators that were needed.
- 3) There needs to be a team to represent Myakka’s needs. A “Myakka Response Team” that is proactive and not just reactive. We have to make some changes - prepare now for the response team so that this never happens again. (My husband wonders whether we can secure a small AM radio transmitter with a call in line

strictly for the response team to communicate with Myakka City residents.)

Questions and comments were then taken from the audience and Bruce responded:

* There is a FEMA representative taking questions and handing out the 800 number to call to make your claims (800-462-7585).

* Had not previously been made aware of the mosquito problems for those who are forced outdoors. Would follow up on additional spraying immediately.

*The power was expected to be back on August 21st, and the delay was due to the power provider having trouble transmitting to Peace River.

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On Route to The Meeting:
Across, left to right: American Red Cross sign, water and bug repellent, folks making their way to the Elementary School, caution tape on the ground, and another Red Cross sign.



Music Festival Hits the Right Note in Old Miakka



Imagine a day of lawn chairs, friends, folk music and food---all in a scenic backdrop of live oaks dripping with Spanish moss. Whether you're a true folkie, a nature lover, or just a regular guy or gal in search of a really cool way to spend a weekend day, make sure to mark Saturday, October 9 on your calendar. Two local not-for-profit organizations, Crowley Museum & Nature Center and the Sarasota Folk Club, have joined up again to bring you the second annual Sarasota Folk Music Festival, a day of music in the country.

The event features over twenty professional acoustic and folk musicians performing on two stages throughout the day. Festival goers can also participate in music workshops in the pioneer museum and impromptu jam circles. That's right, you're even invited to bring your own instruments. If you don't fashion a guitar, banjo, harmonica, or your voice, that's okay too. Just plan to kick back and enjoy the sounds and the nature.

Food straight off the grill (yes, Veggie burgers too), hayrides, and a glimpse of the rural Southwest Florida pioneer lifestyles are also part of the deal. The Tatum House, the oldest "cracker" house in Sarasota County, was moved to Crowley Museum & Nature Center several years ago and restored with a grant from the state of Florida. Last year, folks including Jim Chaps, Greg Evans, and Cindi Harrison flocked to the picture perfect setting of the structure's front porch to use it as a stage for spontaneous tunes with fellow musicians.

You'll find nature trails scattered with wooden benches throughout Crowley Museum & Nature Center's 190 acres of pine flatwoods, hammock, marsh and swamp. As with any open

day at the Center, they will be yours to explore during the festival. You are sure to discover the chorus of tree frogs, cicadas, vireos, and flying grasshoppers that blend right in with the music theme of the day although they don't appear on the two main stages.

So let's get down to the performers. The Sarasota Folk Club, an organization dedicated to encouraging the development of local folk talent and showcasing both local and national performers, has assembled an extraordinary collection of singers, banjo pickers, and guitar players. Mindy Simmons, Bill Schustick, Steve Blackwell and Friends, Jim Gromko, Shady Grove, Myakka, Carl Wade & Something Special, The Connie Dillon Band, Buddy Gibson, Rayzor, Ishmael Katz, Jim Glover, Barron Morin, Dan Whissel, and Kevin McGuire are a few of the event's headliners. If you have been lucky enough to see any one of these performers live, you know they're good. Imagine the excitement of seeing all of them in one day.

Let's talk crowd. If you attend the festival, you will be in the company of some truly nice people. Both Sarasota Folk Club members and Crowley members are the kind of folks who don't leave trash on the ground or play their tunes so loud you bust an eardrum. The kind of people you don't mind your kids hanging around and the kind of people you want to meet--or at least share a day with.

Tickets for the Sarasota Folk Music Festival are available at a variety of advance ticket outlets. The adult ticket price is \$12 in advance, \$15 at the gate. Treat your children aged 5 to 12 to the festival for \$6 each. Children under 5 are admitted free. Call (941) 322-1000 for more information, advance ticket outlets and directions.

