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Hello Reader,

Features

[As Budget Cuts Loom, Focus Shifts to School District's Administrative Salaries](#)



With 40 administrative employees earning six-figure taxpayer-funded incomes for the Manatee County School District and 80 more earning over \$80,000 annually, many citizens are growing critical of proposed cuts that would directly impact the classrooms, while questioning whether slashing administrative salaries and consolidating high-level positions should not be more closely considered.

[VIDEO EXCLUSIVE: Commissioner Donna Hayes on Decision not to Run in 2012](#)



Two-term member of the Manatee County Board of Commissioners Donna Hayes has announced she will retire from the board at the end of her current term in November 2012.

[Tight Budgets Shine Light on Government Vehicles](#)



When it comes to maintaining vehicle fleets, local governments are being hit with a double whammy. Gas prices are rising through the roof, while revenues are falling like rocks. Smart municipalities are making decisions that reflect those realities.

[Piney Point 1966-2011: A Retrospective](#)



As investigators continue to attempt to reconstruct exactly what happened that caused the leaks atop lined gypsum stacks at Piney Point, we take a look at the long and troubled history of the abandoned phosphate mine that has plagued the local ecosystem for decades.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: June 24-26](#)



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Government

Local

[Board of County Commissioners, Agenda Results - June 21, 2011](#)



The Manatee County Board of Commissioners met Tuesday, June 21, 2011, at 9 a.m. in the commission chambers on the first floor of the County Administration Building at 1112 Manatee West in Bradenton. Agenda results follow.

[Hayes Withdraws from County Commission Race, Baugh Looks to](#)

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Need to get something off your chest? Just want to express yourself on the issues facing our community? Let your inner editor loose in

[Capitalize, while Klement Considers Jumping in](#)



Just one week after sending supporters a fundraising email announcing her intention to seek reelection to the Manatee County Commission in 2012, sitting district 5 commissioner Donna Hayes announced yesterday that she has now reconsidered and has decided not to run. Hayes, first elected to the BOCC in 2004, served as chair last year.

[City of Palmetto City Commission Agenda Results June 20, 2011](#)



Due to Fourth of July Festivities, the fourth street boat ramp will be closed at midnight on July 3 then reopne at midnight July 4. The City of Palmetto City Commission approved a new funding grant for new bullet-proof vest for the Palmetto Police Department. Gator Grading and paving won the bid for the new Haben Boulevard. Palmetto is also planning to replace a lot of city lighting.

[Manatee County Port Authority Agenda Results for June 16, 2011](#)



The Manatee County Port Authority met yesterday at the Port Intermodal Center at 1905 Intermodal Circle in Palmetto. Here are the agenda results for the meeting of June 16, 2011.

State

[Rick Scott Signs Education Bills](#)



Governor Rick Scott signed a pair of wide-ranging education-related bills on Friday. The first, HB 1255, establishes a gift ban on school board members, revises testing requirements and requires districts to put budget information on their websites.

[Florida Unions Challenge 3 Percent Pension Contributions](#)



Eleven union members filed a constitutional challenge Monday to a new law that will require government workers to contribute 3 percent of their paychecks to the state pension system. The lawsuit, spearheaded by the Florida Education Association, argues that the measure (SB 2100) violates the contractual rights of current workers and also violates collective-bargaining rights.

[State May Begin Self-Insuring Workers in HMOs](#)



Looking at potentially tens of millions of dollars in savings, Florida lawmakers this week could move toward restructuring part of the health insurance program for state employees. A joint House and Senate budget committee Friday will consider setting aside more than \$19 million that could be used to begin self-insuring HMO coverage.

Local News

[Manatee County Fleet Services Receives More International Recognition](#)



For the 8th year in a row, Government Fleet magazine has selected Manatee County Fleet Services as one of the top 100 public sector fleets in North America, out of an estimated 38,000 across the continent.

[Coyotes Plague County Pet Lovers](#)



Manatee County Commissioners heard tales of woe Tuesday afternoon about missing pets that are devoured by hungry coyotes roaming the county.

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Last Week's Poll Results (as of 6/22/2011)

Who Do You Think the New Growth Management Bill Will Benefit Most?

Choice	%
A)Developers that will be able to more easily win approval for new developments and increased density	0%
B)Local governments who can	

Opinion

[Letter to the Editor: Response to Superintendent](#)



As the budget battle continues to in the Manatee School District, there has been considerable back and forth between competing sides. The exchanges have had the value of raising some very good questions and focusing the debate on some important issues. In this letter, Linda Schaich responds to Manatee County Superintendent Tim McGonegal's recent op/ed in another publication.

- have more control over their communities and exercise the will of their taxpayers 0%
- C)Local governments that will be able to more easily please the developers that support their campaigns 0%
- D)Both A and C 1%
- E)Citizens who will have "final say" closer to home **97%**

Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Strategy. Week of 6/20/2011](#)



The equity markets, following six weeks of consecutive losses, managed to finish with a small gain last week. The stock market weakness the past two months is due to the uncertainty over the strength of the global economy. Earnings expectations have been unusually optimistic and could be downgraded if business conditions fail to improve soon.

New Poll:

[Vote on this NEW Poll!](#)

Of those who've announced, who is your choice so far for the 2012 GOP candidate?

