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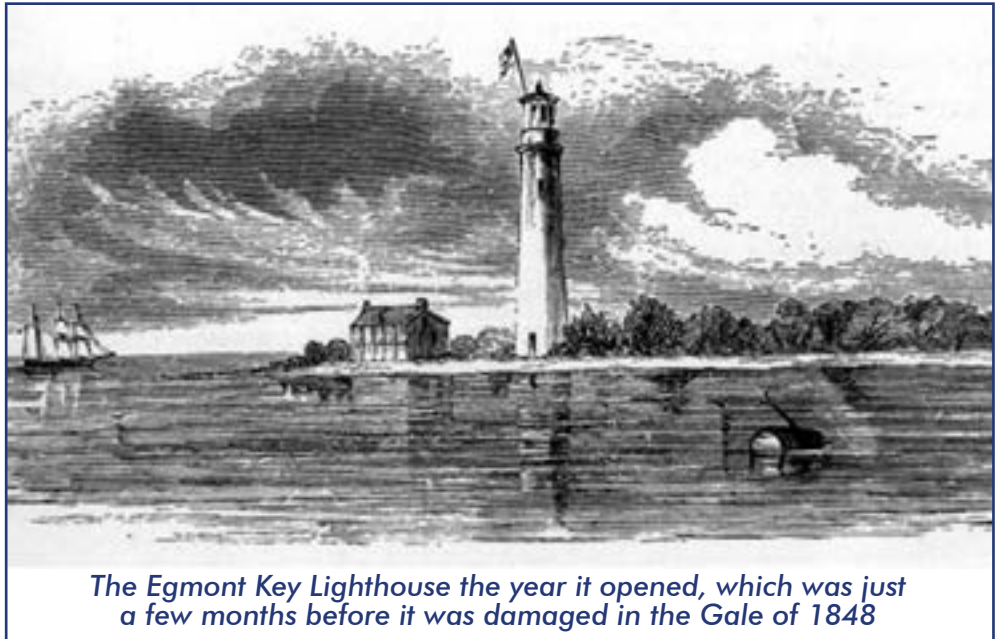
Magazine

THE GREAT GALE OF 1848

By Bob Griffin, Local Historian

Pinellas County historians often talk about the Hurricane of 1921 because that was the last time a hurricane came ashore directly in Pinellas County. But 175 years ago, Tampa Bay was hit by two hurricanes - in the same year. The first was in September 1848, and then the second was a month later in October.

Until the early 1950s, they did not name hurricanes. Those storms are still referred to by the areas they hit or the year they occurred. The September storm is simply known as "The Great Gale of 1848."



The Egmont Key Lighthouse the year it opened, which was just a few months before it was damaged in the Gale of 1848

Very few people lived in our area in 1848. Florida had only become a state three years earlier. The 1840 census only shows 55,000 people lived in all Florida, and most did not live in Pinellas County.

Storm records for the 1848 storm are almost non-existent, but the recorded barometric pressure reading, and storm surge, is consistent with a Category 4 hurricane. Sustained winds are estimated to have been 130 miles per hour. One storm survivor called it "the Granddaddy of all Hurricanes." **Continued on page 6**

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Inside, you will find articles and local information about the nearby area. We call it Neighborhood News because it is primarily about our neighborhood, Dunedin. This newsletter is printed every other month and direct mailed.

Do you need another copy? Ask for them at the Chamber of Commerce, History Museum, Community Center, Library, and the UPS on Main St.. We hope you enjoyed our magazine. We want your input. Did you like this issue? What suggestions do you have for future articles? Call or email us.

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Thank you for reading,

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SEE YOU AGAIN IN NOVEMBER!

CALENDAR OF HOLIDAYS & EVENTS

As always, this is subject to change.

SEPTEMBER

Halfway to St. Patrick's Day 17
City Commission Meeting 21
TB Watch Evening for the Bay 21
International Peace Day 21
Autumn Begins 23
Oktoberfest Kickoff Run HOB 23
Oktoberfest at Caledonia Brewing 23
Clearwater Powerboat Races 22-24
Yom Kippur 25
Public Schools Closed 25
Ringo Starr at the Sound 26

OCTOBER

Hooters' Concert In Coachman Park 4
City Commission Meeting 5
Oktoberfest at Dunedin Brewery 5-8
Chicago at the Sound 7
Columbus Day 9
St Pete Fall Festival at the Pier 7-9
Indigenous Peoples Day 9
HOB Giveback at Cueni Brewing 11
St. Joseph Sound Flats Tourney 12-13
Halloween Golf Cart Parade 14

Stone Crab Season Opens 15
Public School Closed 16
Fall Fest Our Lady of Lourdes 19-22
Clearwater Jazz Holiday 19-22
Olde Bay Stone Crab Fest 21
Honeymoon Island Fall Festival 21-22
Frenchy's Outpost Crab Fest 28-29
Halloween at Highlander Park 28
7venth Sun Halloween Part 28
Trunk or Treat St. Andrews 28
Bauserween 29
Halloween 31
Sea Turtle Nesting Season Ends 31

NOVEMBER

Dia de los Muertos 1
Taste of the Beaches Pier 60 3
Veteran's Day 11
Dunedin Wines the Blues 11
Dogtoberfest Highlander Park 11
Causeway Beach Cleanup 11
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Did You Know

"SEASON" IS COMING Snowbird season is just around the corner. The term "Snowbird" originated in the 1920's to describe migrant workers who headed south escaping the cold weather to work. The term gradually changed in the late 1970s to refer to northerners that came for long periods time (one month or longer). It now includes families and non-retirees. Season usually runs October - April. Florida's population will grow 5% during this time so expect more cars on the roads and longer lines. The most popular states snowbirds visit are Florida, Arizona, and Texas. Snowbirds do great things for our economy and jobs during these times-let's welcome them back.

THE NEW CMA MEDIA DIRECTOR

Marsha Strickhouser joined the Clearwater Marine Aquarium team as the Director of Media Relations three months ago. A native Floridian, she has a degree in mass communications/journalism from the University of Miami. She has always had an interest in the CMA's mission as her father was a marine biologist for the University of Miami Rosenstiel School of Marine, Atmospheric and Earth Sciences.



"It is truly an education every day, learning about marine mammals, their health and welfare, and conservation." Says Strickhouser. "It's like I'm working on my PhD learning from the animal care handlers, veterinarians, volunteers and staff. They are so passionate about what they do and it's an honor to be able to learn from them. Also, being able to see the amazing dolphins every day, as well as the gorgeous views of Clearwater Bay, are two big bonuses!"

HAPPY BIRTHDAY U.S. AIR FORCE In 1909 the United States military purchased its first aircraft; however, the United States Air Force was not a separate military service until 1947. It has had many names and sections throughout the years, starting with the Aeronautical section of the Signal Corps in 1909 and becoming the United States Army Air Forces in 1941. They would not become their own independent military service until President Truman signed the National Security Act, which established the new defense organization. The act established the United States Air Force and made them equal with the United States Army and Navy. Their official birthday is September 18th, 1947. Happy 76th Birthday to the United States Air Force, and special thanks to the men and women that are serving at MacDill Air Force Base.

OLD CITY HALL DECOMMISSIONED Dunedin City Commissioners officially marked the closure of the old City Hall on August 17. The circular building at 542 Main Street had its grand opening in May 1964, originally housing the Dunedin Public Library. In December 1976, the library moved to the Douglas Shopping Center and the building at the corner of Main and Grant Streets became City Hall. City officials vacated the building last March and moved to the new City Hall on Loudon Avenue.

Current and former commissioners and staff recounted the building's history and their memories of past city employees. The City Seal was ceremoniously removed, and Mayor Bujalski struck her gavel to formally end the building's last official meeting. The City plans to respectfully dismantle the building and turn the property into a park featuring artwork, commemorative signage, and public restrooms.

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Visit www.pinellas.gov/artificial-reef-guide to access an interactive map and find the closest artificial reefs to you.



STONE CRAB SEASON IS COMING

October is not only when we start getting relief from 115-degree heat indexes and blinding afternoon thunderstorms, it brings the start of the much-anticipated annual harvest of stone crab claws. The open season in Florida runs from October 15th - May 1st.