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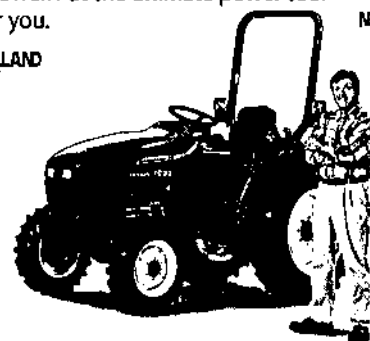
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Los Huracanes

Llego, por fin llego lo que todos, inevitablemente esperamos con gran anticipacion. Si, la temporada de huracanes a llegado. Y para decirles que todavia no llegamos a mediados de Agosto y ya se han presentado 2 tormentas que al escribirles, todavia no se sabe para hacia donde se dirigen.

Pero, al fin de todo esto, es parte de la vida cuando uno vive en la area del suroeste de la Florida. Y no es algo que nos debe sorprender. Lamentablemente, es el tiempo que mucha gente, no le da mucha importancia. Por muchas razones, como la de "no va afectar la area en la cual yo vivo" o "no parece ser muy fuerte, no me voy a dejar llevar por los noticieros." Claro, no siempre predicen con exactitud lo que va a pasar, solo Dios sabe eso. Hoy en dia, la tecnologia es tan avanzada que los expertos en huracanes pueden decir con anticipacion, aproximadamente hacia donde se dirige la tormenta.

Digan lo que digan, los huracanes son un fuerza de la naturaleza muy poderosa. Aun los vientos de 70 millas por hora hacen demasiado dano en las area costenas. Todos los huracanes todos son diferentes en velocidad, poder y en los danos que dejan atras.

Debe de estar preparado para cualquier problema que pueda ocurrir resulto a un huracan. Los expertos nos dan varias maneras de como prepararnos en el evento de un huracan.

1. Mantenga su radio con pilas entonzado a su estacion local para noticias sobre el huracan. En caso que la electricidad en su casa para de trabajar, su radio sera el unico metodo de saber lo que esta pasando.
2. De nuevo, mantenga pilas en toda clase de erramienta que le pueda servir, como lampara.
3. Debe de mantener su vehiculo lleno de gasolina en caso de evacuacion de emergencia.
4. Asegurese que tiene suficiente agua para 3 dias por si acaso el agua es contaminada. Para estara mas seguro, tenga 1 galon por dia por persona.
5. Tambien asegurese que tiene suficiente comida enlatada para toda la familia. En caso que la tormenta tumbre lineas de electricidad, tomara varias horas o dias para poder restaurarla.
6. Cierre su casa con madera sobre ventas para evitar objetos que esten volando en el aire que entren a su casa.
7. Asegure objetos que estan afuera de la casa como sillars, mesas, juguetes etc que con el viento pueden causar dano a su propiedad o la de alguien mas.

8. Mantenganse informado sobre las alertas sobre inundaciones y vientos altos.

9. En caso de evacuacion manditoria, por radio o tele le diran a que lugar podra ir para recibir socorro.

10. La manera mas segura es de estar preparados para un huracan es de mantenerse informado de el huracan y hacer los preparativos necesarios para poder sobrevivir un desastre natural.

Amigos, tomen en serio los reportajes sobre el medio ambiente. Los huracanes no respetan a nadie, la fuerza natural de una tormenta puede tomar su vida. Los resultados pueda que sean devastoderes o pueda que solo haiga mucha lluvia y inundaciones. Cualquier sea el resultado, quidese mucho y no olvide prepararse como si fuera caer el huracan mas grande del siglo. Hay un dicho que dice haci, "Mas marrado, mas seguro" Con esto, me despido, pidiendolo a Dios su gran proteccion y salud para todos.

Si usted tiene una novedad, anuncio o algo que le gustaria compartir EN ESPAÑOL, porfavor de llamar a Alma Ovalle al 322-1100.



