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Community News

AdventHealth Zephyrhills and Dade City recognized by Leapfrog Group

Top safety recognitions by the Leapfrog Group go to AdventHealth's hospitals in Zephyrhills and Dade City. Plus, AdventHealth Zephyrhills hosts virtual health talks.

Creative family fun and breakfast suggestions

Donna's Day has a few suggestions for building a strong family and the Kitchen Diva offers breakfast ideas.

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Weather

Seasonably cooler weather will prevail over the next seven days with mostly partly cloudy conditions ahead. Daytime highs are expected to range from 75-59 while staying primarily in the 60s. The evenings will be a bit chilly, mostly from 55-37 degrees.

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Sports

Local duo wins state title in pickleball tournament Zephyrhills' Lani Prillman and Dade City's Peggy Griffiths won a state title in the recent pickleball tournament at the Sarah

Bulldogs, Wildcats compete in girls basketball tourney

Vande Berg Tennis Center.

Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel were among 36 high school girls basketball teams to compete in the Tampa Bay Christmas Invitational at the Wiregrass Ranch Sports Complex of Pasco County.

Wiregrass Ranch ice hockey team is on the rise

The Wiregrass Ranch hockey team, comprised of high school players from east and central Pasco, is having a resurgence on the ice. The Bulls reached the .500 mark recently.

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Big projects in store for Zephyrhills



Abbott Park, located off Kossik Road and behind Zephyr Commons, is among several subdivisions being built in Zephyrhills.

Abbott Square and bringing manufacturing to a corridor looping around the airport highlight local projects

> By Steve Lee News Reporter

Several notable projects for Zephyrhills are in store, under way or already completed as the city and its outlying area continues to expand, which in turn puts east Pasco on the map more and more these days.

While the coronavirus pandemic has adversely affected numerous businesses since last winter and to some extent still does, there has been no slowing down

when it comes to several growth and development in Zephyrhills. Moreover, local leaders and private sector business owners behind some of those efforts do not envision that optimistic scenario changing anytime soon. "They can't build fast enough," city manager Billy

Poe said. "I think things are looking up in Zephyrhills." City planner Todd Vande Berg, who works closely

with city and county officials as well as private companies, concurred with Poe about a bright future for the city and the surrounding areas. 'COVID and 2020 really haven't slowed us down,"

he added. "We're still booming with residential development and a variety of projects. We think we're going to continue to see strong growth and development. We don't really see it slowing down."

A key development in the early stages is Abbott

CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS: See Page 7A



Saint Leo University marked a construction milestone with the topping-off ceremony for the new Wellness Center. The last steel beam was hoisted into a spot at the top of the 59,000-square-foot building. The beam features a blessed crucifix, the names of board of trustees, and signatures of students, faculty, and

PHOTO BY RENEE GERSTEIN,

Saint Leo University marks milestone with **Wellness Center** topping-off ceremony

Saint Leo University marked a construction milestone with the topping-off ceremony for the new Wellness Center. This facility, located on the west end of campus by Lake Jovita, will create an environment for holistic health and well-being that integrates student recreation, fitness, health services, counseling services, and campus ministry. Construction is anticipated to be completed in fall 2021.

The last steel beam was hoisted into a spot at the top of the 59,000-square-foot building. Members of the campus community had the opportunity to sign their names to the beam, when it was outside the Student Activities Building for two days in November.

Because of COVID-19 safety protocols, attendance at the ceremony was limited. Saint Leo's bond-funded Wellness Center

Resort-style pool featuring two lap lanes, an area to play volleyball and basketball, and a shallow area for lounging. It will be the largest infinity-edge pool at any university or college in Florida.

Patio and pool deck will offer a 180-degree view of Lake Jovita.

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Who were Samuel Pasco and Francis Dade: A short history

The county and the city have their names in deep connection to Florida history

> By Andy Warrener News Reporter

We use their names all the time. Yet, precious few can relate just who the men behind the names actually were. The truth is not stranger than fiction but certainly gives fiction a run for its money. Let's take a quick peek into the lives of the men that are an ubiquitous and ever-present influence in the county's and the state's his-

It's Dec. 28, 1835, and Major Francis Dade is leading a column of just over 100 soldiers and scouts north, along the Fort King Trail from Fort Brooke in Tampa. Their destination is Fort King near present-day Ocala. A band of Seminole warriors led by Chiefs Alligator and Jumper tracks their progress through the swamps and pine hammocks. Meanwhile, a small party of warriors under Osceola wait in ambush outside of Fort King for Indian Agent Wiley Thompson. Alligator and Jumper are awaiting Osceola's return but the column of soldiers gets too close to the safety of Fort King.