Stone crab claws can be served hot or cold, and are usually accompanied by mustard sauce or drawn butter and lemon. Locally, you can buy claws by the pound at Jensen Brother's Seafood on Douglas Ave, Frenchy's Seafood Market on the Causeway, and Ward Seafood in Clearwater. If you prefer to dine out, you can find stone crab at Olde Bay Cafe, Hog Island Fish Camp, Carvor's Fish House, and Frenchy's Outpost.

ROADWAY NAMED FOR FALLEN OFFICER

Pinellas County Sheriff's Office unveiled a sign officially dedicating a portion of I-275 to Deputy Michael Hartwick. The portion of I-275 between mile markers 30 and 31 in the Feather Sound area were designated "Deputy Sheriff Michael Hartwick Memorial Highway" by the Florida Legislature effective July 1st.



Deputy Hartwick was assigned to provide safety for a road construction crew working on the interstate overnight on September 23, 2022. His cruiser was parked in the southbound lanes with its emergency lights activated. Upon exiting the vehicle, Deputy Hartwick was struck by a front-end loader operated by a worker. He was the sixth of ten Florida law enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in 2022.

OUR NEXT ISSUE IS NOVEMBER 15 If you need another copy of this newsletter, you may pick up one up at the Chamber, Rec, Hale, and Fine Art Centers, UPS on Main, and Library. Read this issue and others online at BeachNewsletters.com.

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1848 STORM, Continued

The storm's course was typical of a September/October hurricane. It started in the Western Caribbean and made a northeast beeline for Pinellas County. It made landfall near Clearwater.

The devastation was not caused by the wind, but from the tidal surge and rising water, which at the time were the highest levels ever recorded in the area. Gulf waters were said to be 13-14 feet above normal, affecting coastal cities from 100 miles south of Tampa Bay to 30 miles north of Tarpon Springs. The counterclockwise winds forced water into both Boca Ciega and Tampa Bays. Tampa saw a 15-foot surge in just six to eight hours. The surge moved into the inlets, passes and bays. First the water rushed in, then as the eye moved north, the winds reversed, and the water rushed out creating even more damage.

One local resident said "the bays seemed to meet between Hillsborough Bay and Old Tampa Bay." Some 500-600 square miles of Pinellas lowlands were covered in saltwater.

A young woman who endured the storm insisted that "at one time the water rose five feet in fifteen minutes.

The winds destroyed structures and trees; the geography of Tampa Bay was completely changed. Only five area homes remained standing. There were no reported deaths and only \$20,000 in damages were declared — that is equivalent to \$750,000 today. Agricultural counted for most of that loss. Since it hit in late September, it destroyed the citrus crops across the center of the state.

For safer coastal navigation, the government had recognized the need to build a series of lighthouses around Florida. President James Polk had one built on Egmont Key, just south of Ft. DeSoto. It stood 120 feet above the island and had just been activated that May. The operator, Marvel Edwards, had relocated from Alligator, Florida (today's Lake City) and lived in a small cottage on the island with his wife and five children.

When the Great Gale of 1848 hit, the family took shelter in the lighthouse until the winds and water undercut its foundation, which had walls two-feet thick made from bricks and cement - and the lighthouse began to tilt.

The family fled, as the tide rose covering the island by two feet of water. To go to shore, they had a good-sized rowboat, which Edwards moved to the highest point on the island, about six or seven

feet above sea level, where he tied it to a sturdy palm tree. The family rode out the storm in the boat and as the water rose, Marvel raised the rope up the palm tree. When the surge leveled off, they were almost at the top of the tree. After the water receded, they discovered the rope was tied nine feet off the ground.

The next day, Edwards and his family rowed the small boat all the way to Tampa and resigned. He never returned to the island. The lighthouse with two-foot thick walls cost \$16,000 to repair - it only cost \$7,000 to build it earlier that year.

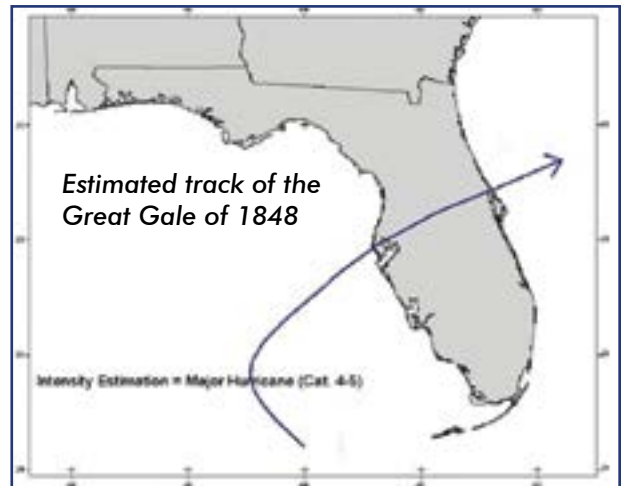
Two of Pinellas County's earliest documented settlers, fisherman Juan (John) Levique and his helper Joe Silva lived near Boca Ciega Bay, east of today's Madeira Beach. Juan owned the only boat in the area. The week of the storm, Juan and Joe had traveled to New Orleans to sell a load of greenback turtles. After the storm passed, they sailed home along Florida's west coast.

When they reached the Pinellas coastline at the end of September, everything was different. Landmarks were gone. Joe, acting as a spotter on the front of the boat, saw an opening and told Juan to turn east. They sailed through a pass they did not recognize, located in the south part of today's Madeira Beach. Joe realizing it was a newly created waterway turned to Juan and jokingly declared it was now "John's Pass," after the Captain who discovered it. Their homes on the east side of the bay were destroyed and their \$800 in gold buried nearby was lost, either swept away by the waters or buried under the debris.

Most historians agree the pass they entered was not where John's Pass is today. It was one mile north at about 138th Avenue. An official government survey before and after the Gale of 1848 does not show a pass where John's Pass is today. It apparently formed later with the help of other storms.

After the storm, all the navigational charts were worthless. Channels everywhere were either shifted or filled in. New passes were created in Englewood (Stump's Pass), Venice (Casey's Pass), Sarasota (Little Sarasota), Egmont (Passage Key), Anna Maria Island, Mullet Key, and Pass-A-Grille.

It separated the Isle of Palms and the Isle



of Capri from nearby Treasure Island.

Allen's Creek, today running east and west to the south of Gulf to Bay Blvd, empties into Tampa Bay. Before the storm, the east end was 167 feet wide, after the storm it was over 2000 feet wide.

Maximo Hernandez, Pinellas County's first known settler, had a fish rancho at Fisherman's Creek near Eckerd College. His camp was destroyed; he left and never returned.

Count Philippe lived with his family near Safety Harbor's Philippe Park. He and his family took refuge from the rising tides on top of the large Tocobaga Indian Mound still in the park today.

The winds felled almost every tree along what is today's Indian Rocks Road - just east of the beaches.

Tampa barely had 100 residents - most were soldiers at Ft. Brooke where they had sustained winds of 72 miles per hour and the highest storm surge ever recorded in Tampa Bay - 15 feet!

"The storm has destroyed all of the wharves and most of the buildings at this post," said Commanding Officer Major Wade. "The commissary and quartermaster storehouses were all swept away with their contents. The barracks are beyond repair. But I am happy to report that no one died."

Several Tampa stores were destroyed, and their transport schooner was pushed a great distance into the pine forests surrounding the fort.

The October storm that followed the Great Gale of '48, just 17 days later, was much less severe. Or maybe there was just less to lose. It was probably a Category 1 by today's standards with sustained winds at Ft. Brooke reported at 72 miles per hour. The waters there still rose 10 feet, but since the September hurricane had already destroyed almost everything in the area, the storm damage was considered far less. ■

HEALTHCARE AND THE UPCOMING LEGISLATIVE SESSION

By State Representative Kim Berfield, District 58

As we enter September, we find ourselves four months away from embracing a new year. It's astonishing how swiftly the year has passed, and yet, our thoughts are already focusing on what lies ahead in the coming year – new beginnings, prosperity and well-being.