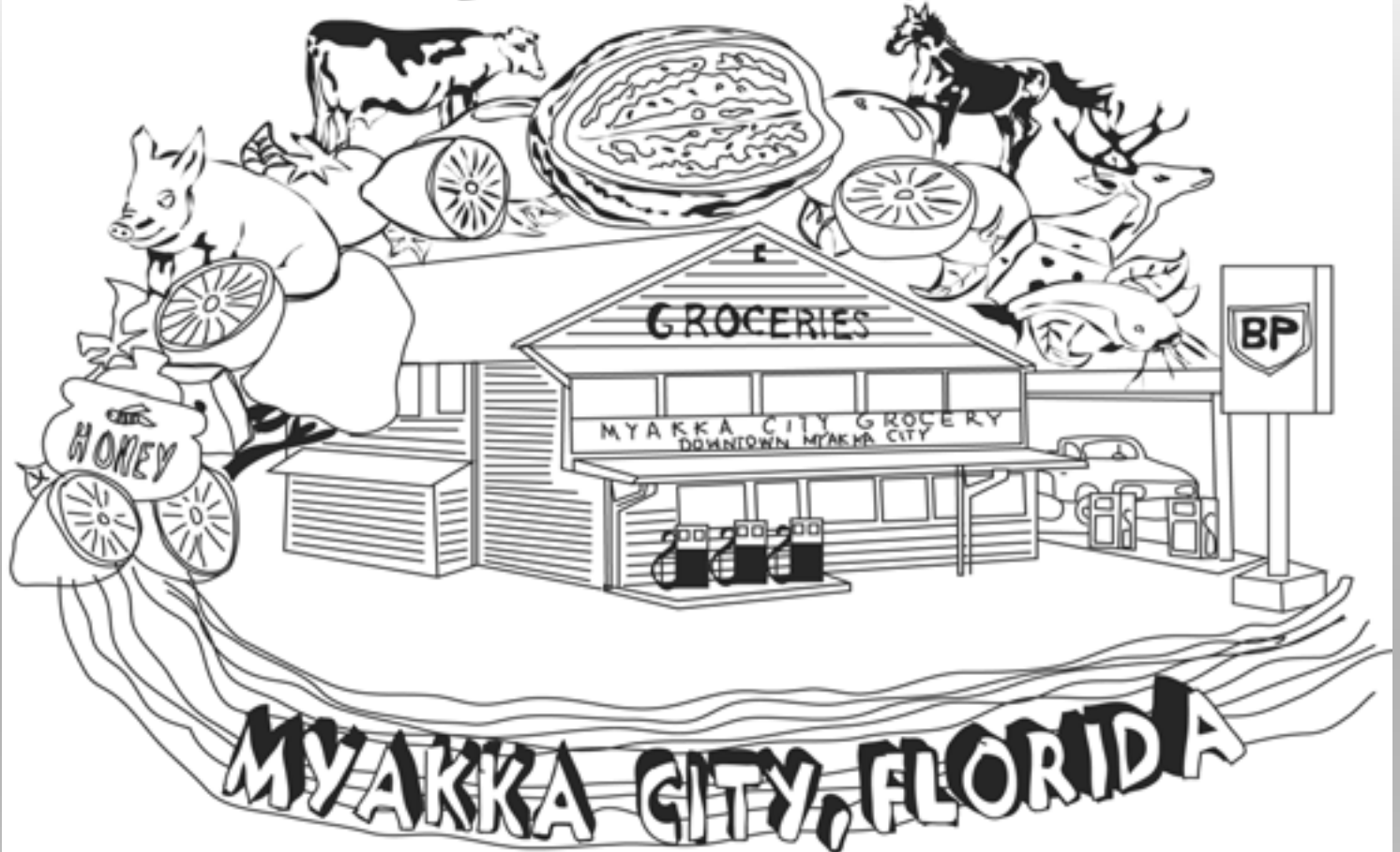
Felicidades a Antonio Garcia y a su nueva esposa Jaqueline Mondragon Garcia que se casaron viernes Julio 23, 2004. Aqui los vemos bailando y gozandose de las festividades. Que sean muy felizes y que el amor nunca falte!

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A letter to my community...

I would like to take just a moment to reflect on what has happened in the wake of Hurricane Charley. I myself am very thankful to be OK and my family as well and no one was seriously hurt from the storm in our community.