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A painting by Jackson Walker on display in the Pioneer Florida Museum depicts Major Dade on that fateful day in 1835.

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Above: Father Randall Meissen, university chaplain, blesses the beam before it is hoisted into place at the top of the structure. Right: The beam is

hoisted into place. Below: Saint Leo President Jeffrey Senese makes remarks at the topping-off ceremony to a small group. Those attending wore masks, according to COVID-19 safety protocols,





Above: Those attending the topping-off ceremony were able to get an inside view of the construction of Saint Leo University's new Wellness Center.

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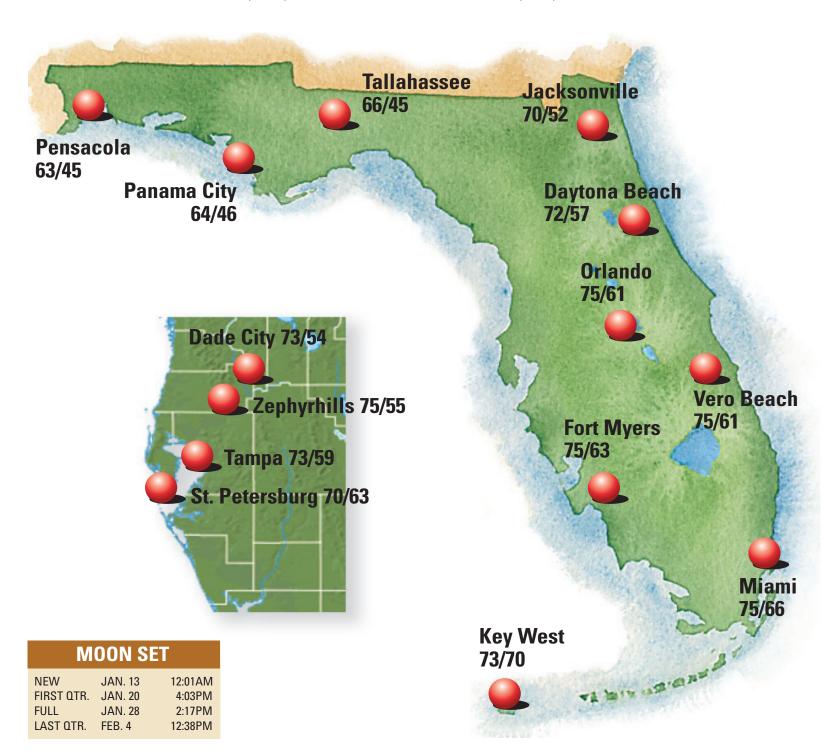
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Above: The Pioneer Florida Museum & Village in Dade City has Samuel Pasco's business attache from when he was a U.S. Senator.



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Jesus Wept (John 11:35)—Before the Cross **Rejoice Evermore** (1 Thessalonians 5:16)—After the Cross

WHY DID JESUS WEEP? Lazarus was sick and he died. His sisters Mary and Martha had sent for Jesus to come and heal their brother, but Jesus delayed his coming that he might show unto them the power and glory of God. Jesus is the resurrection and the life. If they believed, they would see the glory of God. Mary and Martha believed along with some of the Jews, but many did not. Christ raised Lazarus from the dead and did many miracles among the people, but they went about seeking how they might put him to death. Israel was to repent of their sins because their kingdom was at hand. Christ was to be their Redeemer-King. "JESUS WEPT" because of Israel's unbelief.

Jesus came into the world. The world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his Jesus said in Luke 13:34: O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, which killest the prophets, and stonest them that are sent unto thee; how often would I have gathered thy children together, as a hen doth gather her brood under her wings, and ye would not! In "time past" God gave up on the Gentile nations of the world because they did not want to retain God in their knowledge. Now, Israel rejects Christ and their kingdom and they

BUT AFTER THE CROSS AND BY THE CROSS, GOD makes known his secret plan for man's redemption. This plan was hid in himself from before the foundation of the world until HE REVEALS IT UNTO THE APOSTLE PAUL. IT IS A NEW MESSAGE OF HIS GRACE FOR ALL NATIONS. It is a free gift unto all who believe that Christ died on the cross to pay for our sins, he was buried, and he rose again the third day according to the scriptures (1 Corinthians 15:1-4). DO YOU BELIEVE GOD?

