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THE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MANATEE COUNTY FEATURES A STUDENT AND A CAREER & TECHNICAL EDUCATION TEACHER

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Learning the Plumbing Trade

If you have an interest in expanding your knowledge and credentials in plumbing, MTT's plumbing program offers an excellent opportunity to learn the hands-on skills needed to be successful in this trade. The curriculum is all-inclusive and instructor John Kenney covers everything from reading blueprints and understanding building codes to pipe cutting and joining skills. Graduates of this program become National Center for Construction Education and Research (NCCER) certified, an industry driven standard that is recognized nationwide. MTT also offers a plumbing apprenticeship program; graduates are eligible to apply for State Journeyman's certification.

John also serves as an advisor for SkillsUSA, a national organization devoted to maintaining America's skilled workforce while helping students excel. Last year, MTT's SkillsUSA plumbing competitors came home with State gold medals in both plumbing and safety committee events. John enjoys working with young people. With patience, practice, and hands-on experience, John teaches his students a trade that provides strong prospects for gainful, high-wage employment.



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Planning for the Future

Mickson Louis is determined to get an education and build a thriving career. Political unrest in Haiti prohibited his pursuit of a future in his native country. Unfazed by many obstacles, Mickson rose to the challenge and made his way to the United States. First, he tapped into his strong desire to help others and completed MTT's Nursing Assistant program. Becoming a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA) was a stepping-stone in his plans. Now, Mickson works as a CNA while enrolled in MTT's Plumbing program. He is staying on track in his pursuit of a successful future. This past year at the SkillsUSA national competition in Kansas City, Mickson won the gold medal for his work in both the Solar Water Heating System event and the Safety event. After bringing home the gold, Mickson says, "I feel like I'm ready for anything!" With a strong work ethic and finely honed skills learned at MTT, Mickson is well on his way to fulfilling his plans for a bright future.

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HOW TO FIX A LEAKY FAUCET

Before you call a plumber to fix your leaky faucet, try fixing it yourself with these easy steps. You will need a screwdriver, a rag, and a washer.

First, find the pipes underneath your sink and look for a knob or a handle. To shut off the water supply, turn the handle clockwise until it won't turn anymore. Next, plug the sink drain with the built-in plug or a rag; this is to keep any screws or washers from going down the drain. Now use a screwdriver to remove the faucet handles. The screws may have protective caps that can be easily pried off with a flathead screwdriver.



When you've taken off the faucet handles, remove the old washer and replace it with the new one. Put the handles back on and make sure they're tight. Remember to turn the water back on. Go back to the pipes underneath the sink and turn the handle counter-clockwise. Now check the faucet. If it still leaks, it may be time to call the plumber!



Career Pathways in Manatee County

Regional Careers: Here are examples of related occupations and current wages in the Suncoast Workforce Region.

Occupational Level	Entry Level	Exper.
Helpers—Pipelayers, Plumbers, Pipefitters	\$8.94	\$12.00
Plumbers, Pipefitters	\$13.92	\$18.61
Helpers—Roofers	\$8.07	\$11.71
Roofers	\$11.43	\$17.87
Helpers—Electricians	\$9.49	\$12.02
Electricians	\$12.63	\$19.15

Source: <http://fred.labormarketinfo.com>
Fl Labor Market Statistics, Occupational Employment Statistics & Wages Program

Career Pathway: Students desiring a career in any of these areas can find related educational programs at these schools*:

- Palmetto High School
- Southeast High School
- Manatee High School
- Manatee Technical Institute

*Other Manatee schools may offer similar programs. Listed schools are related to today's issue.

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Check out the following websites:

- www.manateetechnicalinstitute.org/programs/career/industrial/plumbing.html
- www.skillsusa.org
- www.hbamanatee.org
- www.theplumber.com
- www.plbg.com

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Wasting Water: The Math of One Small Drip

How much water is wasted when a faucet leaks or a toilet runs? On www.theplumber.com, they've provided a handy *Drippy Faucet Calculator* so you can see just how much goes down the tubes...or pipes, in this case. You'll be amazed at how it adds up, and here in Florida we can't afford to waste precious water. See if you can calculate without a calculator.

(Hint: use the numbers in the first row as a multiplier.)

Drips per Minute	Gallons per Day	Gallons per Month	Gallons per Year
1	0.144	4.32	52.56
2	0.288	8.64	105.12
10	_____	_____	_____
20	_____	_____	_____
100	_____	_____	_____

Are you surprised at how much water is wasted with just one small drip? So fix your leaky faucets today—or call a plumber!



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