I am very proud to own a business here in Myakka City. Everyone was very patient during the time we were trying to open back up and there are many, many people to thank for helping me with the generator. I would also like to especially thank my staff for being here also. They did a great job.

*I saw so many caring people helping from our churches, fireman, sheriffs, and county workers from our county barn. This community is alive and well. Everyone is helping their neighbors and beyond. If you didn't stay in the community during the storm and beyond you missed something special, everyone pulling together when no one else would help for the first few days and if you were not here to help **shame on you**. Here is a little quote I thought everyone in the community would like.*

There are those that fall, but get back up. Lose, but don't accept loss. And succeed because they will not fail. These people don't teach by words, they inspire by example.

The people of Myakka City are among the best.

Bobby Smith
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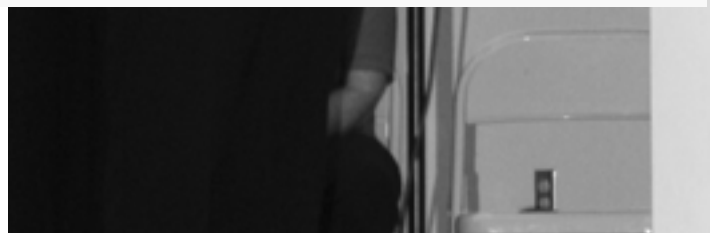


“Were we slow on the up- take? Yeah...”

County Commissioner Jonathan Bruce

“I’ll take the blame.”

Director of the Manatee Co. Public Safety Dept.,
Karen Windon



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*There was a situation in progress to get fuel out to Myakka City.

*Bruce was willing to meet once a week until Myakka City needs are met.

*Since the school isn’t a large enough shelter to accommodate MC residents, Bruce said the message was clear: we need a new shelter, and that the Board has already voiced support for the New Building requested by the Myakka City Community Center.

*The MCCC, MC Fire Dept, and Community Churches have organized a Myakka City relief fund to be made available for the tremendous expenses many have occurred

that will not be covered by any other relief program.

Ginki Miller said the United Way agreed to collect and disperse any money from donors for the MC Relief Fund. The notice of this fund will be spread throughout Manatee County.

And then it was “Alice in the back” Cislo that finally asked the million dollar question:

“Who was responsible for not opening the shelter?”

Karen Windon, Director of the Manatee Co. Public Safety Department stepped up to the podium, “I’ll take the blame.”

She continued to explain that she had to look at

all of Manatee County. And with limited resources, she had to open the shelters with the greatest capacity and available volunteer staff. She reminded everyone that she had asked all of Manatee County mobile home residents to evacuate. This warning was out long before Hur-

ricane Charley took its unexpected turn towards Myakka City.

In response to Karen Windon’s concern over no available volunteer staff in Myakka City, Pastor Chet Zarayski (Myakka City Methodist Church) and Reverend Lynn Howell (Myakka Fam-





Speaking Up: Across, left to right: Ginki Miller, Pastor Chet Zarayski, Nancy Ness, Reverend Lynn Howell, **Greg Meyer**, Lisa Voges. *Bottom row:* The Audience packed the Meeting Room full and last, but not least, a couple of friendly MC faces: Pastor Larry Albritton and Juel Gill.



ily Worship Center) offered to co-chair the Myakka Response Team. They also asked for additional volunteers willing to be trained by the Red Cross. (Please contact them as soon as possible if you are interested – we are still in our hurricane season. Pastor Chet 448-5769 / Reverend Lynn 322-1691)

Other comments made during the meeting by Myakka City residents before it was turned over to the Candidates included:

“We’re asking for the same recognition as Western Manatee County receives.”

“We’re all in the same boat – working together we can get this situated and survive.”

“We’re self-sufficient. We’ll pull together and shoulder the responsibility one more time.”

“No taxation without representation!”

“We’re getting what we need – water, ice, etc. But nothing will change until the power is back on.”

“Limited resources in Manatee County? I’d like to know what resources Western Manatee County had at their disposal.”

“Let’s get our community building!”

Myakka City— A TABLE IN A FAR CORNER: While listening to the responses of County Commissioner Jonathan Bruce and Public Safety Director Karen Windon – I had a déjà vu! I’ve seen this before as a waitress.