"REJOICE EVERMORE." This is the second shortest verse in the Bible. Because the debt and penalty for sin has been paid in full by God, himself, in the person of his Son, the LORD JESUS CHRIST from heaven, we can NOW BE "REJOICING EVERMORE." Christ's righteousness can be imputed unto all and upon all who believe the gospel (Romans 3:21-24). God gave his Son to be a ransom to pay for our sins (1Timothy 2:5-6). NOW again, the question still is: FOR YOUR PERSONAL SALVATION, DO YOU BELIEVE GOD?

JESUS WEPT because of man's unbelief. Jesus will not weep again! 'The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23). Man has two choices:

1) BELIEVE GOD and receive grace and peace from God today, and THEN BE REJOICING BECAUSE YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN AND YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY TO HEAVEN OR...

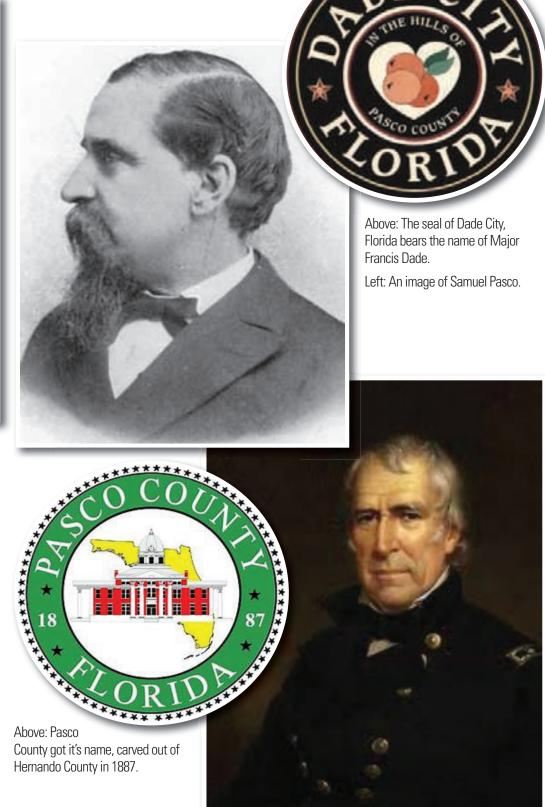
2) DIE IN YOUR OWN SINS, and then be cast into the TORMENTS OF HELL, WHERE THERE WILL BE WEEPING FOREVER because of your unbelief. THE CHOICE IS YOURS!

"Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. ...The Lord is at hand." For Prayer, Comfort and Rejoicing—Read Philippians 4.

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Right: A 19th Century painting of the U.S. Army major killed in 1835.

Roughly 40 miles from their destination, just outside of present-day Bushnell, the Seminoles spring their trap. Major Dade is shot off his horse during the opening volley and a significant portion of the remaining force is also killed or wounded. The soldiers scramble to fell trees and build some kind of cover for themselves as Seminole warriors pour hot lead from concealed positions into the survivors. The survivors put up a valiant stand, letting rip on their field artillery piece but they are eventually reduced to

Only two soldiers escape the ambush, one dies later from his wounds and the other, Ransom Clark goes on to write a book about the experience. The ambush is a rallying cry and Dade is viewed as a martyr by many as the incident sparks the Second Seminole War (1835-1842), the longest and costliest Indian war the United States ever engages

Francis Langhorne Dade was born in Virginia in 1793 and joined the 12th Infantry regiment in March of 1813. By 1815, he had been transferred to the 4th US Infantry and began a military career in Florida. He led two military expeditions in Florida in 1825 and again in 1826, both of which traversed the dangerous path from Fort Brooke in Tampa to Fort King in present-day Ocala. In February, 1828, he was brevetted a major after serving 10 years as a captain. He was the man for the job in 1835 as tensions between US outposts and Seminoles in north-central

Florida were mounting.

The Indian Removal Act 1830 shattered all of the hard-fought negotiations between the United States and the Indians of Florida. The only recourse for many, was war. Dade's command, while virtually ed, was a rallying point for the U.S. Army and drew soldiers and appropriations from Washington DC and militiamen from Georgia and Alabama to enact revenge.