January 2024 will bring the commencement of the legislative session. Your elected representatives in Tallahassee will diligently review, debate and work to address numerous bills spanning various concerns of Floridians. Healthcare is bound to be one of the key focal points among the diverse topics.

Have you noticed how long the wait time is for a doctor's appointment or procedure? This issue is not the fault of our doctors; it's a systematic failure of our healthcare system starting at its foundation. Healthcare is an important issue that impacts all Floridians, which is why your Florida Legislature is prioritizing its improvement.

Throughout my professional journey, healthcare has been a constant focus. I had the privilege of serving as a Deputy Secretary at the Florida Department of Health and later as a Vice President at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital. These experiences have provided me with invaluable insights into the intricate workings of our modern and evolving healthcare system, offering a glimpse behind the scenes. In 2023, I sponsored legislation that further solidified our commitment by increasing funding and successfully passing HB 825. This legislation safeguards healthcare professionals from intentional and malicious harm, underscoring our commitment to their protection and well-being.

Addressing the healthcare workforce shortage will be at the top of my list. The state's ongoing medical professional shortage reflects the limited number of seats in Florida's nursing programs and educators available to instruct these classes, we simply cannot create enough qualified nursing graduates. The Florida Department of Health started collecting data on these shortages in 2006, but action was never taken to proactively address the impending issue, which was exacerbated by firings, retirements, and career changes during the global pandemic.

In terms of funding direct graduate medical education experiences for students, the State may consider either need/merit-based scholarships or implementing a reimbursement program (similar to the military) upon successful completion and in-state employment placement.

Currently only 50% of students graduating with a medical degree from a state university remain in Florida. To mitigate this negative return, we must more effectively partner with our federal delegation to further thaw the frozen residency positions, which have been in place for about 25 years.

Our office in 2024 will introduce legislation that centers on the legislature's fiduciary responsibility concerning taxpayer dollars and the state-run Medicaid program. Our objective is to enhance transparency and accountability in relation to state Medicaid managed care organization contracts and ensure that these networks are accurate and open to new members.

In the year ahead, the Florida House and Senate are committed to addressing the pressing healthcare challenges faced by all Floridians. I am confident that by the session's conclusion next March, we will have presented the Governor with comprehensive solutions that will positively impact the well-being of all Floridians, both in terms of physical and mental health.



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The popular gas and convenience store will now make it easier for customers to get their favorite subs, breakfast sandwiches, coffees, etc. without even getting out of their vehicles. The Pennsylvania-based company opened its first Florida location in 2012 and has since grown in popularity throughout the state. Florida now has about 25% of the chain's stores.

The company is debuting the Wawa Drive-Thru with a limited offering of fresh, made-to-order food and beverages more conveniently. The menu will include breakfast sandwiches, hoagies, burgers, bowls, salads and quesadillas.

The new Wawa drive-thru will be located at 2530 East Bay Drive, replacing the KFC building and is hoping to be open by the end of this year.

RECORD SALE In April, Smith & Associates announced it had facilitated the largest Clearwater condominium sale in county history. Located at 11 Baymont Street in the Residences at Sand Pearl Resort, the condo sold for \$9.5 Million, breaking all previous condo sale records in Pinellas County. The condo is 5,349 square feet with four bedrooms and four baths and direct Gulf of Mexico views. It was bought by an Ohio buyer who purchased it as a second vacation home.

BEST BEACH RESTAURANTS LATEST ISSUE

This free magazine highlights many of the best restaurants on the Pinellas Beaches. The September issue is out now. It is given to every hotel, motel and accommodation on the beaches, and can be found in area restaurants. This is their 52nd issue. It features Hooters Restaurants, which will celebrate its 40th Anniversary with a concert in Coachman Park on October 4th. Pick one up - It is Free!



HOTELS SOLD The Marriott's AC and Courtyard hotels on Clearwater Beach have been sold to a Denver-based company. The ten-story, 144-room AC Hotel sold for \$58.3 million, while the seven-story, 139-room Courtyard Hotel was sold for \$55.4 million.

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“We are honored to be included in Florida Trend’s list of Best Companies with these other outstanding businesses across Florida,” said Ray Ferrara, CFP®, Founder and Executive Chair of ProVise. “Our wonderful team works hard on behalf of our 1200 clients who have entrusted us with \$1.7 billion of their money.”

The Best Companies To Work For In Florida program is managed by Florida Trend and Workforce Research Group and is endorsed by the HR Florida State Council.



LOCAL CHARTER CAPTAIN AWARDED Belleair Beach resident Captain Scott Flesch and his company Fishing Clearwater Inshore (FCWIS) won the plaque for Best Fishing Charter boat in the Tampa Bay Best of the Best Contest. The competition recognizes local businesses across varying categories. Captain Flesch has been fishing the backwaters of Pinellas County since childhood.

Flesch started FCWIS after a career in tech and management, and has brought a business approach to chartering, securing partnerships with corporate clients and team-building charters as well as collaborating with area hotels.

FCWIS was also a finalist in Creative Loafing’s Best of the Bay award in the Best Boat Charter category, the results of which were not finalized prior to this edition. For more information, visit FCWIS.com.

CHANGING CLASS SCHEDULES The Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy, which gives previously challenged students a second chance at education in a one-of-a-kind setting that uses the golf course as a living classroom, is discontinuing its fourth-grade class to offer two sixth-grade classes. The Academy will include 5th through 8th grade, with the two sixth grade classes, allowing for further class expansions in the future with 7th & 8th grade classes.

For information about the Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy, as well as the Foundation’s programs, visit www.chichi.org.

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DOGEDIN'S FIRST DONATION BOX

By Lora Magnani, Publisher

When walking around Dunedin it is obvious that there is no shortage of four-legged friends in our dog-centric community. People love their pets and would certainly do anything for them, but it is just not always fiscally possible to provide the things they need on the budgets their humans must work with. Sometimes it is the loss of a job, an added member to the household, a health complication, or just inflation that can make fur babies feel the pinch in someone's overall expenses.

Love can only provide so much nourishment and health and sometimes pet owners need a little help. That is where Rescue-Not-Retail Dunedin comes in. The 501C3 Non-profit organization focuses on helping the pet-owning community with veterinary services, food, supplies, and compassion, while also helping homeless veterans with their service animals. Their goal is to help keep pets with their families so that they do not wind up in already over-crowded shelters.



Rescue-Not-Retail Dunedin, headed by six women, now has a new concept to assist owners with getting the help they need while also giving the community a place to donate unused pet supplies and food for the furry needy. The Community Bark Box opened on June 30th and is taking donations. The box is located in front of Bauser's Neighborhood Bar at 520 Douglas Avenue, which is owned by Rescue-Not-Retail Dunedin's co-founder Janet Baustert. The Bark Box collects dog and cat food, kitty litter, water bowls, chew toys, leashes, flea medicines, and other pet necessities donated by neighbors. The box, that co-founder Amanda Atteniese made by hand, is hopefully the first of many to come in Dunedin and throughout Pinellas County and is available at all times. The concept will function in the same fashion as the "Take-A-Book, Leave-A-Book" freestanding libraries. The Bark Box has been made available by generous donations from local businesses and residents.



In addition to accepting Bark Box donations, Rescue-Not-Retail Dunedin will be hosting their annual charity gala *BauserWeen*, at Bauser's Neighborhood Bar on Sunday Oct.29th. The event will feature live music, dog costume contest, vendors, dunk tank, silent auction, raffle and other activities. Be sure not to miss it, it's going to be a HOWL-of-a-Good Time.

Rescue-Not-Retail Dunedin would also like to remind people that they do not have animals available for adoption but work closely with many local rescue organizations that do. All members are volunteers and receive no compensation for services provided. Find them on Facebook at Rescue Not Retail Dunedin.

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WHY ARE CHICKENS IN SO MUCH OF OUR ART?