As a waitress, I was decent in general, but when it got really busy – it was al-

ways my table in the far corner that got ‘ditched’.

I didn’t want to provide lousy service, but with the concentration of folks in another area, I had to focus on them. The greatest service for the greatest number of people!

After the rush, the folks in the far corner would start getting snappy, “Why didn’t my appetizer come out before the food?” “Why were we left hungry? Tables that came after us got served before we did!” “I would like to see the manager.”

I understood their discomfort and felt terrible, but I also knew that I was doing my very best under trying circumstances.

In response to their anger, I would cheerfully apologize, offer free dessert and bring over the manager.

And every time – once the food came out—all was forgotten. *They just wanted their food.* Once their bellies were full – they still left me an excellent tip. Sometimes, they apologized for not understanding how hard I was trying – and that really, I was doing a good job. They recalled other times when they had enjoyed having me as their waitress.

I soon came to depend on this. As more experienced waitresses would continue to remind me, “Once they get their food” – I came to believe in “*Once they get their food*”.

And when the going got tough, I continued to neglect the far corner table knowing that an apology and free dessert would smooth over any ruffled feathers.

Well, Myakka City is a table in the far corner - and whether God sat you here - or you sat yourself, it’s clearly

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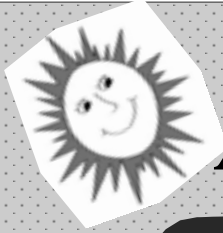
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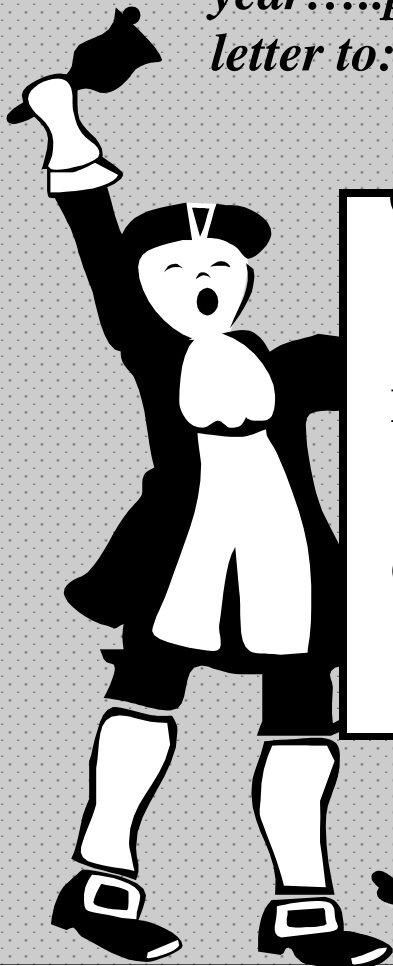