A Florida state park, the Dade Battlefield Park in present-day Bushnell is a living testament to Major Dade and his command. The park contains memorial markers where many of the soldiers fell and conducts an annual reenactment of the massacre in Janu-

Fast forward a few decades and Samuel Pasco becomes a part of Florida history. Pasco was actually born in London, England on June 28, 1834, a year-and-a-half before the Dade Massacre. His family emigrated to the United States in 1844 and settled in Charlestown, Mass. After high school, Pasco received his Bachelors of Arts from Harvard University in 1858. In January of 1859, he accepted a commission as principal and primary educator at Waukeenah Boy's Academy in Jefferson County, Fla. The rumble of secession was already in the air and just two years into his tenure at Waukeenah, Pasco's newly-adopted state seceeded from the United States.

Without any family south of the Mason-Dixon Line, Pasco and some of his senior students enlisted in the 3rd Florida Infantry, Company H in July of 1861. Pasco worked his way through the ranks and deployment with the Army of Mississippi, later the Army of Tennessee. He became the company clerk and eventually a sergeant in Company H. In July of 1863, during the Battle of Jackson, Mississippi, Pasco is credited with braving enemy fire to retrieve a wounded student, Private Thomas Pettus from the field. In November of 1863, during the Union breakout from Chattanooga and action on Missionary Ridge, Pasco was wounded and captured. He would spend the rest of the war imprisoned at Camp Morton in Īndiana.

Paroled at the end of the war, Pasco returned to Florida and resumed his position at Waukeenah Academy. While serving as Jefferson County's Clerk of the Court, Pasco studied law and by 1868, was admitted to the Florida Bar. He would join with the former Colonel of the 3rd Florida, Colonel D.S. Dilworth in forming the Monticello-based Dilworth-Pasco Law Firm.

In 1869, Pasco would be council, launching his political career. Pasco would go on to attain his Master of Arts degree from Harvard and gain the high-profile post of a seat on the Florida Democratic Executive Committee. He would serve as chairman from 1876 to 1886. In 1887, Pasco would be elected by the Florida State Legislature to serve as U.S. Senator, where he would serve until 1899.

It would be the year of 1887 when Pasco's name would be forever attached to state history. In 1887, Hernando County was growing by leaps and bounds. Residents, particularly those in the southern and western reaches of the county lamented bad roads and the difficulty getting to the county seat of Brooksville. They wanted to form their own county.

A delegation travelled to Tallahassee during the end of the 1887 legislative session, with the intention of naming the newly-minted county, "Banner County." In the late 19th Century, "banner," meant "preeminent" or "the best." The monicker did not sit well with state legislators from different counties. As the session was closing, the petitioners called an audible. They felt as though "Banner" was not going to fly and scrambled for a new name. Pasco's name just got a glowing review from the legislature and thus the delegation petitioned to name the new county "Pasco County." The petition was approved and as they say, "the rest is history."

Pasco's later life saw him become a member of the Isthmian Canal Commission, which would eventually decide that the canal connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans would be built through Panama. He remained on the commission until 1905 when work on the canal began. He would later author a book entitled, Jefferson County Florida, 1827-1910 and remain active in the Freemasons before retiring from public life.

On March 13, 1917, Pasco died at the age of 83 at the home of his daughter J.C. Tims in Tampa. His remains were returned to his adopted town of Monticello and interred in the town's cemetery.



in Enfield, Ill. then studied to

be a licensed beautician. She

united in marriage with Lynn

Hendershott Aug. 19, 1938

and they resided on the family

farm in White County, Ill. until

moving to Lincoln, Ill. in 1957.

There she was employed at

Lincoln Developmental Cen-

ter until her retirement and

move to Zephyrhills in 1978. Lynn Hendershott preceded

her in death on Thanksgiving

Day Nov. 24, 1983. She mar-

ried Walter Krone on July 20,

1988 and he preceded her in

death March 16, 1995. In addi-

tion to her parents; infant sis-

ter, Lucille; and sister, Caro-

line; she was preceded in death

by her son, Larry Hendershott.

She is survived by her daugh-

ter, Sherrie Grisham (Ben) of

Bradenton and Springfield, Ill.; three grandchildren Heidi

Buckley (Mike) North Aurora,

Ill., Eric Hendershott (Mary)

Downers Grove, Ill. and Ja-

son (Amy) Hendershott Yor-

kville, Ill.; grandchildren, Ben

Buckley, Paige Buckley, Ryan

Hendershott, Tyler Hender-

shott, Ava Hendershott and

Luke Hendershott; and her

beloved "grand dog, Piper."

