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## Community Calendar

**Raising Cane Chili Cookoff**  
Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City hosts the Raising Cane Chili Cookoff on Jan. 12. It also features syrup making and live music.

**Pigz in Z-hills BBQ**  
The Ninth Annual Pigz in Z-hills BBQ and Blues Festival is Jan. 19 at the Airport Event Center. The annual event includes a car show, live entertainment and a kidz zone.

**Suncoast Art Fest**  
The Shops at Wiregrass hosts the Suncoast Art Fest on Jan. 19-20. The fine arts show is in its 14th year.



## Weather

Aside from Friday thunderstorms, there is no hint of rain in the coming week's forecast. Sunny and partly cloudy days are ahead with daily temperatures dropping by this weekend.

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## Sports

### Bulldogs post 3-2 mark in basketball tournaments

The Zephyrhills High boys basketball team did not get much of a winter break. The Bulldogs posted a 3-2 combined record during two holiday tournaments.

### Zephyrhills wrestlers gain vital experience

The Zephyrhills High wrestling team, which is increasing in numbers, also is performing better on the mat. During the winter holiday break the Bulldogs competed in the Fit2Win Invitational.

### Remembering Brantley

Silverado hosts a golf tournament in memory of its late club and course owner, Brantley Smith.

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# Happy New Year to one and all



The Linvilles, owners of *The Zephyrhills News*, treated employees to a holiday lunch at William's Lunch on Limoge.

## Warm wishes for some prominent members of our community

BY STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

The ringing in of each and every new year brings hope for a bright and prosperous future — at least we all think so. Whether that pans out for most folks or not unfolds during the course of the year, but we can all wish, can't we.

That said, here are some well wishes for a few prominent people in our community. Aside from the usual sentiments for good health, peace of mind and a joyful heart, here's to a new beginning and keeping some of those New Year's resolutions.

For our esteemed publisher Danny Linville, a clean bill of health in 2019, and for his wife Jan, our editor, another bright year of overseeing the longest-running community newspaper in Pasco County.

For our sales manager Theresa LeBlanc, continued success in helping our advertisers get the most bang for their buck as she does like nobody else around, and more time to dote over her granddaughter, Aalayah.

For Nancy King, our graphic designer, some extra time off to be at her son's achievements in the U.S. Army. And to Terra Walker, our newest member as a classified ad representative, an easy transformation to the team.

To Connie Keck, our accounting manager, numbers that jive and keeping that smile on her face that is often put there by her fun-loving husband Ron. To

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# Sunrise Eatery relocates within the same plaza

*New location for Zephyrhills family restaurant with same great food and customer base*

BY STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

Not that it moved far, but Sunrise Eatery's relocation still draws primarily from the same customer base satisfied with the delectable fare offered by the family-friendly restaurant.

"So far, so good," owner Manny Piliaris said. "It was a little weird in the beginning, so it was hard getting used to it."

Sunrise Eatery had been at the corner of Gall Boulevard and Geiger Road ever since it replaced an ABC Pizza in 2011. In November, the family-friendly restaurant literally relocated on the other end of the strip center, from 5963 Gall Blvd. to 5883 Gall Blvd., into a brand new building.

Piliaris attributed the move to a desire for increased parking as well as the city's future plans to expand Geiger Road. Now, there is plenty of parking for the nearly 5,000-square-foot eatery, which is about 1,000 square feet more than the previous site. Additionally, seating capacity increased from 116 to 150, which led to the hiring of about 10 more employees to bring that current number to 65.

With initial plans to open this past summer, which would have been easier since the snowbirds were gone, the timing of expanding and bringing in additional staff was not exactly ideal. Still, Piliaris said his business has dealt well with the recent change.

"We got busy from day one and had to hire more people," he noted.

Sunrise Eatery's menu features All-American traditional, Greek and Mediterranean food, as well as sandwiches, breakfast and brunch. Some of the favorite items include its famous Greek salad, gyros, marinated chicken, meatloaf, catfish and more. There also is a kids menu.

A recent grand opening brought plenty of regulars to celebrate the relocation. Among those patrons was Danny Linville, publisher of *The Zephyrhills News* and a frequent customer with his wife Jan, the weekly newspaper's editor.

"Everybody knows the owner," said Linville, a longtime Zephyrhills resident who now lives in

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# City honors three top employees of the year

## Gail Hamilton, Bobby Black and Brett Bond recognized at banquet

BY STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

With the mindset that good employees are vital to the successful operations of city departments, the City of Zephyrhills recognized a trio of standouts at a banquet before the Christmas and New Year's break.