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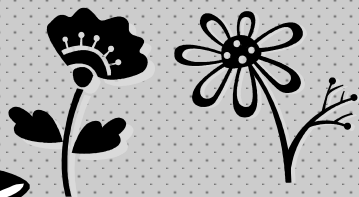
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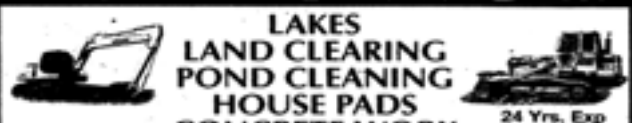
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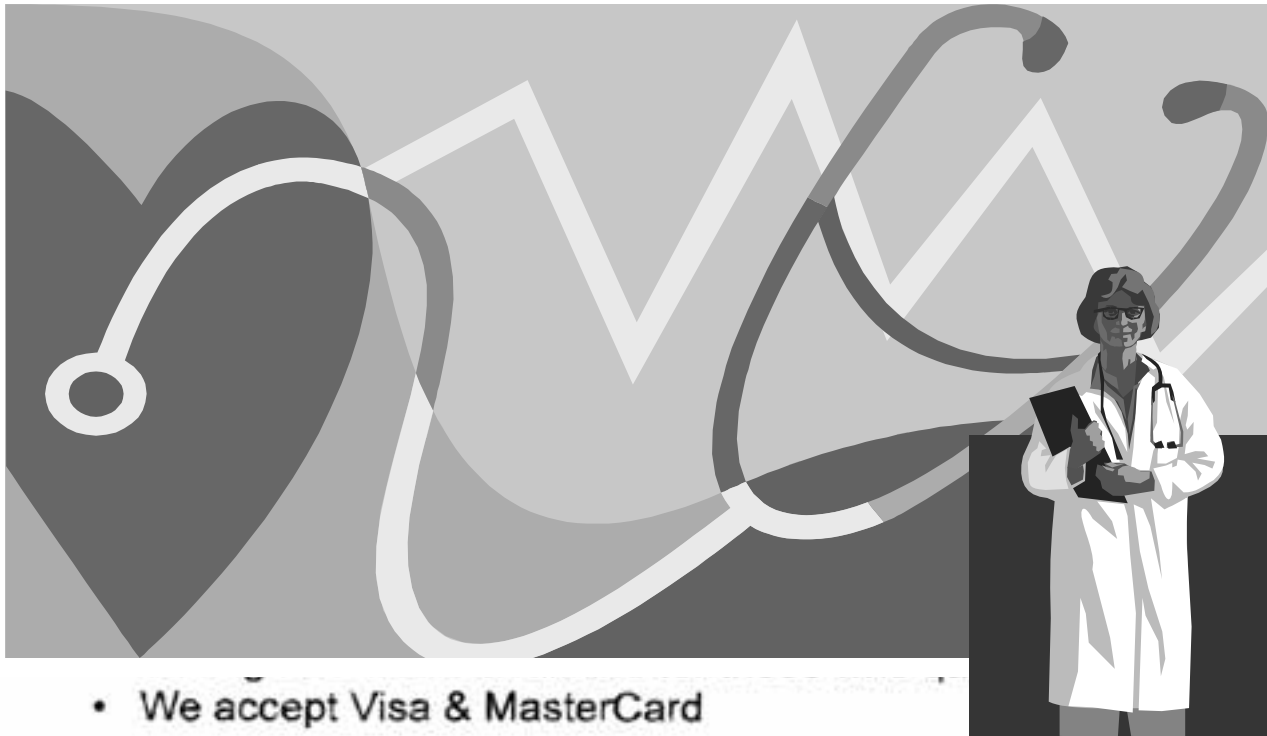
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Pastor Richard Nussel captured this beautiful rainbow arcing across both ends of the Myakka City United Methodist Church.

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where most of us prefer to sit.

We enjoy many advantages, from knowing and caring about our neighbors - to the gorgeous environment that continues to take our breath away.

But that aside, it's also just plain natural that it's harder for Myakka City to get our needs met. It's harder to flag down the attention of our 'server' even though we're paying our bill with the same kind of money folks in town do.

The difference is: *my customers couldn't help me - help them. They could sit there and accept it or leave.*

But we in Myakka City can help Manatee County help us! *And we have to, or we will be stuck neglected in our far corner again and again waiting for the rush to pass, and for Manatee County to throw us an apology and a couple free cans of bug spray.*

THE HOPE: The hope is the same hope that follows any mistake or tragedy... that we

use the experience not to mark our grievance post - but as a tool.

If we didn't have a clear enough example prior to Hurricane Charley - we do now. We can use this experience to get our much needed community facility funded and built.

We can use this experience to move the incorporating process for Myakka City faster and further. And we can use this experience to protect ourselves better from the next storm.

I know that it's hard to maintain enthusiasm for change once your belly is full or your power is restored. Good intentions often remain only good intentions - because you have a late bill to pay, library books to return and family coming to visit on top of going to work and taking care of your kids.

But we don't all have to be super heroes like those few we can think of that are always there for Myakka City, ahead of us and leading the way.

We can just be people

that attend the community meetings, volunteer once in a while for community fundraisers and support the new efforts of the Myakka City Response Team.

It seems to me that the Myakka City Response Team is a door to establishing clear and direct communication with Manatee County year round - not just when disaster strikes.