In addition she is survived by

two stepsons, Walter (Shirley)

Krone and Gary (Toni) Krone)

and several stepgrandchildren

and great-grandchildren. Bet-

ty studied piano as a girl, was

gifted with the talent of be-

ing able to play "by ear" and

was pianist for her church in

Southern Illinois. She was a

talented needle worker includ-

ing quilting, sewing, crochet,

knitting, and needlepoint gift-

ing many of her creations to

family and friends. She con-

tinued with her needlework

until a month before her pass-

ing. Her other hobbies includ-

ed playing shuffleboard, bin-

go, and never missing a Tampa

Bay Rays baseball game on TV.

She was a member of Zeph-

vr Christian Church, Zephyr-

hills. Through her son in-laws

active membership in the Masonic Fraternity she developed

friendships with many Illi-

nois Masons and their ladies

and enjoyed attending their

functions while visiting her

daughter in Illinois. She ap-

preciated and supported their

charitable endeavors. In addi-

tion she valued education and

urged young people to seek

higher education. In respect

for her values of assisting oth-

ers in need and education per

her wishes memorial contribu-

tions may be made to the Illi-

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field, Ill. 62703 or the scholar-

ship named for her daughter,

Sherrie Hendershott Grisham

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62702. Cremation will be pro-

vided by Hodges Family Fu-

neral Home, Zephyrhills with

interment at Oakside Ceme-

Holly (Bill) Reilly of Waynes-

OBITUARIES



Ada Mae Smith

SMITH, Ada Mae, 89, of Dade City, passed away peacefully Dec. 25, 2020 in Zephyrhills with her daughter by her side. She was born March 18, 1931 in Arab, Ala. to Artis and Essie Roberts. She moved to Florida 60 years ago. She was a member of the Dade City Church of Christ. As the manager and supervisor of Pasco Twin Movie Theatre for over 30 years, she was known for her genuine love for the many who came to the movies. Whether it was giving someone their first job, arranging a special viewing event, or giving a free popcorn, she enjoyed making people happy. She will be remembered for her bright and joyful smile, silly sense of humor, and her warm and loving embrace. She loved her family so dearly and life itself. Ada is survived by her daughter, Karla Brown; her son, Randall Smith and his wife, Chelsea; four grandchildren, Sabrina Brannon, Richard, Jason and Justin Brown; four great-grandchildren, Chelsea Shannon, Avery and Ethan Brown, Isabelle Sanderfur; and many other close family and longtime friends. She was reunited in death with her grandson, Scott Parrish; her sister, Nell Harvell; and three brothers, Wilburn, Garland, and Harold Roberts. A Celebration of her Life was held Dec. 30 at the Dade City Church of Christ, with burial following at Floral Memory Gardens. Flowers will be gratefully accepted or those that wish may make donations in her name to the Gulfside Regional Hospice.



Reeci Ward Craig Boyette

BOYETTE, Reeci Ward Craig, 82, of Zephyrhills passed away Dec. 11, 2020. She was born in Gainesville on Nov. 21, 1938 and moved to Zephyrhills in the early 1950s. She is survived by her loving daughters, Cynthia M. Craig and Ashley N. Boyette, along with many beloved family members. Reeci was preceded in death by a young son, Thomas Michael Craig; two husbands, Thomas Edward Craig and Earl Monroe Boyette, Sr. Over the years, Reeci helped in raising many children and adults alike of family and friends. The kitchen was the center of the our home with plenty of tasty home cooked Southern food, iced tea and of course fresh coffee at any time of the day, along with love, laughter and sage advice. She always loved children and dogs and said "Love goes with everything." Some of the words and phrases used to describe Reeci include: One of a kind, beautiful, feisty compassionate, strong, vibrant, intelligent, a gem, gorgeous, a true character, loving, Your momma is a journey not a trip!" mesmerizing, courageous, fun loving, a fighter, wise, a Southern lady (she said good manners never go

out of style), fascinating and the list goes on. In the words of a dear friend: "I feel sorry for anyone who didn't know Reeci, they really missed out!" She fought the good fight, she has finished her race and she has kept her faith.... Reeci will be loved and missed... but we'll see her again one day! A Celebration of Life Service will be held later next year in safer circumstances.... Please donate to the charity of your choice in her memory if you like.