Receiving awards were: Gail Hamilton, the community redevelopment director who was named the department head of the year; Bobby Black, the sanitation superintendent named the employee of the year; and Brett Bond, who received the safety award and works as an operator in the wastewater treatment department.

Utilities director John Bostic put it rather succinctly when he summarized the importance of those awards: "I think it's great and it needs to be done to help the employees out and to help with morale. That's the plan anyway."

Hamilton, who had been the CRA director in Kissimmee for 13 years before coming to Zephyrhills, oversees an agency that features a special district to support economic development and redevelopment projects.

Among the notable city projects this past year were the openings of a Wawa and Culver's, new single family residential units, commercial and residential improvement grants and commercial

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Bobby Black, the city's sanitation superintendent, receives an award from city manager Steve Spina.

—THERESA LEBLANC

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**CINEMA 10 R**  
**VICE**

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Sun. - Thurs. 1, 4, 7

Right: Customers gather outside for a brief wait at the busy restaurant. Sunrise Eatery is in a new building in the same plaza.

Insert: Owner Manny Piliaris is always on hand to greet customers with a friendly smile.

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Wesley Chapel. "The food's good, the service is good and the price is right."

Comments like those reflect Sunrise Eatery's standing in the community as well as on social media. The restaurant has a 4.5-rating among five stars on tripadvisor.com and is ranked first among 77 restaurants in Zephyrhills.

"Social media is really good for businesses," Piliaris said. "It's very important, because it exposes us to a lot of people. In our case, it's good."

Also good, the owner noted, is the fact that "we take care of our locals. We pamper them. We know who they are. We buy them meals now and then."

Piliaris, 37, owns the business with his cousin, Menio Fy-lax whose father John was the restaurant's former business partner. Piliaris' wife Alexia used to work at Sunrise Eatery but now stays home with sons Michael, 4, and 2-year-old Dimitri.

Piliaris relishes the restaurant being known as a family business and he isn't the only one.

Perhaps nobody appreciates that family atmosphere more than Sandra Garcia, a manager who has worked her way up the ladder during seven years as an employee.

"I love it," she said. "The bosses are great people to work for. They're so nice and they're so friendly. They're just great people."

"We trained her from the beginning," Piliaris said. "She was like family. She goes around to the tables like we like to do."

As for Piliaris, he enjoys spending lots of hours at the restaurant simply because he enjoys what he does for a living.

"It never gets old for me," he said. "You will never see



me not smiling. My main thing is when people come to the restaurant I want them to be happy."

Being independently owned is just as important as being known as a family restaurant that folks enjoy.

"We're not a franchise. We don't have limitations," Piliaris said. "That's one of the reasons why we're successful."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Learn and Grow Volunteer Days, Jan. 5-May 4, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.** at the Pasco County Farm and Community Garden, 15029 14th St. in Dade City. The first Saturday of every month, through May 4, are learn and grow volunteer days. There will be weeding, harvesting, washing produce and planting. Learn about gardening as you help us grow food for our community. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

**Dade City Cruise-In Car Show, Jan. 5, 12-7 p.m.** in downtown Dade City. There will be music by Starvin Darvin. For more information, call (352) 437-3059.



**Monster Jam, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.** at Raymond James Stadium, 4201 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. Tampa. There are several different Monster Truck teams competing in an obstacle course competition where the fastest to complete the course is the winner. It showcases the driver's ability and the truck's agility. For more information about the show or tickets, visit [www.MonsterJam.com](http://www.MonsterJam.com).

**Ornamental Grasses, Jan. 15, 2-3 p.m.** at the New River Library, 34043 S.R. 54 in Wesley Chapel. Ornamental grasses for the home landscape add color, texture, motion and sound to the garden. They can be considered plants for all seasons. Learn how to select, care for and combine ornamental grasses with other flowers and shrubs in the home landscape. Come learn how at this free UF/IFAS Pasco Extension seminar. Registration is recommended at Eventbrite.

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**Ninth Annual Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival, Jan. 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.** Come out and enjoy some barbecue, live entertainment, car show and kidz zone at the Airport Event Center. Free admission, parking \$10. For more information, call (813) 782-1913.

**Suncoast Arts Fest, Jan. 19-20** at The Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Dr. Celebrate a weekend of the arts as the Suncoast Arts Fest presents the 14th annual fine arts show. There are over 130 fine artists and craftsmen, live music, youth entertainment, kid's arts area and much more. The show is Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. and Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. and benefits Arts for Kids. For more information, visit [www.suncoastartsfest.com](http://www.suncoastartsfest.com).