By Becky Griffin, Guest Columnist

Birds have long been a common subject of art. Ducks, geese, turkeys and chiefly chickens are deeply integrated into our visual culture. They are symbols of prosperity, familial health and wealth, and characters in children's stories. More recently, they signified agricultural independence. Their likeness can be found in wallpaper and dishes, decorative towels, mass-produced porcelain figurines, and nearly any other decorative object we might associate with a home. But why are chickens so popular?

Chickens are native to Southeast Asia and were first domesticated about 8,000 years ago. They were quickly brought to nearly every corner of the world, becoming an important symbol in many cultures. They have played an important role in folklore, mythology, and even religion. Throughout history, the chicken was not a symbol of cowardice, but a sacred symbol, representing everything from fertility and resurrection, to courage and war.

In Ancient Rome, priests called an augur, raised sacred chickens, through which they could read the will of the gods. The process involved starving a preferably white rooster in a cage for some time, then giving it food and water. If the chicken ate, it was a good omen. If it didn't eat, it was a bad omen.

To the Ancient Greeks, the rooster was a symbol of courage, valor, and virility and associated with Heracles.

The Luhya tribes in Eastern Africa, (today Kenya) believed their Supreme Being first created heaven where he resided, then adorned it with the moon, sun, and clouds. The third thing he did was create a giant rooster, placed among the clouds who was responsible for storms. Lightning was a result of flapping its wings and thunder was its crowing.

The ancient Chinese saw chickens as a representation of their sun deity, as roosters crow every morning at dawn, as the sun rises.

Many native American tribes have performed what is called their "chicken dance" for centuries. There are many variations of the legend that created the dance. Most involve a young hunter visited by a chicken's spirit, either before or after he had killed it. The dance was performed to maintain a strong spiritual connection with nature, and to express gratitude for the resources she gives.

Chicken farming has been adopted by nearly every human culture that has come in contact with the birds. Chickens adapt to many climates and don't require much to produce nutritious and easy to consume eggs. It is possible some communities were saved by the food source chickens provide. If that is the case, it's not difficult to imagine why people worshiped them and created their image.

Or maybe they are used in art so often because chickens and their brotherhood are cute; they are immediately recognizable. They are familiar and carry personal meaning. All that being said, their charm can be undeniable. And sometimes that is a good enough reason to just stop and count your chickens.



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Coachman Park, located in the heart of Downtown Clearwater, has undergone an extensive transformation with the addition of three acres of green space, a gateway plaza and bluff walk that connects the park to downtown, a lake area with picnic shelters, and an ocean-themed play area with an interactive pop-jet water feature.

Inside the park, The Sound, a brand-new covered outdoor music venue, promises to be a game-changer in the live entertainment scene and will host the 44th Clearwater Jazz Holiday Powered by Duke Energy.

In addition to four nights of concerts in The Sound October 19-22nd, Clearwater Jazz Holiday, the City of Clearwater, and Clearwater's Downtown Development Board, have partnered to present an expanded FREE Daytime Downtown Celebration Saturday and Sunday October 21st and 22nd. The FREE daytime celebration will feature a wide variety of jazz artists across three performance areas in Coachman Park and downtown Clearwater.

CJH will put its one-of-a-kind touch on this one-of-a-kind setting, transforming Clearwater into the Bay area's largest outdoor jazzfest party over four days and nights of exciting live performances. Visitors will relish the Clearwater area's mild fall weather, miles of world-famous Gulf beaches, brilliant sunsets, nearby attractions, accommodations, and dining to suit every taste and budget.

The magic of Clearwater Jazz Holiday emanates from its long-time collaboration with the City of Clearwater, Visit St Pete / Clearwater, Ruth Eckerd Hall, and the City of Clearwater Downtown Development Board, as well as hundreds of volunteers that orchestrate every chord of this annual celebration that attracts audiences as diverse as its lineups. From smooth and straight-ahead jazz to rhythm and blues, soul, jam band, folk, Americana, funk, fusion, Latin, and more, thousands of spirits are lifted each year in the unmistakable energy of Clearwater Jazz Holiday.

In addition to sustaining the longstanding festival tradition, Clearwater Jazz Holiday Foundation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization, delivers year-round innovative programs, exciting performance opportunities, online education resources, special funding, and creative learning experiences. These initiatives celebrate the art form of Jazz with meaningful music appreciation and instructional experiences for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

Tickets On-Sale NOW starting at just \$30.75 in advance for GA/Lawn. VIP/Reserved, Premium Reserved and Reserved Seating are also available. For more information about the 44th Clearwater Jazz Holiday, call the Clearwater Jazz Holiday office at (727) 461-5200, or visit us online at ClearwaterJazz.com or facebook.com/ClearwaterJazz.

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TIME TO GET STONED

Dunedin Stone Crab Festival is back. Owners Jane and Walt Wickman of Olde Bay Café, Hog Island Fish Camp, and Water Oak Seafood & Steak Bar in Safety Harbor are holding the annual Dunedin Stone Crab



Festival in front of Olde Bay Café at 51 Main Street and Edgewater Park on October 21st from noon-9pm. They will have fresh stone crab claws in all sizes from jumbos to floaters. There will be live music beginning with Glenn G followed by The Cats Band, and Jericho Turnpike will close out the show. For details, visit Festival@OldeBayCafe.com or call (727) 451-9214.

Hog Island Fish Camp is now hosting trivia night on Wednesdays starting at 6:30pm with specials including half off all bottles of wine. Hog Island is located at 900 Broadway. Visit HogIslandFishCamp.com for details.

NEW RESTAURANT ON MAIN Kue's Café Thai and Chinese Cuisine is the new occupant of 1452 Main Street, located in the former Ohana Café building. Owners Zach and Mai Kue are not new to restaurant scene, just new to Florida. Kue's Café in West Branch, Michigan had a loyal following for ten years. When their building was sold, the family decided to bring their Thai and Chinese cuisines to Dunedin. All their food is made to order using only the freshest ingredients and all sauces are made from scratch using the family's favorite recipes. Fresh herbs and spices are used to capture the traditional flavors of their Asian culture. They are open six days week, closed on Mondays, for dine-in and carry-out. Find them on Facebook at Kue's Café or call (727) 303-0016.



BOBALICIOUS Magic Tea & Coffee BOBA opened at the end of July at 1507 Main Street in the Granada Publix Plaza. Bubble Tea, or Boba Tea, is an iced sweet milky tea accompanied by chewy tapioca balls ("boba" or "pearls") with black, green, or oolong tea as the most

common base of the drink. The tea-based drink originated in Taiwan in the early 1980s. Magic Tea & Coffee offers a series of different beverages such as milky teas, fruit teas, refreshing lemonades, fruit smoothies, sweet cream cold foam lattes, and hot or cold coffee drinks.

SALLIE'S CAFE CELEBRATES ONE YEAR Owners Michele Kamayi and Kieran Uylenbroek moved their family from Belgium to Dunedin in 2022 to follow their dream of starting their own restaurant in the U.S. They opened Sallie's Bistro on August 16th, 2022, with a menu featuring traditional Belgian cuisine including moules frites (mussels), cheese and shrimp croquettes, and savory Belgian stews. They offer homemade chocolate mousse, a selection of wines, and Belgian beers. Sallie's also features monthly specials. The restaurant is located at 2152 Main Street and is open Wed-Sun from 5-9pm with tables available by reservation only. Call (727) 370-6440 for reservations and find them on Facebook at Sallie's Café and Catering.

JOY RIDES - HELPING SENIORS GET AROUND

By Janae Havill, Joy Rides

Dunedin is known for its lively Main Street situated near the Pinellas Trail, eclectic homes, extensive artwork, and numerous pocket parks. Joy Rides Dunedin brings all of this into the reach of seniors and those with limited mobility who, otherwise, may not be able to enjoy these amenities. Joy Rides strives to provide seniors access to enjoy the outdoors, experience companionship, and engage with the community as part of its vibrant cycling culture by taking its guests on rickshaw rides throughout Dunedin. Whether it's focusing on local murals, learning about the history of Victoria Drive, or just a simple ride down Edgewater Dr., riders are treated to a Dunedin experience truly like no other!