Allene Asher Blevins

BLEVINS, Allene Asher, 93, passed away quietly Dec. 23, 2020 at AdventHealth Hospital Zephyrhills. Allene was born in White Star, KY. March 15, 1927. She is preceded in death by her husband, Wilmer Blevins; son, Charles "David" Blevins; and parents, Robert and Mary Noe Asher. She is survived by her sons, Roger D. Blevins and Timothy Blevins; sister, Emma Asher Pfeifer; brothers-in-law, Robert and George Blevins; sisterin-law, Shelia Blevins; daughter-in-law, Beth Blevins; eight grandchildren; eight greatgrandchildren; nieces, Betty, Marsha and many other nieces and nephews. Allene married Wilmer her high school sweetheart while he was serving in the U.S. Army during World War II. Following the war the young couple strived to make a life for their growing famiy and moved to Tampa in the 1950s and in 1972 they relocated to Pasco County. Allene worked at several food services in Dade City, Peaks Family Restaurant, Pasco Regional Hospital, St. Leo University as well as caring for her terminally ill son David until the late 1990s. A viewing was Dec. 30 at the Hodges Family Funeral Home, Dade City. A Graveside Service followed at Hodges Family Chapel Hill Gardens. A reception followed at the Dade City Church of God. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org) or to a local Hospice Facility.





Crystal Gail Shelton

Clements CLEMENTS, Crystal Shelton, passed away at home surrounded by her family and friends on Dec. 21, 2020. She moved to Dade City from Pickens, S.C. at the age of 8. She is survived by her husband, Alton "Buddy" Clements; sons, Tyler (Savannah) and Nate (Destiny); grand-

daughters, Haven, Hazel, and Mayvis; her parents, George and Gail Shelton; sister, Robin Palmer (Eddie); nephew, Will Palmer; nieces, Megan and Chloe Palmer; grandmother, JoAnn Mitchell; and aunts, Toni Winn (Tim, Kelli, and Matt) and Connie Hogard. She is also survived by her mother and father in law, Frank and Patricia Clements; brother in-law, Matt Clements; sister in-laws, Jenny Clements and Melissa Clements; nephew, Jimmy Moore; nieces, Alyssa Clements, Brooke and Hailey McElhenney; her two best friends, Amber Wade and Fallene Smith; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, George and Helen Shelton and Henry Emerson Mitchell. A Celebration of her Life was Dec. 23 at the Waller Ranch, 17307 Powerline Rd., Dade City.

Robert (Bob) Edmund

Mauger MAUGER, Robert Edmund, a 25-year-resident of Zephyrhills, passed away peacefully at Rucki Hospice on Dec. 23, 2020. Bob was born on April 11, 1930 in East Chicago, Ind. to William J. and Grace E. (Olsen) Mauger. He grew up in Hammond, Ind. and went on to study chemistry and agriculture, earning a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Illinois and a Master's Degree from Purdue University. Bob served in the U.S. Army as a Specialist 3rd Class from 1954 to 1956. Bob and his wife Carolyn raised their children in Fremont, Mich., where Bob worked in International Qual-Assurance Management for Gerber Products Compa-They enjoyed entertaining friends from church and Gerber, travelling the globe, and spending time with their children and grandchildren. After retirement Bob and Carolyn moved to the Betmar community in Zephyrhills. He was a social butterfly, active in his church, avid player of golf and bridge, and never one to miss an ice cream social with his Betmar pals. Bob was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn and daughter, Cheryl. He is survived by his sister, Lois Luchene of Indiana; daughter, Karen (Kevin) Moody of Michigan; son, Rob Jr. of Florida; six grandchildren; and a greatgranddaughter. A memorial service was held at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Zephyrhills. Interment will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Mich. In lieu of flowers please consider a memorial to Bob at Our Savior

Elizabeth Krone

Lutheran Church.

"Betty" KRONE, Elizabeth passed away on New Year's Day Jan. 1, 2021 in Zephyrhills. She was born on Easter April 20, 1919 in White County, Ill. the daughter of Charles and Mary Reeder Nelson. Her beloved Paternal Grandfather Alfred known as Pap, a Civil War Veteran who lived to be 100, insisted her name be Lillie because of her birth on Easter Sunday. Few knew her given name was Lillie as she always went by Elizabeth or Betty. She attributed her longevity to the age of 101 to the genes she inherited from that grandfather. She graduated valedictorian of her high school class Phillip Marsh MARSH, Phillip, 86,

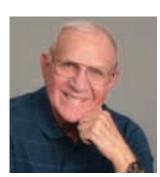
Zephyrhills passed away Dec. 31, 2020. Mr. Marsh is survived by his wife, Mary and loving