OUTSIDE MYAKKA

CITY: In the days following, I was approached by any number of concerned people living in Bradenton and Sarasota. I very much appreciated their concern and offers of assistance. Thanks to everyone!

It seemed to me that Bradenton resident, Richard Whitlock, summed it up best when he said,

"There is a lot of guilt felt by the folk in Manatee County who were not seriously affected by Charley for forgetting about Myakka City. I think the reason for the forgetfulness is that a lot of press was given

to the damage done in Arcadia and that spotlight put Myakka in the dark. Most folks in Manatee were so thankful that the storm largely missed them that they forgot that this is a big county and "out East" is still a part of us."

Peace River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PRECO)

"We do appreciate the patience and understanding Myakka City Residents showed us," said Jama Abbott, Public Relation Representative for Peace River Electric Cooperative, Inc. (PRECO) in Wauchula.

"We know it was very hot, very long and very trying. Every employee of Peace River was as anxious to get power back to residents, as the residents were to receive it."

No doubt about it - we were definitely anxious to have our power back - but what was the reason for delay? With no visible damage like a downed power line, many residents in Myakka City felt ignored or invisible.

"There's power one mile up the street from here. They can surely back feed power to us," said John Wright, Myakka City resident a couple days after the hurricane that left Myakka City in the dark.

According to Abbott, it's true that the lines in Myakka City sustained very little damage. The delay was due to heavy damage sustained by the transmission line of the Myakka City Sub Station that feeds all of Myakka City. Power couldn't come into Myakka City from anywhere until the transmission line was rebuilt.

"We had teams assessing the damage immediately. Everything that could be fixed was fixed immediately. The key factor was rebuilding the transmission line." (cont pg 26)

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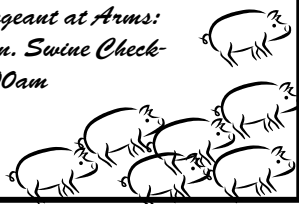


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News from the Pig Pen...Mighty Fine Swine 4-H Club



Hey Everyone! We had our first meeting August 7th. At that meeting we filled out enrollment forms, talked about picking up our pigs, fair dos and don'ts, demonstrations and swine weigh in. Our leaders for this 4-H are: President: Jared Parker, Vice President: Ashley Meador, Secretary: Melissa McDonald, Treasurer: Bubba McDonald, Reporter: Chisom Thum, Historian: Brittany Kersey and Wyatt Addison, Sergeant at Arms: Clinton Thum, Youth Delegate: John Vann. Swine Check-in is September 18, from 8:00am till 10:00am at fairgrounds TMC Arena. Cost \$10.00.



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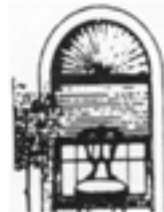
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It was amazing to me as we watched Charley blow all of his furry, how the hand of God covered our little community. The wind shook the trees, rattled the barns, tore down light poles, cut off electricity, but could not destroy our spirit to unite and survive. Kathy, Ashley and I have never been more proud to called a "Myakkain". We have had the pleasure of seeing this community reestablish its traditions of neighbor helping neighbor, acquaintances becoming friends and strangers becoming close friends. We have seen your generosity reach out to those communities like ours who seem to be isolated from their county seats and governments. We have been there to see you clean rubbish and debris. You have given hot meals to those who had no way to cook one. You have opened up your homes to strangers who needed hot baths and watched as business members of this community laid aside profits and bottom lines to help the community it is proud to be part of. We have seen the Fire Department, Community Center and churches come under attack by those who feel their responsibilities should not include helping and serving the community they are a part of. These departments and organizations have responded with dignity and smiles and their energy has still continued to be directed to helping and serving with a smile.

Who would have ever thought as Charley's winds blew and circled our community that Friday afternoon—that what was meant to destroy would actually unite and bring a community back to its roots of self reliance and brotherhood.