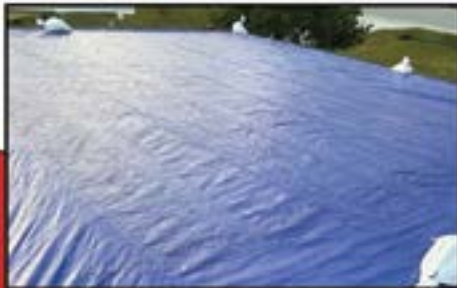


The fleet is comprised of two rickshaws, each able to accommodate two passengers, one wheelchair rickshaw that carries a passenger in their own wheelchair, and an escort bicycle. Every ride is tailored to ensure the comfort of the passengers, and, if needed, their caregiver. Operating Monday through Friday, the fleet makes its way to assisted living facilities, memory care units, rehabilitation facilities, and local nursing homes. Joy Rides has partnered with organizations such as Mease Life and The Stirling House to provide weekly rides to their residents. Many riders enjoy the experience so much, they become regulars.

Clinical studies have shown that social and recreational therapies can be as effective as prescription drugs at reducing depression in seniors. The Joy Rides program was established to provide a safe, guided, leisurely tour around the Dunedin community, enabling riders to enjoy the sunshine, fresh air, sea breezes, and coastal scenery, and to engage socially with each other, neighbors, and other trail users. In return, the volunteers experience the satisfaction associated with seeing the joy on so many faces during the rides. See a rickshaw in town? Joy Rides is thankful to those who share the neighborhood roads and Pinellas Trail and everyone who gives a friendly wave to the passengers!

Joy Rides is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization sponsored by the First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin and funded through various fundraising activities and community donations. This ensures that every ride can be offered free of cost to passengers. Know someone who would benefit from a ride? Community rides are available through Hale Senior Center on Monday mornings. Please call the Center directly to schedule. Interested in volunteering or donating? Joy Rides would love to hear from you and can be reached via email at hello@joyridesdunedin.org. Visit their website at www.joyridesdunedin.org for more information and be sure to check them out on Facebook.

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WHEN I'M GONE, IS EVERYONE TAKEN CARE OF..

By Edward Castagna Jr. Esquire

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LARGO STUDENT WINS THE SCRIPTS SPELLING BEE

P-S-A-M-M-O-P-H-I-L-E That was the \$50,000 question—or word in his case. 14-year-old Dev Shaw spelled it and won the 95th Scripps National Spelling Bee and its \$50,000 prize. Dev lives in Largo and recently completed 8th grade at Morgan Fitzgerald Middle School.

In June, Dev and his family traveled to Oxon Hill, Maryland (near Washington, DC) to compete in the annual National Spelling Bee, sponsored by Scripps Broadcasting. It is held the week following Memorial Day weekend. This is the third time Dev has competed and the last time he was eligible. Participants cannot be older than fourteen as of August 31 of the year before the competition and they cannot be passed the eighth grade as of February 1 of that year's competition.

To qualify, a speller must win a regional competition. Regional spelling bees usually cover many counties, but in some lesser populated areas, it can cover an entire state, or U.S. territory. Overseas military bases in Germany and South Korea also compete. Regional rules are not the same as the national competition. Since 2004, the national competition has featured time controls to fit the schedule of its television broadcast; lower levels of competition do not.

Once a contestant wins the regional competition, they progress to the Nationals. The first round is preliminary— a computer spelling and vocabulary test and two rounds of oral spelling. It is followed by rounds one through three, semifinals and then finals where there are usually ten to sixteen contestants remaining.

During the finals, which is what you see on television, a speller is given ninety second from when a word is first pronounced to spell it completely. The speller sees a traffic light, green for the first 60 seconds, with yellow appearing also at 30 seconds following by fifteen seconds of red. They are automatically eliminated if they exceed the time limit. No pressure there! When only one player remains after a round, the remaining player must spell one more word correctly to win the bee.

Dev first entered at age 11 in 2019 and finished in 51st place. There was no competition in 2020 due to the Pandemic. The only other time the competition was not held was 1943–1945 due to World War II.

In 2021, Dev tied for 76th place. He tried again in 2022 but did not make it out of the regionals. His third time proved to be the charm and won the National Title with the winning word "psammophile". It was "easy" by his admission. His second-to-last word was "schistorrhachis". Which he obviously spelled to move to the final round.

When given an unusual sounding word, Dev asked about the word's root. The winning word has its roots in the Greek language. "Psammo" means sand in Greek. "Phile" means love. It is an organism that thrives in sandy soils or areas. He then asked the judges to use it in a sentence, before correctly spelling it.

Devs hobbies include playing tennis, playing the cello, solving math problems and reading. He also enjoys playing Wordle. his prize included \$50,000 cash, a commemorative medal, and a complete reference library.



BACK TO SCHOOL SAFETY From the Desk of Sheriff Bob Gualtieri

School is back in session and the roads – and sidewalks – are busier. Make sure you allow extra time on your morning commute as you drive through school zones and watch out for pedestrians. We must do everything we can to keep children safe and you can do your part by brushing up on traffic laws related to school buses, school zones, and pedestrians.

Be aware of designated school zones – they will be clearly marked with signage and flashing lights alerting drivers. The speed limit in most local school zones is 15 miles per hour. The slow-speed zone is enforced half an hour before students are expected to arrive at school. Remember, this doesn't just mean the official start of classes, but may be earlier for breakfast service. The school zone may be active for up to half an hour after class begins. In the afternoon, the school zone is active until 30 minutes after students are released. With elementary, middle, and high schools all starting and ending at different times, you may encounter several different school zones in your daily travels. The fine for speeding in a school zone is double that of speeding in most other areas.

Also remember that you can't have your cell phone in your hand at all in a school zone – not only is it unsafe, but it is also illegal. This applies to calls, texts, and any other hands-on use of your phone, including navigation. If you must use a device in a school zone, it needs to be completely hands-free. Your full attention needs to be on the road and on pedestrians.

Crossing guards are stationed near schools as well as at intersections on the routes where children walk or bike to school. Crossing guards enter the crosswalk when it is safe to do so and ensure that children only cross the road when all traffic has stopped. Be alert for the crossing guard's sign and whistle, and follow their directions. They are considered a traffic control device, the same as a stop sign, and their instructions should be followed for the safety of young pedestrians.

If you would like a rewarding part-time job helping to keep children safe, consider becoming a school crossing guard. You will receive uniforms, equipment, and training, and make \$22 an hour. Contact Human Resources at 727-582-6208 for more information.

Along with pedestrians, there are many more school buses on the roads. The rules about when to stop for a school bus may seem confusing but they are actually simple. When you are driving behind a bus you must always stop when the bus activates its flashing red lights and displays its STOP signal, no matter how many lanes there are. However, if you are driving in the opposite, oncoming lanes, whether or not you stop depends on the median. If there is a raised median, physical barrier, or unpaved space at least five feet wide between lane directions you do not have to stop. Painted lines and pavement markings are not considered barriers. If that barrier is not there, oncoming traffic must stop. Failure to stop for a school bus carries a hefty fine and repeat offenses can result in a driver's license suspension.





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OFFSHORE RACES RETURN The Baystar Clearwater Offshore Nationals sponsored by Visit St. Pete Clearwater will return to Clearwater Beach September 22nd to 24th, 2023. For over a decade, offshore powerboat racing teams and fans have come to town for an exciting weekend of entertainment, with fireworks, parties, and much more.

Race day sees 50,000 people and over 2,500 boats lining the beaches along the 2.5-mile-long racecourse. Proceeds from the Baystar Clearwater Offshore Nationals support Tampa Bay Charities, Inc. which benefits the Clearwater Community Sailing Center and Sailability. These Charities share the common focus of connecting our community to our waters and enabling children and adults alike to enjoy the paradise in which we live. Learn more at ClearwaterNationals.com.

Event sponsor Baystar Restaurant Group is the parent company of eleven Pinellas County restaurants including Salt Rock Grill, Marina Cantina, Rumba, and Island Way Grill.

