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For immediate release:

Manatee Village Historical Park will be participating in Manatee Heritage Days, a month-long celebration of Manatee County’s heritage, in March of 2021. Activities will include guided daytime tours of the 1850 Manatee Burying Ground, an exhibit opening about Medicine in the Village of Manatee, and a digital lecture.

Cemetery Tours: The 1850 Manatee Burying Ground is the oldest public cemetery in Manatee County. It was the first burying ground for the Village of Manatee, the first established community between Tampa and Key West dating to 1842. The Burying Ground was in use from 1850-1892 with a few family burials occurring up until the 1960s.

The public will have the chance to schedule their daytime tour in advance and visit the Burying Ground with a member of staff. Appropriate clothing and footwear is encouraged. Tours take place outside with natural elements and will include long periods of standing and walking, uneven ground, and exposure to sunlight and rain. At staff discretion, tours may be cancelled due to inclement weather. These tours will be available only on select days: March 1 - March 5 and March 15 - March 19. Tours will be approximately 20 minutes in duration and will take place at 9:30am and 10:30am on these dates. Space is limited. There will be four (4) slots per tour and must be scheduled in advance. Tours are FREE but reservations are required. Reservations can be made online at the link provided at www.manateevillage.org/events or over the phone at (941) 749-7165.

“Medicine in Manatee” Exhibit Opening: On Monday, March 1, Manatee Village Historical Park will reopen previously closed exhibit space inside the Wiggins Store to feature an exhibit on the history of medicine in the Village of Manatee. The new exhibit, titled “Medicine in Manatee” will be open on the second floor. Visitors may only visit the exhibit during scheduled appointments. Appointments are FREE but required and can be scheduled on

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the main webpage at www.manateevillage.org or over the phone at (941) 749-7165.

“Medicine in Manatee” Digital Lecture: Join Dr. Jeffrey N. Brown, Curator at Manatee Village Historical Park, for a digital lecture to supplement the new “Medicine in Manatee” exhibit. This lecture is a pre-recorded digital video. The digital video will be available for one day only. It can be accessed at the start of the day on March 6th and watched any time that day or evening. Access to the digital video ends at 11:59pm on March 6th. Members of the public may sign up to receive an email with a link to the digital lecture or simply visit the website on March 6th. To receive an email with the link, members of the public must sign up before 12:00pm (noon) on Friday, March 5. This video is free to the public to enjoy in their own homes. To receive an email with the link, the public can sign up online at the link provided at www.manateevillage.org/events or over the phone at (941) 749-7165.

Manatee Village Historical Park is located at 1404 Manatee Avenue East (State Road 64) Bradenton, Florida. For more information call (941) 749-7165 or visit: www.manateevillage.org

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Manatee Village Historical Park is a part of the Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Historical Resources Department. This program is offered in conjunction with the Manatee County Historical Commission, Inc.

Captions for attached photos:

Photo 1: Cemetery Tours will take place on select days in March during the daytime.

Photo 2: “Medicine in Manatee” will include artifacts like this dentist’s chair on loan from the Bishop Museum of Science and Nature.

About the Clerk’s Office

The Clerk of Circuit Court was established as a public trustee by the Florida Constitution in 1838. The Clerk of the Circuit Court serves as the Clerk of Courts, the Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, Auditor, Recorder, and Custodian of all County Funds. In Manatee County, the Clerk’s office also administers a local child support enforcement program, violence protection

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advocacy program, and Teen Court programs. Located at 1115 Manatee Avenue West in Downtown Bradenton, the Courthouse is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Please be sure to visit our web site at:
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