Jeremiah 29:11(nasb)

"For I know the plans I have for you declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not calamity to give you a future and a hope." I SEEM TO THINK God in His wisdom knew that a storm called "Charlie" would unite a diverse and changing community into one united and working together to restore traditions long forgotten by those who border this community known as Myakka. We are proud to be called your neighbor, friend, family, But most of all we are proud to be called "Myakkain".

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The County Commissioners have stated in the Bradenton Herald that they would like to hear from some of the leadership/residents in Myakka to discuss how we can improve communication and better meet the needs of the community; especially in times of Crisis. Please write to us and tell us what you would like to see us as a Community and the County Commissioners do to improve our crisis response. Please give us your name, address, phone number and e-mail. Please respond. The more letter we Have to give them—the better the chances of quick change.



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Bethany Baptist Church

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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
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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
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Old Miakka United Methodist Church

Pastor: Marion Sortore
1620 Myakka Rd., Sarasota, FL 34240
Phone: 322-8575

SERVICES:

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Sunday School @ 9:30 AM
Youth meet Sunday @ 4:00 PM

Myakka City Church of God

Pastor: Rev. Tony Taylor
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SERVICES:

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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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Myakka Family Worship Center

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33410 Singletary Road, Myakka City, FL
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5 Worship (See Directory)	6 MAC/ELC	8 MAC/ELC SSSP LN ((BB) SCOUTS	9 MAC / ELC Church Nite	9 MAC / ELC Senior Breakfast	10 MAC / ELC Teen Club	11
12 Worship (See Directory)	13 MAC / ELC Historical Society Meeting 7:30PM MCCCInc Bldg.	14 MAC / ELC SR LN (MC) SCOUTS	15 MAC / ELC Church Nite	16 MAC / ELC Senior Breakfast MAG	17 MAC / ELC Teen Club	18
19 Worship (See Directory)	20 MAC / ELC MCCC Annual Board Meeting @ 7pm MCCCInc Bldg.	21 MAC / ELC SR LN (BB) SCOUTS	22 MAC / ELC Church Nite	23 MAC / ELC Senior Breakfast	24 MAC / ELC Teen Club	25
26 Worship (See Directory)	27 MAC / ELC	28 MAC / ELC SR LN (MC) SCOUTS	29 MAC/ELC Church Nite	30 MAC/ELC SENIOR BREAKFAST		
<div> <div> MAC - Morning - After school - Care ELC - Early Learning Center MAG - Myakka Action Group </div> <div> SR BR - Senior Breakfast SR LN - Senior Luncheon (BB) - Bethany Baptist (MC) MC Methodist </div> </div>						

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Myakka City Methodist Church 2nd & 4th
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Boy Scouts @ 7:00pm at The Myakka Baptist Church

Teen Club
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We need volunteers to be members of the **Myakka City First Response Team**. This group will be trained by the Red Cross so they will be qualified to run a shelter. The TEAM will also work closely with the Fire Department and Sheriffs Deputies in order to meet and better communicate the needs of the community to the EOC of Manatee County. If you are interested in being a part of the First Response Team, please call the Myakka City Community Center at 322-1900 or email the Myakka City Community Center (ml@mailmt.com) and give us your name and phone number so we can contact you with meeting information. We need our own **Response Team** so that **WE** can open the school and not have to wait for the Powers that Be from downtown to open for us.

OTHER NUMBERS TO CALL:

Rev. Lynn Howell 322-2629(cell: 238-7578)

Rev. Chet Zarzycki 322-8080(cell: 448-5769)

Rev. Tony Taylor 322-2124(cell: 322-4157)



PHOSPHATE MINE

POSITIONS

Cargill Phosphate Production is currently accepting applications for entry-level mining operations positions at its **Wingate Creek Mine**. Opportunities range from entry-level Laborer positions earning \$12.95/hour to Dredge Operator positions earning up to \$19.45/hour. Requirements include a High School diploma or equivalent, basic math and reading skills and the ability to work all shifts including holidays. Candidates must also pass a pre-employment process and should possess potential for promotion.

Please apply at: _____

Heartland Career Connection System
1016 South 6th Avenue
Wauchula, FL 33873

or

Jobs, ETC
3660 N. Washington Blvd.
Sarasota, FL 34234

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