NEW ASIAN RESTAURANT KOMÉ Bistro and Sushi opened its doors on July 24th. One of the newest restaurants to join the Main Street stretch, it is located at 1056 Main St in the space previously occupied by D-Town and 1056 Main Street Bar & Grill. They offer \$5 lunch specials Monday through Friday from 11:30am-5pm and \$1 Sushi from 5-7pm for happy hour. The menu features sushi, hibachi dishes, bento boxes, ramen, and other Asian inspired dishes.

TACOS AND TEQUILA ON THE TERRACE

Senor Rita's Tequileria opened Wednesday August 16th featuring traditional Mexican dishes served in a laid-back Cabo Beach atmosphere with a focus on premium seafood. Located at 923 Broadway in the



space formerly occupied by The Rusty Lyon, Senor Rita's welcomes guests for dinner or to relax with appetizers and drinks in one of their many lounge areas. They offer a wide selection of aged tequila, hand-crafted cocktails, beer, and wine. The restaurant also features the Tequila Terrace roof top bar, which is great for relaxing with friends, work gatherings and watching Dunedin sunsets.

Senor Rita's has live music every night they are open. They offer brunch on Saturday and Sunday from 9am-3pm. Visit their website at Senor-Ritas.com for hours and menu or call (727) 223-8208 for more information.

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HOOTERS 40TH ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Hooters is celebrating 40 years in business. The doors of the first Hooters restaurant (shown here) opened on October 4th at 2800 Gulf-To-Bay Boulevard in Clearwater.



In honor of the anniversary, on the fourth of every month Hooters will be hosting "throwback" events bringing the 1980s back.

In addition to the "throwback" events, Hooters will be celebrating all year and is bringing the legendary rock band Chicago to Clearwater for a good cause. Hooters, in conjunction with the City of Clearwater, is holding the benefit concert for Breast Cancer Research at The Sound at Coachman Park on Saturday, October 7th. Proceeds from the Breast Cancer Research benefit concert will be donated to Moffitt Cancer Center and Morton Plant Mease Hospitals. Ticket prices are \$40, \$25, and \$9. All tickets can be purchased on RuthEckerdHall.com.

BIG STORM BREWING CO DISTILLERY OF THE YEAR

Most know Big Storm Brewing Co. for its craft beer, but the Clearwater-based company was named the "Florida Distillery of the Year" at The New York International Spirits Competition.

This year, Big Storm has won a gold medal from the American Distilling Institute for its grapefruit vodka soda, eleven medals in the San Francisco World Spirits Competition, and a platinum medal from Seltzer Nation for its lemon-lime vodka soda.

Big Storm Brewing has five taproom throughout Florida including their main one in Clearwater, 12707 49th Street N., Clearwater where the majority of their beer is brewed.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL?

With Florida being a melting pot of residents from all over the country (and Canada) the odds are good that football fans are going to disagree on what game should be on the TV. The network channels CBS and FOX each have a game at 1pm and 4pm. These stations will play different games in different regions. Because of these regional restrictions, you may not be able to watch the game you want unless you have the NFL Sunday Ticket. Whether you are a transplant or simply live in a house divided, Dunedin has plenty of bars and restaurants that can accommodate the need to watch your home team.



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LARGO RESIDENT PUBLISHES CHILDREN’S BOOK

By Pete Magnani, *Publisher*

Largo resident and author Nathaniel Jenks recently published his first children’s book, *A New Day for Umwell the Gray*, illustrated by Rebecca Evans. The book tells the story of a boy named William who sees life through a gray lens. His world, his mood, and even his clothes are gray. One day a mysterious girl appears and introduces herself as Purple. When she asks his name, he stammers and responds “um...well” so Purple begins calling him Umwell. As they talk, William complains that his life is boring and nothing ever changes.



Purple takes him on a walk through the woods to the beach and shows him that everything in nature is constantly changing, from the running water in a stream to the leaves falling from the trees. The illustrations in the book begin as drab shades of gray and vibrant colors are added throughout as William begins to appreciate the changing beauty inherent in nature.

“I believe children’s writing is very important,” says Jenks. “If you give them a positive message, they can take that forward in their lives and into the world. The book is aimed at children six to ten years old. “When you publish for this age range, you must be economical with your words. However, because children might still be reading the story with their parents, I tried to write it so that it works on two levels.” He hopes that both the children and their parents will be able to get something out of it.

Jenks was born in St. Petersburg and moved to Largo at an early age, attending both Largo Middle and High Schools. He also lived in Oregon for 10 years, where he developed a passion for nature and spent as much time as possible hiking and camping. He also found an interest in eastern philosophy, particularly Taoism. “Sometimes in our rational adult world, we think things are so fixed and you get stuck,” says Jenks. “If you have that intuition that things are actually always changing in nature, you can relate it to human beings as well.”



Jenks spent four years teaching English, Science and Grammar in Thailand before returning to Florida. He lived for a time in Naples, where he published articles on his nature excursions, including several about a two-week kayak journey he took from Naples to the Keys. He also worked in the tennis industry for many years and published several articles about the sport.

Jenks is currently working on another children’s book unrelated to *A New Day for Umwell the Gray* but is also planning a prequel and sequel to further explore William and Purple’s lives. This inspirational book is in the Pinellas County Library system and can be purchased at some local bookstores, including Back in the Day Books on Main Street. It is also available on Amazon and at Barnes and Noble. Links to those sites are available at NathanielJenks.com.

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THE ORIGINS OF HALLOWEEN AND OKTOBERFEST

By Pete Magnani, *Publisher*

Halloween, also known as All Hallows' Eve, has its roots in the ancient Celtic pagan festival of Samhain (Gaelic pronunciation SAH-win.) Samhain marked the end of harvest season and the beginning of winter, which the Celts associated with death. The festival was first mentioned in the Old Irish Literature around the ninth century written by Christian monks.

During Samhain, the Celts believed the veil between the living and the dead was at its thinnest and the souls of those who had died were able to return to their homes. During the festival, bonfires were lit, and people wore masks to frighten away evil souls. One legend says that the Celts would leave out food as an offering to calm the evil spirits that roamed on Samhain, leading to the practice of trick-or-treating today. The disguises and food offerings gave rise to the modern-day witches and goblins that now roam neighborhoods in search of candy on Halloween.



The tradition of carving Jack-o'-Lanterns also has its origins in Irish folklore but began with a turnip, not a pumpkin. It is based on Stingy Jack, an unpopular drunkard who loved to play tricks, as the legend goes. He offered his soul to the Devil for one final drink before taking him to Hell. When the time came to pay, Jack convinced the Devil to turn himself into a coin to cover the tab and change himself back when the bartender was not looking. Stingy Jack, living up to his name, quickly picked up the coin and put it in his pocket next to a silver crucifix, preventing the Devil from returning to form.

Satan eventually struck a deal with Jack, agreeing to spare his soul from Hell. When Jack died, God denied him entry into Heaven because of his sins. Jack went to the underworld and asked the Devil to let him enter Hell. Keeping his promise, the Devil refused Jack entry, leaving him to wander in the gloom between Heaven and Hell. Jack was terrified of the darkness, and Satan gave him a glowing ember from the fires of Hell, which Jack placed into a carved-out turnip to light his way.

Bobbing for apples is another Halloween tradition, but one rooted in romance, and not the spirit world. Brought to America in the 1800s from Europe, folklore depicts the game as a means of courtship and predictor of marriage. Men would toss apples into a bucket of water and their paramours would try to bite the apple belonging to the man she desired. If the woman was successful on her first attempt, they were destined for each other, but if she failed the romance was doomed.

While still celebrated as the scary holiday with horror movies and ghoulish costumes, Halloween has evolved into a more lighthearted event. Beginning in 1950, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) began using the holiday as a fundraising engine for their efforts to provide humanitarian aid to children worldwide. The program has raised more than \$195 million in its 72-year history.

On a lighter note, the first Oktoberfest was held in Munich, Germany on October 12th, 1810. The Bavarian city hosted the wedding of Kronprinz Ludwig (later to become King Ludwig 1) and Princess Therese of Saxe-Hildberg. The festival concluded with a horse race. The following year, the race was combined with the city's annual agricultural fair. In the late 20th century, the event's food and drink booths developed into large beer halls constructed by the brewers of Munich. The largest have indoor balconies and music stages. Paulaner Brewing's Winzerer Fähdnl Hall is large enough to seat 6,388 revelers inside and an additional 2010 outside. The Munich festival now lasts two weeks, ending on the first Sunday in October.