Luman Harry Rockhill, Jr. ROCKHILL, JR., Luman Harry Rockhill, born June 27, 1943 passed away Jan. 2, 2021 with his wife, Patricia Mattoon and brother, Darrel Rockhill at his side at home in Maryland. He leaves behind three brothers, Gary, Bruce, and Darrel; sisters, Wanda and Connie; and stepdaughters, Elizabeth, Lisa, Rebecca. His permanent residence has been Betmar Acres Mobile Park in Zephyrhills, where he spent the last 14 years. There he had been Betmar's celebrated Santa Claus visiting nearly 200 families and care facilities each year touching many with his hearty "Ho, Ho, Ho." Luman will be forever remembered for his love and generous nature. Luman truly was God's Earthly Good-Will Ambassador. No calling hours at this time. A memorial service will be announced in the spring.

Memorial donations, be made to your local Hospice. Myers-Durboraw Funeral Home, Westminster, Md. www.myersdurborawfh.com.



Glenn Eugene Miller

MILLER, Glenn Eugene, on the first day of 2021 a very gentle, kind, and sweet spirited man was called home by his Heavenly Father. Glenn Eugene Miller was born in Dayton, Ohio on Dec. 23, 1938 to George and Viola Miller. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Timothy Miller; and brother, Larry Miller. Glenn is survived by his beloved wife of 14 years, Barbara Miller; four children, Kelly Miller of Acworth, GA.; Kim (Bob) Rash and Christopher Miller both of Atlanta, GA., and Scott Miller of Kissimmee; two stepchildren, Floyd Kersey of Griffin, GA. and

ville; 12 grandchildren, Geoff, Aubrianna and Ethan, Rachel and Caitlin and McClain; Ben, Elisa (Ian), Taryn and Logan; and Kelsey and Kate; and brother, Craig (Jackie) Miller and sister, Nancy Bacon all of Florida; his precious miniature schnauzer, Misty; along with numerous extended family and friends. At the age of 5, his family moved to Zephyrhills, where he grew up with two brothers and a sister. He graduated from Zephyrhills High School and was known for his success on the football field as quarterback, baseball field as 2nd baseman, basketball team as a forward, and for good citizenship in his classes. Continuing his love of sports, he went on to coach community sports teams and was a die hard Florida Gator fan and fisherman. He loved to fish with his older brother, Craig. Glenn proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy for four years and was stationed in Iceland where he also played baseball. He later attended Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill. and earned undergraduate and master's degrees in Christian Counseling from Andersonville Baptist Seminary in 1999. Glenn worked in various fields over his lifetime. He was a law enforcement officer in Zephyrhills, a bank auditor for First National Bank of Florida, and retired from the Georgia Baptist Children's Home as Director of Support Services. He was always ready and willing to do his best no matter what the task. Glenn loved God's word and spent many hours studying and teaching. At First Baptist Church of Jacksonville, he led the Chinese Ministry. This developed a lasting love for the Chinese people, and he continued to visit them up until the Covid restrictions were put in place. And in Waynesville, Glenn taught Sunday School at Antioch Baptist Church. Glenn loved his family dearly and will be greatly missed. Funeral Services will be Jan. 9, 1 p.m. at Antioch Baptist Church with Pastor Chris Willmoth officiating. The family will receive friends prior to the service from 11-1 p.m. at the church with social distancing and mask-wearing observed. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Glenn Miller can be given to: Moody Bible Institute or Antioch Baptist Church Missions for missionaries Kim and Bob Rash, who are Glenn's daughter and son-in-law. Moody Bible Institute, Stewardship Office, 820 N. LaSalle Blvd., Chicago, Il. 60610. Antioch Baptist Church Made payable to Antioch Church for Missionaries Kim and Bob Rash, 542 Iron Duff Rd., Waynesville, N.C. 28785. A memorial service for Florida will be planned at a later date. Smoky Mountain Cremations and Funeral Service of Clyde is caring for the family and the online register is available at



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Aspects call for care in preparing material for submission. Although you might find it bothersome to go over what you've done, the fact is, rechecking could be worth your time and effort.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) The week is favorable for Bovines who welcome change. New career opportunities wait to be checked out. You also might want to get started on that home makeover you've been considering.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might have to be extra careful to protect that surprise you have planned, thanks to a certain snoopy someone who wants to know more about your plans than you're willing to share.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Family ties are strong this week, although an old and still-unresolved problem might create some unpleasant moments. If so, look to straighten the situation out once and for all.

