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Hello Reader,

## Features

### [To Pray or Not to Pray](#)



Recently, the Manatee Board of County Commissioners "reaffirmed" its practice of public prayer at the opening of their meetings, and we've received passionate emails on both sides of the divisive issue. A poll of our readers was split 60-40 in favor of the prayer. Spiritual beliefs are without a doubt, among the most volatile subjects in our culture and when it comes to public prayer, we should be having conversation. While there's been plenty of that happening as of late, I'm not sure enough of it is centered on the right issue – *Why?*

### [Poverty: the New Leprosy?](#)



Out of sight - out of mind. A few of weeks ago in Tampa, a ban on panhandling went into effect. The City is not alone. Dallas, Boston and Vancouver among others have also adopted similar ordinances. If you are asking for a handout, you're called a bum, tramp or a slacker. Never mind why or who, or for what reason; many think these undesirables are nearing epidemic proportion and that something needs to be done about it.

### [Manatee May Face Toughest Defensive Challenge Yet Friday Night](#)



Manatee's offense, which didn't score a point in their 13-10 win last week, will have to deal with one of the toughest defenses in the state, when Palm Beach Gardens' Dwyer High comes to town this week for week four of the playoffs. In a defensive chess match with St. Thomas Aquinas last Friday night, Dwyer held the high-powered Aquinas offense to a single field goal in a 6-3 win.

### [Palmetto Faces Stiff Test in Bid for First State Title Since '75](#)



Palmetto stepped up from district to regional Champion with their 42-21 blowout of Immokalee last week, but that's of little concern at the moment. Coach Dave Marino and the Tigers are thinking of only one thing – the school's second state title, now within two games. To get there, Palmetto will have to go through an elite Miami Norland squad, that easily handled a very good Glades Central team last week to win their own regional crown.

### [Weekend Adventures in Bradenton: December 9-11, 2011](#)



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## The Community Notices

[Camp Uzita opens with a day full of activities and events.](#)



## Featured Business

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## [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. Sound of and let everyone

## Government

### Local

#### [BOCC Elects Officers for 2012](#)



The Manatee Board of County Commissioners elected officers to the BOCC, Port Authority, Civic Center Authority, Community Redevelopment Agency and Tourist Development Council for the year of 2012 at Tuesday's meeting. Commissioner John Chappie will be the new BOCC chair.

#### [Manatee's BOCC Awards and Proclamations Dominate Tuesday Meeting](#)



Manatee County's Employee of the Year, Kathy Peel, is destined for success. Rob Cuthbert is retiring after 21 years and the "Procurement King," will certainly will be missed. Plus, the "Youth in Government Day" parades the next round of the government leaders of tomorrow.

#### [Manatee County Commission Agenda Results, Dec. 6, 2011](#)



The Manatee County Commission convened for a regular meeting Tuesday. Among the items on the agenda were several awards and presentations and the election of 2012 officers. Kathy Peel was named county employee of the year.

#### [Palmetto City Commission Agenda Results, 12/5/11](#)



New contracts and realignment are needed for the 23rd Street Baseball Field. Andrew Hanson presents city with \$19,000 rebate check from Florida League of Cities Insurance policy, and the ARS well is ready for inspection.

### State

#### [Florida House and Senate Reach Bargain on Redistricting](#)



Rep. Will Weatherford (R-Wesley Chapel) has announced a deal with the State's Senate in which each chamber would accept the other's redistricting proposal for itself. Weatherford, the House Redistricting Chairman, announced the deal in a letter to members. The plans are to be showcased today in Tallahassee.

### Schools and Education

#### [Manatee Youth Commission "Youth in Government Day": Inside Look at Local Government](#)



The Manatee Youth Commission, a new initiative to engage high school students in local decision-making, will convene Tuesday, December 6th for "Youth in Government Day" at the Manatee County Government Administration building from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Students will be introduced to the Board of Manatee County Commissioners and will learn about the role and structure of local government.

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#### [The Open Mic](#)



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#### Last Week's Poll Results

(as of 12/7/2011)

What Do You think of bar-driven festivals downtown such as the recent Turkey Trot?

Choice	%
Any kind of business is good business right now.	7
That is not the kind of commercial activity we should be promoting for downtown.	27
The fact that they are well attended proves that enough residents favor them to justify their existence.	67

New Poll:

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## Opinion

### [Guest Op/Ed: Florida: A River of Fiscal Insanity Flows Through It](#)



In your wildest dreams, you could barely imagine the corporate welfare that is flowing to some of Florida's biggest air and water polluters. From 2009 and up to the present day, the federal government gives paper mills billions of dollars to do something that they have been doing for decades: burning "black liquor" in their boilers. Black liquor is a byproduct of their process. By adding petroleum to their "liquor" fuel, they qualified for a federal tax credit that was intended to encourage the burning of biomass for industrial fuel

Which area football team(s) will win on Friday and advance to the state finals?

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## Business and Financial

### [Baird's Market Notes: Week of 12/5/11](#)



The equity markets followed the worst Thanksgiving week performance since 1932 with the best effort in three years last week. Stocks found support from renewed confidence that the Eurozone will discover a path out of the debt crisis and from a fresh set of statistics that show improving business conditions in the U.S. Over the very near-term stocks are likely to rally off and on anticipating that additional progress will result from this week's European summit meeting that begins Thursday.