Immigrants and their descendants brought the Oktoberfest traditions to their new hometowns and is now celebrated worldwide. Cincinnati, Ohio boasts the largest celebration in the U.S., hosting 700,000 guests in 2021. Oktoberfest USA in LaCrosse, Wisconsin also puts on a huge event, with forty-two percent of Wisconsin residents claiming some German ancestry. Other significant U.S. Oktoberfest celebrations are held annually in Minneapolis, Minnesota; Fredericksburg, Texas; and Frankenmuth, Michigan.



Photo by Heribert Pohl

Jacksonville, Cape Coral, and Miami seem to have the largest Oktoberfest events in Florida. The City of Tampa hosts a three-day celebration with fun, games, and food tents. This year, the celebration will take place October 13th-15th at Curtis Hixon Park. Locally, Woodwright Brewing Company will have numerous Oktoberfest events at the shop beginning September 16th. Visit WoodwrightBrewing.com for details. Dunedin Brewery's 23rd Annual Oktoberfest will be held October 5th-8th. For more information visit DunedinBrewery.com.

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DR. WILLIAM E. HALE SENIOR CENTER

Upcoming Events:

Museum of American Arts & Crafts Movement

Wednesday, October 25, 9am-3pm

\$40 (must register by Sept. 22)

This museum is the only one of its kind featuring stunning architecture and incredible works of art. It is located in St. Petersburg's downtown waterfront arts district. Enjoy a docent-guided tour through the five-story museum with an incredible grand atrium, skylights, and spiral staircase. After the tour, visit the gift shop, and head to The Hanger Restaurant for lunch (not included.)

Medieval Times Dinner & Tournament

Thursday, November 9, 8:45am-4:45pm

\$66 (must register by Oct. 6)

Embark on a thrilling adventure inspired by the grandeur and valor of the Middle Ages. You have been invited by the Queen to her majestic castle for a grand celebration and tournament! As her esteemed guest, you will witness magnificent displays of horsemanship, swordplay, falconry, and pageantry while indulging in a sumptuous four-course feast served in authentic medieval style.

Christmas at Bok Tower Gardens

Wednesday, December 6, 9am-6pm

\$52 (must register by Nov. 3)

Capture the holiday spirit by visiting the Pinewood Estate, a 20-room Mediterranean style mansion. Witness beautiful displays of poinsettias, amaryllis, and bromeliads throughout the garden designed by renowned architect Fredrick Law Olmsted Jr. Enjoy a 1-hour guided tour with a holiday music concert on the Singling Tower Carillon. You may purchase lunch at Blue Palmetto Café or you may bring your own bag lunch.

In addition to special events, the Center also offers health screenings and many daily recurring programs. To register or view the schedule, visit DunedinGov.com/City-Departments/Parks-Recreation and click on Hale Senior Center.

DUNEDIN NEWCOMERS CLUB

Submitted by Rosemary O'Hara

The Dunedin Newcomers Club is a face-to-face social network established 64 years ago that welcomes people who are new to the area, newly retired, or who now have the time to explore the region, attend monthly luncheons and participate in our many fun activities. Our purpose is to introduce residents to what's special about Dunedin and northern Pinellas. And don't be fooled by the name. Some of us have lived here for more than 30 years.

We meet once a month for lunch, with a guest speaker or fun program. Some recent topics include how the Tampa Bay Times is responding to the challenges facing metro newspapers; Dunedin's Sister City relationship with Stirling, Scotland; and the shorebirds of Florida's West Coast. We also organize field trips that offer interesting peeks behind the scenes, we host a book club, Mexican Train get-togethers and a theater group. Though we are almost exclusively female, we're open to all.

For more information about joining, contact publicist Rosemary O'Hara at RosemaryOhara14@gmail.com.

FLORIDA BOTANICAL GARDENS

Grand Opening of the Majeed Discovery Garden (MDG)

Join the Florida Botanical Gardens as they celebrate the opening of their long-awaited children's garden. The Foundation invites the public to attend the Grand Opening of the MDG from 10am-2pm on Saturday, October 7th. From 10am-11:30am, the Foundation will be holding a ceremony recognizing those who made this new garden possible. Afterwards, visitors will be encouraged to explore the many features of the MDG and participate in activities led by their Children's Garden Educator. For more information on the Majeed Discovery Garden, visit flbgfoundation.org/MDGGrandOpening.

Pumpkinfest 2023

Join them Saturday October 21st from noon-4pm for a pumpkin patch, pumpkin carving, and spooky activities led by their Children's Garden Educator and community sponsors Florida Nursery, Growers and Landscaping Association and County Farm Bureau. This event is part of Third Saturdays at Pinewood, so make sure to check out Creative Pinellas and Heritage Village for more activities on the day of the event. Their new Welcome Center will be open, which includes the Botanical Bounty Gift Shop.



Celebrate at Pinewood (Florida Botanical Gardens, Creative Pinellas, Heritage Village) every third Saturday of the month.

At Creative Pinellas - noon-5pm:

Join them in the gallery for a family BINGO Scavenger Hunt with cool prizes and make your own art with a hands-on art project creating butterflies and moths out of recycled materials. Perfect for all ages and families! Free to attend.

At the Florida Botanical Gardens - 7am-5pm:

The Florida West Coast Orchid Society hosts a Plant Sale from 8-11am, with orchid education & information session to follow. Open to the public, come early for the best selection!

At Heritage Village - 10am - 4pm:

Join them from noon-1pm for our Historic House Concert Series at Heritage Village. In partnership with Radio St. Pete, Sunshine 96.7FM. This free event is family and pet friendly. Visit flbgfoundation.org/thirdsaturdays for more information.

CLEARWATER YACHT CLUB

The club recently welcomed a new general manager, Peter Jutis, who brings years of experience in the restaurant industry to the Yacht Club. In addition to rebuilding their docks, they recently completed renovations to the clubhouse, both inside and out. They are accepting applications for winter membership. Call (727) 447-6000 to make an appointment for a tour of the facility. Visit ClearwaterYachtClub.org for more information.

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TAMPA BAY WATCH

Submitted by Rachel Arndt

We have exciting news to share! The universe has spoken, so the highly anticipated *Evening for the Bay: The Reef Ball*, will once again be held at our beautiful TBW Tierra Verde Marine Center on Saturday, October 21.

Due to unavoidable challenges with reserved parking and newly announced road construction in downtown Tampa near the Tampa Museum of Art, the venue has changed. We believe the change will create an elevated guest experience.

As we celebrate our 30th anniversary milestone, guests can expect to enjoy delicious cocktails and hors d'oeuvres on our iconic wraparound porch, open bar, elegant plated dinner, and an exciting auction. Plus, Tampa Bay's own 18-piece Jazz Orchestra – The TomKats – is lined up to provide entertainment throughout the evening. And we'll be treated to a magnificent Tampa Bay Watch sunset!

Ghost Trap Rodeo was a Success!

Tampa Bay Watch, in partnership with Ocean Aid 360, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, and Coastal Impact Fund worked with 115 volunteers for the Ghost Trap Rodeo on Saturday, July 15. Thanks to everyone involved, 260 ghost traps and 8,384 lbs. marine debris were removed from Tampa Bay! "This event is great because it gets community volunteers involved in helping to preserve and protect the bay by removing debris and keeping marine life from needlessly getting caught and killed in abandoned traps," said Serra Herndon, Habitat Restoration Director.

ST. JOSEPH SOUND FLATS CLASSIC

This inshore fishing tournament pairs experienced captains with local business leaders, companies, sponsors and individuals for an exciting day of catch-and-release fishing and fun, while supporting the charities of the Rotary Club of Dunedin and Dunedin Boat Club.

The competition kicks off at the Gala Dinner with a silent and live auction at the Dunedin Golf Club from 6-10pm on October 12th. Additional dinner tickets are available for purchase for those guests who choose not to fish.