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VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Your gift for adding new people to your circle of friends works overtime this week, thanks largely to contacts you made during the holidays. A surprise awaits you at the week's end.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Don't hide your talents. It's a good time to show what you can do to impress people who can do a lot for you. A dispute with a family member might still need some smoothing over.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Be open with your colleagues about your plan to bring a workplace matter out into the open. You'll want their support, and they'll want to know how you'll pull it off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Trying to patch up an unraveling relationship is often easier said than done. But it helps to discuss and work out any problems that arise along the

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) While your creative aspect remains high this week, you might want to call on your practical side to help work out the why and wherefore of an upcoming decision.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Dealing with someone's disappointment can be difficult for Aquarians, who always try to avoid giving pain. But a full explanation and a show of

sympathy can work wonders. PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Getting a jobrelated matter past some major obstacles should be easier this week. A personal situation might

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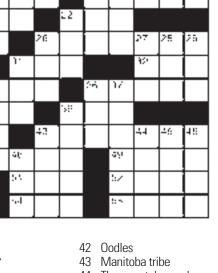
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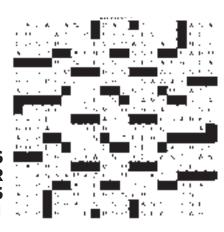
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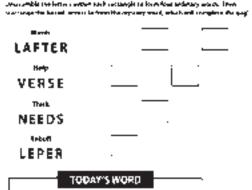


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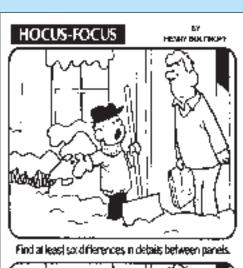
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Above: The rebuilt Crystal Bar is in its final phase of construction. The popular landmark burned down in 2019 and its replacement could open later this month or in February.

Right: An expansion of the Florida Medical Clinic is at the busy intersection of Simons Road and Eiland Boulevard. Eventually, there will be a traffic signal at that intersection.



Above: A new building, which is expected to house seven warehouse-style units, is going up near the entrance of American Condominiums off State Road 54.



Above: Roadway expansion continues on State Road 54 near Eiland Boulevard.

Left: Behind the roadway expansion is New River Branch Library, which is being renovated.

STEVE LEE



Above: O'Reilly Auto Parts is among the new construction projects at Summertree Plaza.



Above: The Links of Calusa Springs is one of three new subdivisions planned or already under construction off Simons Road.

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Square, which soon will join several completed and projects under construction that are bringing some recognition to the Simons Road area. That residential development follows the recent opening of the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis and Wellness Center as well as an expansion of the Florida Medical Clinic that opened last year.

Vande Berg, whose later daughter Sarah is tennis center's

Vande Berg, whose later daughter Sarah is tennis center's namesake, said eventually there will be a traffic signal at the intersection of Simons Road and Eiland Boulevard. They will be needed, he noted, in light of other residential developments along Simons that include the Oaks of Pasco, Aspire and the Links of Calusa Springs.

As it is in most development cases, there are expected to be changes in the early stages of Abbott Square, a Lennar Corporation subdivision that Vande Berg noted will include about 500 residential units — single-family homes, townhomes and one-story villas — on roughly 200 acres. At the upcoming city council meeting, Vande Berg noted that there will be a review of the master plan.

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"It's gone through multiple changes," said Vande Berg, noting that the development will border the new tennis center on the west side of Simons and has been worked on since the early 2000s.

"That project never came to fruition, probably for the better."

While infrastructure at Abbott Square could soon begin, Vande Berg envisions months to pass before homes would be sold there. However, model homes could go up some time later this

Aside from Abbott Square and the other developments off Simons, houses are springing up off Eiland Boulevard in Hidden Creek. That subdivision is just east of Zephyrhills Christian Academy and west of The Greens at Hidden Creek and Silverado.

On the northern part of the city, Abbott Park continues to be built out. That residential development off Kossik Road and located behind Zephyr Commons features more than 500 homes.

Another area of vital concern to city officials and community leaders are areas along Chancey Road, from State Road 39 to County Road 54, that could draw numerous manufacturing companies. That area loops around the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport, which also has plans for expansion.

"The industrial corridor and the airport growth are tied together," Poe said. "It's huge to bring in some industrial development."

In other areas, a warehouse is being built near the entrance to American Condominiums off of State Road 54, road widening and intersection work continues on that thoroughfare as well as a remodeling of the New River Branch Library.

Also, a city landmark is being rebuilt with the Crystal Bar, which burned down in 2019, nearly ready to open.





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