Let us know what you think!

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Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 6/23/2011](#)



- Local Lawyer Nominated for Prestigious Award
- USF Sarasota-Manatee professor receives Florida's Outstanding Teacher Educator in Reading Award
- Cody Giltner has joins EDGE Real Estate
- Marjorie Broughton Named Sarasota Chamber's Woman Entrepreneur of the Year
- Meals on Wheels PLUS of Manatee Receives Grant from The Selby Foundation
- 32nd Annual Manatee Small Business / Industry Excellence of the Year Award Winners Honored at Luncheon

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Music

[The Gulf Coast Summer Concert Preview](#)



This summer, beyond the local bands that you can hear anytime, there are some big acts coming to the Gulf Coast area. No matter what floats your boat, there is a little bit of something for just about everybody. Check out our guide to the summer concerts that are on their way to local venues!

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**** Catch of the Week ****

Environment

[Tests Show Certain Areas of Manatee River Unsafe for Swimming after Raw Sewage Release](#)



The City of Bradenton is conducting water quality tests in the Manatee River in light of the recent raw sewage discharge that occurred. The results from the first tests (conducted June 15) were released yesterday afternoon.

[Second Tests Show Manatee River Safe for Swimming After Sewage Discharge](#)



On June 16th, 2011 (one day after the sewage leak was stopped), a second round of water quality samples were taken in the Manatee River. The samples were taken in the same locations as the day before (from 600 feet upstream to 2000 feet downstream of the sewage discharge). All of the samples (100%) came back within the limits for safe swimming.



Al Coke, from Smithfield, VA, battles a tarpon in the coastal gulf off Sarasota that he brought to the boat on a fly while fishing with Capt. Rick Grasset

Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Week of June 20, 2011](#)

Our forum has everything you need to know for fishing this week. The Bradenton Times



will now feature a catch of the week, fishing regulation updates, a fishing report from a local charter captain and weather forecast. This forum is unique because it allows for the reader to send in questions, pictures and comments. Its purpose is to promote interaction between average anglers and the fishing experts.

[Fire Charity Fishing Tournament is Huge Success](#)



The beautiful weather this weekend had a positive effect on fishing conditions. Jaws dropped when Captain Ryan Butler of team Tidy Coast hauled in a 244-pound grouper that he caught on a small piece of cut bait. The giant fish won his team the offshore division, but the Children's Burn Foundation was the big winner. The event raised \$5,000 for burn victims.

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast June 23, 2011](#)



Your fishing forecast features, coastal temperatures, sea conditions, tides and peak fishing hours. However, the best part of this fun feature is that you can customize your own forecast by following the links. So utilize The Bradenton Times to get you where you need to go and help you catch that big one!

Sports

[Rumble at the Ritz: A Return to the Golden Age of Club Fighting](#)



On Saturday night, One Punch Productions presented a remarkable card of local club fights at a new and surprisingly conducive location – the Ritz Ybor. It was a throwback to the days of Gillette's Friday Night Fights and the boxing action lived up to the billing.

[Out of All-Star Break, Marauders Win 6-1](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, came out of the all-star break in strong form, defeating the Jupiter Hammerheads 6-1 at McKechnie Field.

[10 Straight Marauders Reach in Offensive Bash, Marauders Win 10-4](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, have poised themselves to sweep the Jupiter Hammerheads to close the season's first half, winning 10-4 in game two of a series at McKechnie Field.

[Marauder Sweep Hammerheads in 5-4 Win](#)



The Bradenton Marauders, Class A-Advanced affiliate of the Pittsburgh Pirates, swept the Jupiter Hammerheads Wednesday morning, winning 5-4 to take all three games of the series at McKechnie Field. The game featured two Major League arms, neither on rehab. Marauders pitcher Brett Sinkbeil threw in three games for the Florida Marlins during a September call-up last season. Brad Hand just finished a three game stint with the Fish, having been optioned at the start of the series.

Upcoming Events

There are hundreds of things going on in Bradenton and Manatee County every week. Our Events Calendar is the most comprehensive in the area. Take a look and find something going on that is just right for you!

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19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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Other Notable Events:

June 23, 2011

- [Aging in Paradise](#) Time: 10:00 am
- [Shape Up for Summer with Teen Boot Camp](#) Time: 6:00 pm

June 24, 2011

- [Friends of the South Manatee Branch Library - "Author Who..." Series](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Ft. Myers](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

June 25, 2011

- [National Amateur Radio Field Day](#)
- [A Steampunk Party for Teens 1st Annual Sloppy Joe Cook-Off](#) Time: 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm
- [Ocean Harvest Live Music and BBQ](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

June 26, 2011

- [National Amateur Radio Field Day](#)

June 27, 2011

- [Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization](#) Time: 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
- [Rotary Club Business Luncheon](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

June 28, 2011

- [Downtown Development Authority](#) Time: 8:30 am
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs St. Lucie](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 12:00 am

June 29, 2011

- [City Council \(workshop\)](#) Time: 8:30 am - 12:00 am
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Bradenton Marauders Vs Palm Beach](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 12:00 am

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[USF professor receives Florida's Outstanding Teacher Award](#)



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