On Friday October 13th, anglers will board their flats boats captained by a professional fishing guide and set out on the St. Joseph Sound from 6:30am-1pm. It is worry-free fishing for you and your friends or clients. Fishing licenses are not required, and each vessel is fully stocked with tackle, bait, beverages, and food. Tips and instruction will be provided for new anglers.

Visit StJosephSoundFlatsClassic.com for tickets and information on sponsorship.

BELLEAIR WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB

Submitted by Sandra Sockwell

The club will meet on November 3 at Belleair Country Club, One Country Club Lane, Belleair. C. Scott Dudley, Director of Field Advocacy and Federal Affairs at the Florida League of Cities will be our speaker.

Payment for the luncheon will serve as your reservation, and must be received by October 25th. Please make your \$35 check payable to BWRC and mail to Treasurer Marilu Baker, 9347 89th Avenue, Seminole, FL 33777. Unfortunately, walk-ups cannot be accommodated. Social time begins at 11:30, with the luncheon and speaker at noon.

STIRLING SOCIETY

Submitted by Kathy Milam

The Sterling Society of the Dunedin Fine Art Center is hosting ScholarSips, a fundraiser benefiting the Circle of Caring Scholarship Fund, on October 8, 2023, from 4 to 7 pm at the home of Susan and Steven Benjamin in Dunedin. Libations of wine, craft beer and



spirits; delectable hors d'oeuvres and live music will be provided. Individual tickets are \$100 for Sterling Society members and \$120 for non-members.

The Circle of Caring Scholarship Fund has benefited children and teens who cannot otherwise afford art classes, for the past 35 years. Scholarships cover the cost of the Summer Art Academy week-long program (Thirty hours of tuition). Tuition ranges from \$200 to \$220 (ages 4.5 to 10.5) and \$210 to \$230 (Art Squad, ages 11 to 14). Children apply with a written request accompanied by one of their drawings.

Scholarships can be renewed once per year per student, and no one is turned away. The requests are often heartfelt and based upon need. Financial support for the program comes from DFAC members, the City of Dunedin, corporate sponsors, grants and fundraising activities.

In 2018, our first ScholarSips event raised \$11,000 for scholarships, sending many children in need to our 2019 Summer Program. Our goal for 2023 is to raise \$15,000 after expenses. If \$15,000 is raised that will fund 71 students in 2024. You can help ensure ScholarSips is a tremendous success by sponsoring the event with your financial support.

Sponsorship Levels

- \$1,000 - Doctor of Fine Arts - 8 tickets to ScholarSips
Name recognition on event promotion and online media
- \$750 - Master of Fine Arts - 6 Tickets to ScholarSips
Name recognition on event promotion and online media
- \$500 - Bachelor of Fine Arts - 4 Tickets to ScholarSips
Name recognition on event promotion and online media
- \$250 - Associate of Fine Arts - 2 Tickets to ScholarSips
Name recognition on event promotion and online media

The Sterling Society mission is to inspire, connect, educate and entertain in an effort to promote and support the Dunedin Fine Art Center (DFAC). DFAC is the premier visual art center in the state of Florida and Southeast. With your support DFAC provides art education and exhibitions benefiting the Greater Tampa Bay area. All gifts of sponsorship are tax deductible within the limits of the law.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to welcoming you as a sponsor. If you have any questions, please contact me at (727) 460-1050. For more information on the Stirling Society and the Dunedin Fine Art Center, visit dfac.org.

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WITCHES OF DUNEDIN

This charitable group of local women came together when founder Alison Clarke was inspired by a viral online video of the "German Witch Dance." She sent out invites on Facebook and formed a coven of thirty women with a goal of having fun and giving back to the community.

During the month of October, they appear at various locations around Dunedin and perform the witch dance. One hundred percent of donations collected from spectators are given to local charities. Since 2019, they have raised over twenty thousand dollars. This year, their performances will benefit HOME, House of Mercy and Encouragement. This nonprofit organization provides mental health and educational services to children and families.

To keep an aura of mystique, the Witches of Dunedin do not post a schedule of appearances. They do post clues on social media, giving fans an opportunity to deduce the location of their next performance. Find them on Facebook and Instagram at Witches of Dunedin.

DALÍ MUSEUM SPECIAL EXHIBIT

Dalí Alive 360°

This immersive experience showcasing Salvador Dalí's works in the new dome on the grounds of Museum is open now. The opening was delayed due to HVAC problems after a storm power surge.

The multi-sensory experience will "envelop visitors in 360 degrees of light and sound" in a new space they call The Dalí Dome in the museum's Avant-garden.

According to a press release, you will step into the world of Salvador Dalí, as art comes to life like never before. It is an immersive experience celebrating the life and creative genius of Dalí. This multi-sensory art experience envelops visitors in 360 degrees of light and sound.

The 40-minute experience Dalí Alive 360° is a \$15 add on experience to a Gallery Admission ticket for all guests, including members. The experience has ten show times daily, with limited capacity; timed tickets are required.

AMPLIFY CLEARWATER'S CHALKFUL OF TASTE

The Taste of the Beaches, a restaurant event, is returning to Clearwater Beach, Friday, November 3 at the Pier 60 Park next to the Roundabout with a new name, Chalkful of Taste. This is a fundraiser for AMPLIFY Clearwater.

It will feature tastes from nearby restaurants, including some from Belleair Bluffs, live music, and their ever popular ChalkWalk.

CLEARWATER JOLLEY TROLLEY

Coastal Sip 'n Roll: Beer Adventure

\$24.99 Ages 21+ only

Offered on Saturdays, enjoy a 5-hour brew crawl aboard a land-faring pirate ship for an incredibly unique and enjoyable experience for beer enthusiasts! Experience a one-of-a-kind journey through the vibrant locales of Clearwater Beach, Dunedin, and Tarpon Springs on the Clearwater Jolley Trolley tour tailored to an exciting itinerary with departures at convenient times and locations.

Tour Stops:

- 3 Daughters Brewing, Clearwater Beach:
- HOB Brewing, Dunedin: The second starting point farther north.
- Brighter Days & Stumpy's Axe House, Tarpon Springs: Enjoy axe throwing and continue the beer-tasting journey.
- Sponge City, Tarpon Springs: Experience the rich history and unique culture of the renowned Sponge City.
- Stilt House, Palm Harbor: Indulge locally in crafted beers in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.
- Sterling Wine, Dunedin: Transition from beer to wine.
- HONU Restaurant & Tiki Bar, Dunedin: Delicious cuisine.
- Caledonia, Dunedin: Dunedin's local flavor and charm.
- Soggy Bottom, Dunedin: Another unique local brew.
- Fenway Hotel, Dunedin: Enjoy the view.
- 3 Daughters Brewing: Return to where it all began.
- HOB Brewing: Our final stop.

Each guest receives a wristband allowing you to ride public trolleys if you wish to extend your exploration. Remember your camera - every stop is a pitcher-perfect moment! Book tours online at clearwaterjolleytrolley.com.

ISLAND ESTATES YACHT CLUB

Submitted by Scott Lefebvre

The Island Estates Yacht Club (IEYC) had a busy spring, hosting a pig roast in Clearwater on Sunday May 21st, a *Sunset on Sand Key* potluck on Saturday June 10th, and a dinner theater event in Clearwater on Saturday July 15th. These events provided an opportunity for members and guests to have fun and socialize.

The IEYC has an exciting social calendar for the rest of 2023. The next event is an Italian dinner at the Bellair Country Club on Wednesday September 15th. The IEYC returns to the Dunedin Golf Club for both the Blind Auction on Sunday October 15th and the IEYC Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet on Sunday November 5th. The IEYC finishes out 2023 by returning to the Bellaire Country Club on Friday December 1st for the Annual Change of Watch banquet and ceremony.

The IEYC planned events are always listed on our website at www.IslandEstatesYC.org. Reservations are required for all events and guests need to be sponsored by a member. You don't need to live on Island Estates, or own a yacht, to be a member of the IEYC. Please email islandestatesyc@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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