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Hello Reader,

Features

[Who is Grover Norquist and Why is the GOP So Afraid of Him?](#)



As the Congressional super-committee on cutting the deficit zeroes in on its Thanksgiving deadline, one name keeps coming up – Grover Norquist. Norquist is a lobbyist who specializes in one thing: making sure the richest Americans in the country pay as little in taxes as possible. Since starting Americans for Tax Reform in 1985, he has become one of the most powerful conservative forces in Washington and either a blessing or a curse on Republicans seeking political office.

[President Obama Again Under Fire for Giveaways to Democratic Supporters](#)



Recent revelations regarding a government contract for a controversial new smallpox vaccine have once again put the Obama administration on the defensive over questions of government handouts to Democratic political supporters. Over the last year, the White House has been aggressively pushing for a \$433 million deal to buy an experimental smallpox drug, despite a lack of evidence that it is needed or would even be effective. Political ties between the manufacturer and the Democratic Party are again raising questions of improprieties and political pay for play.

[Fire Marshall Warns Overcrowded Bars Will Be Shut Down During Turkey Crawl](#)



The annual Turkey Crawl event, held the night before Thanksgiving, is one of the biggest occasions in downtown Bradenton. However, last year's leftover debris, overcrowding and underage drinking left some members of the Bradenton City Council with a bad taste in their mouths. Liability issues threatened the event from occurring this year. After much debate, it was unanimously approved with a stern message to business owners – any overcrowded bar will be shut down.

[Three Manatee Teams Head to Playoffs Friday](#)



The high school football playoffs are here and three Manatee County teams have made it into the post season with two having very legitimate shots at state titles. Manatee has one of its best squads ever and the same can be said of Palmetto. Lakewood Ranch was able to snag a spot with a few key District wins, despite a 5-5 finish, but will face by far the stiffest test of the three in round one Friday night.

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: Nov. 18-20](#)



The last weekend before Thanksgiving is always a busy one and this year is no exception! There's a rodeo, an art show, a harvest fest, a folk festival and oh yeah – Santa Clause is coming to town. Put on your spurs and grab your stockings, it's time for a Weekend Adventure in Bradenton!

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The Community Notices

[The Crosley Estate Foundation Announces the 15th Annual Holidays at the Crosley. Festival of Trees](#)



Featured Business

[Ronald J. Hernden, CPA PA](#)

[The Open Mic](#)

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

Government

Local

[Bradenton City Council Approves Funding Agreement for Ware's Creek Bridges](#)



The council approved a funding request for an \$850,000 loan for the construction of the first of four bridges needed for the Ware's Creek dredging project. The total amount for bridge construction is approximately 6 million, but Southwest Florida Water Management District will provide half of the required funding..

[Bradenton City Council Regular Meeting Results](#)



It was a busy day at the city council meeting on Wednesday. Members approved an \$850,000 loan request for new bridges needed for the Ware's Creek project. They also approved the November Get Down Downtown and the Turkey Crawl events. The Bradenton Central CRA was awarded the FRA President's Award. Several members of the public came forward with complaints from noise from live music to unjustified utility bill charges.

[Manatee BOCC and School District Moving Forward on Shared Districts](#)



The Manatee County School District brought in their proposed Plan D districting map at much pleasure to the County Commissioners. If all goes as planned, the BOCC and the school district will be sharing boundaries for the first time. The idea has been kicked around for a decade now, but it seems the wrinkles have been ironed out.

Law Enforcement

[Police Department, Local Church to Help Needy Kids Get Christmas Gifts](#)



For the fourth consecutive year the Bradenton Police Department is partnering with Kingdom Life Christian Church to buy Christmas toys for local children who may not get any presents otherwise. But this special program - Honoring the Badge - isn't just about giving children toys. It's also about giving them the opportunity to meet the police officers who patrol their neighborhoods and the knowledge that police officers are their friends. It also helps instill in them the noble act of giving and helping others who are in need.