Ocean Harvest  
\* \* Catch of the Week \* \*

## Community

### [Community News - Manatee Movers and Shakers, 12/8/2011](#)



- Camp Uzita opens with a day full of activities and events
- Local education activist Tapped for State Level Committee
- Displaced Children In Sarasota Will Receive A Merry Christmas
- WOoF Board of Directors Named
- Manatee Habitat Welcomes New Board Members
- Women's Council of REALTORS® Install 2012 Officers

### [Home for the Holidays Adoption Special throughout December](#)



Animal Services is offering Christmas Specials throughout the month of December with Dogs for \$40 and Cats for \$20, price includes spay/neuter, vaccinations, health check, microchip and current rabies certificate/tag. This is a savings of \$50 off dogs and \$40 off cats.



Tony Ryan, from Osprey, FL caught this flounder on a CAL jig with a shad tail while fishing Sarasota Bay with Capt. Rick Grassett

### [Manatee County Government Hosts 1st Carols in the Courtyard Fundraiser for United Way](#)

Manatee County Government invites the public to the first ever Carols in the Courtyard Friday, where there will be food, beverages and crafts for sale to benefit Untied Way of Manatee County. The event will be held Friday, Dec. 9 from noon to 4 p.m. in the courtyard of the Historic Courthouse at 1115 Manatee Ave. West.



### [Manatee County Rural Health Honors Company's Many Military Veterans](#)



On Wednesday, November 23 Manatee County Rural Health Services encouraged staff that served in the United States Armed Forces wear their military uniforms. Many members of Senior Staff at MCRHS are also former officers and enlisted soldiers from the U.S. military. The most noteworthy of which being the company's CEO, Col. (Ret.) Walter "Mickey" Presha.

### [Manatee County Invites Public to 10th Annual Tour of Lights, Dec. 16 - 17](#)



Manatee County Area Transit will host the popular Tour of Lights Friday, Dec. 16 and Saturday, Dec. 17. Riders need only bring a non-perishable food item or unwrapped toy for admission. The food will be donated to local social service networks and the toys will be given to the Toys for Tots program.

### [Local Charity Seeks to Re-establish Itself](#)



The United Christian Association, a local charity active in the mid 90's, is looking to reestablish itself in the Manatee area. The organization says its mission is to raise funds for battered and abused women, children and veterans, with an emphasis on aiding those who are homeless.

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## Fishing

### [Captain Favorite's Weekend Fishing Forecast Dec. 8, 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

### [Captain Favorite's Fishing Forum Dec. 5, 2011](#)

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

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## The Community Notices

[Women's Council of REALTORS® Install 2012 Officers](#)



## Upcoming Events

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The Bradenton Times Proudly supports the following local businesses and urges you to seek out a local business whenever you can.

### Notable Events:

December 8, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee Audubon Field Trip to Celery Fields & Snook Haven](#) Time: 7:00 am - 2:00 pm
- [East Manatee Republican Club](#) Time: 9:45 am - 11:00 am
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

December 9, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Manatee County Government hosts first ever Carols in the Courtyard fundraiser for United Way of Manatee County](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

December 10, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [All-U-Can Craft Fair Jam](#) Time: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
- [Atomic Holiday Bazaar](#) Time: 10:00 am - 4:30 pm
- ["A 1911 Florida Cracker Christmas at Manatee Village Historical Park"](#) Time: 11:00 am - 3:00 am
- [Helping our Own in Manatee County](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- [16th Annual Winter Wonderland](#) Time: 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm
- [2011 14th Annual Holiday Boat Parade](#) Time: 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

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[Henry Raines Show](#)

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December 11, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Santa is Coming to the Riverhouse](#) Time: 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
- [Tampa Bay Buccaneers @ Jacksonville Jaguars](#) Time: 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Sarasota Concert Band - A Holiday Extravaganza Concert](#) Time: 2:00 pm
- [St. Joseph Music Makers And Friends Present 20th Anniversary Advent Concert](#) Time: 6:00 pm

December 12, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Sarasota/Manatee Metropolitan Planning Organization](#)
- [Bradenton Planning Commission](#) Time: 2:00 pm
- ['Claus and Paws' Pet Photos with Santa at Desoto Square](#) Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

December 13, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [S.W.A.T. Networking - Successful Women Aligning Together](#) Time: 11:45 am - 1:00 pm
- [KIWANIS CLUB OF BRADENTON](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- [Friends of the South Manatee Library Holiday Film Presentation](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [South Manatee Branch Library Holiday Program](#) Time: 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

December 14, 2011

- [Bradenton Movies](#)
- [Storytime at South Manatee Library](#)
- [Infinity Insurance and Great Florida Insurance Offer a \\$1/Gal Discount on Gas To Palmetto Drivers!](#) Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- [Manatee County Health Department - Teen Health Clinic](#) Time: 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm
- [Palmetto Friends of the Library welcome MSA Vivace Choir](#) Time: 3:00 pm - 4:00 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

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

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