Schools and Education

[USFSM Campus Master Plan Declares Grand Vision](#)



Just think about it: 10, 15 or 20 minutes away, there will be a four year university with ASCS accreditation, a master level graduate program and a live-on campus – all right here in Manatee County. USF is here to stay and it's bringing all of its academia with it, and it's going to be second to no other. Yes, they are building a gateway to prosperity, right here in our hometown.

[21-Year Manatee Elementary Teacher Faces Termination After Investigation](#)



School district officials unanimously approved to suspend a Freedom Elementary School special education teacher without pay pending her administrative hearing regarding her performance—the next step is termination. Donna Holloway, 52, has worked for the district for 21 years.

[Manatee County School Board Nov. 14, 2011 Regular Meeting Results](#)

Sound of and let everyone know whats on your mind!

[The Open Mic](#)



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Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 11/16/2011)

Where is the best place to get a "Take Home" meal for Thanksgiving Dinner (ready to cook package or pre-cooked meal)

Choice	%
Publix Delli	37
J&J Bar-B-Que	11
Honey Baked Ham	11
Chop Shop	11
Mom's House	30

New Poll:

[Vote on this NEW Poll!](#)

What are your Thanksgiving Plans this year?



At Monday night's meeting, members of the Manatee County School Board discussed the issue of portables in schools. The board recognized Farm City Week. They unanimously approved a policy evaluation of both the superintendent and the county attorney. The public hearing on redistricting lines will be held December 12.

Let us know what you think!

[View all of our Polls](#)

[Manatee District Invites Public to Follow and Participate in Budget Process](#)



Parents, students and employees of the Manatee County School District and citizens all across Manatee County can follow the development of the 2012-2013 school-year budget and submit ideas and suggestions by using the school district's website and different forms of social media.

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Ocean Harvest
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Local News

[Manatee County Seeking Input on Future of CDBG-Funded Projects](#)



Manatee County Neighborhood Services Department will host three focus group meetings next week to get input from non-profit agencies, faith-based organizations and developers on the County's Consolidated Plan for 2012-2017.



Eli and Jordan Dix, with Laken Gamble (in the center) hold up a few Spanish mackerel.

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Business and Financial

[Baird's Market Strategy, Week of 11/14/11](#)



The U.S. equity markets found traction late last week supported by some favorable political developments in Europe. The markets rallied to finish in the heart of the trading range of 1250 to 1285 on the S&P 500 as Greece and Italy moved closer to agreeing on much needed austerity measures. Despite the unstable global economy the popular averages managed to climb back into the black for the year, which is no easy feat given the unsettling news background.



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Community

[Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 11/17/2011](#)



- The Crosley Estate Foundation Announces the 15th Annual Holidays at the Crosley, Festival of Trees
- Shop 'Til You Drop - Locally!
- Palmetto's Christmas in the Park
- Carnival Glass Collection on Exhibit Starting November 22nd
- America Recycles Day at SandBlast 2011
- Manatee Area Volleyball Club Tryouts
- Walk-A-Thon Success At Wakeland Forces Principal Into Shark Tank On Friday
- The Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce Installation Dinner

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[School District Needs Help to 'Stuff the Bus' Cut for Manatee Food Bank](#)



The time to help is almost here. During the weekend of Saturday and Sunday, November 19-20, 2011, the Manatee School District will partner with Publix; Tropicana; FM radio stations 106.5 CTQ and 92.1MYfm; and the United Way of Manatee County for the annual "Stuff the Bus" campaign to benefit The Food Bank of Manatee.

[Manatee County Organizations Supporting Those in Need](#)



Sooner or later things don't work out the way we plan. Life's trials and tribulations can sometimes overwhelm, making problems too difficult to handle alone. In Manatee County, we are blessed to have organizations that are there to provide support. When choices are too burdened, direction too hard to find, there's help. There is SOLVE Maternity Homes. There is Healthy Start Coalition of Manatee County Inc. There is the Manatee County Substance Abuse Coalition. And because of these groups – there is hope for those who might otherwise feel hopeless.

[Salvation Army Hunting for Turkeys](#)



The Salvation Army Manatee County welcomes our community to the annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 24 from 4-6 p.m. at 1204 14th St. West, Bradenton. The annual community meal provides a hot dinner and warm fellowship to our neighbors experiencing hunger. This year volunteers and staff are preparing to serve over 700 meals but in order to do so – WE NEED TURKEYS!

Arts and Entertainment

[Opportunities for Public Art on Riverwalk Project Still Available](#)



Area artists have a second chance to have their work included in the Bradenton Riverwalk renovation project. The deadline for public art applications for two sites on the 1.5 mile long riverwalk has been extended by the Bradenton Downtown Development Authority to December 16.

[Rocky Bluff Library Set to Reopen in Expanded Quarters](#)



Bookmark your calendar: Nov. 15 is the date Rocky Bluff Library moves into its new home, a day patrons have been looking forward to for years. Long housed inside the cramped quarters of a strip mall off U.S. 301, the Rocky Bluff Library is moving across Ridgewood Boulevard into a newly renovated 10,000-square-foot building that was formerly home to the Roaring 20s pizzeria. An open house for the public is planned at the new building on Nov. 15 from 3 - 6 p.m.



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Fishing

[Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Nov. 17, 2011](#)

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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.

[Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum November 14, 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.

following local businesses and urges you to seek out a local business whenever you can.

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- [Coral Way Properties](#)
- [Cruz Photography](#)
- [Corky's Bait & Tackle](#)
- [Demetrios Pizza House](#)
- [Eat Here](#)
- [Early Learning Coalition](#)
- [Evan Guido Financial Advisor](#)
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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!

[Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: Nov. 18-20](#)



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November 2011						
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27	28	29	30			

Adventure in Bradenton!

View the [Full Calendar](#)

Other Notable Events:

November 17, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- ["Rodeo, a Rancher's Way of Life" - Hall of Fame Luncheon](#)
- [America Recycles Day at SandBlast](#) Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- ['Job Prep Workshop' Provides Important Employment Tips To Lincoln Middle Families](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm

November 18, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [FAMILIES Flock Together: Around The Campfire](#) Time: 5:30 am - 7:30 am
- [America Recycles Day at SandBlast](#) Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- [Tall Tails Tribe: Fabulous Fall Friends](#) Time: 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

November 19, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Longboat Island Chapel Holiday Angel Bazaar.](#)
- [The Fall Nautical Expo](#)
- ["Rodeo, a Rancher's Way of Life" - Beef Prospect Showm](#)
- [America Recycles Day at SandBlast](#) Time: 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
- [Manatee School District - 'Stuff The Bus'](#) Time: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm
- [Mixon Farms Harvest Festival](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- ["Rodeo, a Rancher's Way of Life" - Pongo's Birthday in the Park](#) Time: 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
- ["Rodeo, a Rancher's Way of Life" - Faye Blackstone Memorial Junior Ranch Rodeo](#) Time: 7:00 pm

November 20, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee School District - 'Stuff The Bus'](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [Mixon Farms Harvest Festival](#) Time: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- [Manatee Area Volleyball Club Tryouts](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 5:30 pm
- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Green Bay Packers](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

November 21, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Republican Club of Manatee County](#) Time: 12:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- ['Claus and Paws' Pet Photos with Santa at Desoto Square](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

November 22, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [Tea Party Manatee - Weekly General Meeting](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
- [AMI Sail & Power Squadron - A Charting Seminar](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 9:30 pm
- [Magic of Manatee Sweet Adelines](#) Time: 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm

November 23, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Storytime at South Manatee Library](#)
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [Community Picnic at Katie Pieola Park](#) Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Looking Further Ahead

December 16, 2011

- [*** Jingle Bell 5K at the Ranch ***](#) Time: 5:00 pm

December 31, 2011



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[America Recycles Day at SandBlast 2011](#)



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- [*** Bradenton Runners Club - Manatee River 5 mile Run ***](#) Time: 7:30 am



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