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**SATURDAY**  
**67|45**  
 AM Clouds/PM Sun  
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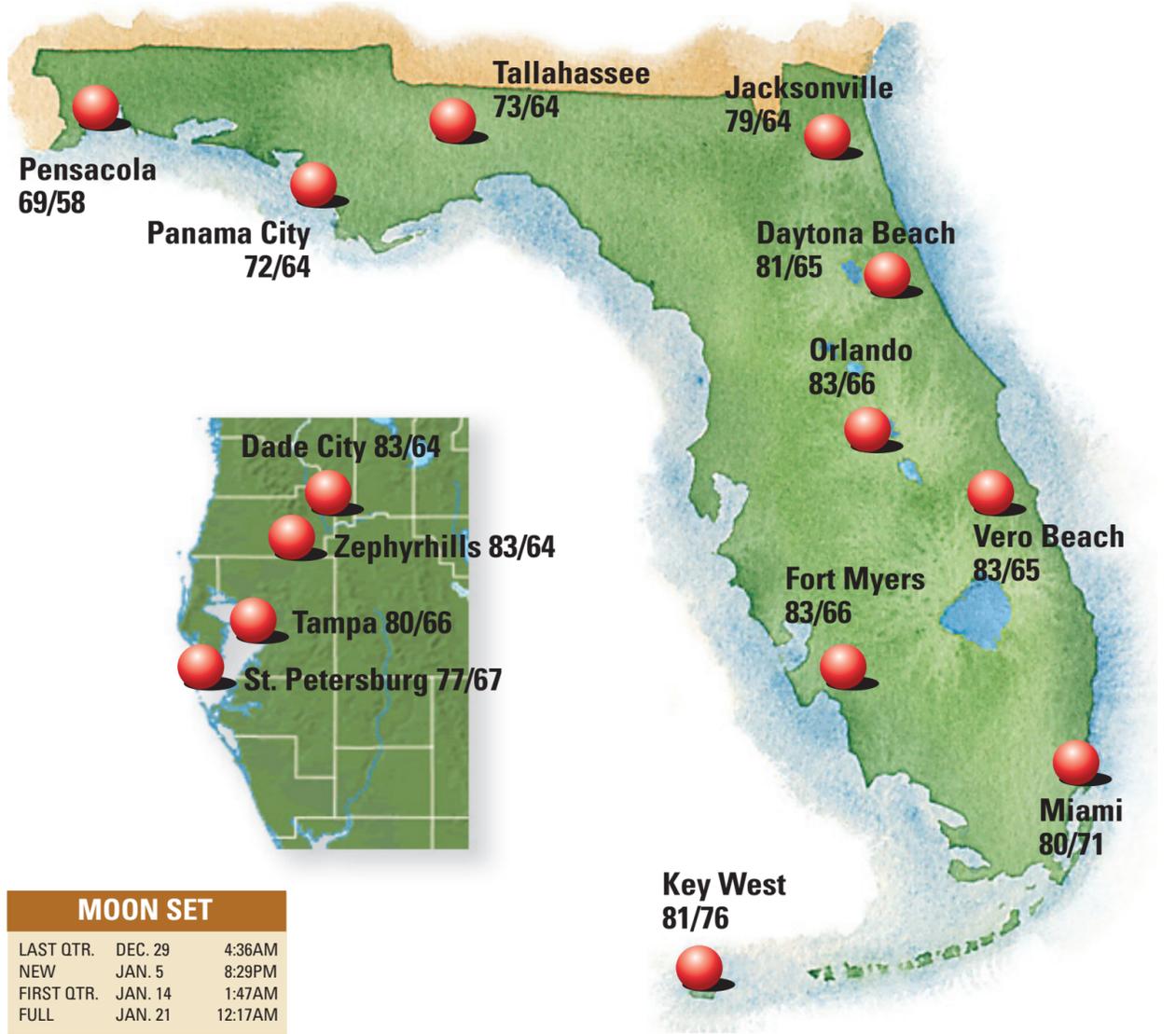
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**TUESDAY**  
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Right: Brett Bond, who works at the wastewater treatment plant, is shown with her award alongside city manager Steve Spina. Bond has worked for the city for the past two years.



TERESA LEBLANC



Left: Gail Hamilton, director of the city's Community Redevelopment Agency, received her plaque as the department head of the year. Steve Spina, the city manager, proudly presented her with an award.

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sign grants to name a few. Additionally, there was a continuation of neighborhood cleanups and an emphasis on code enforcement in the district. Another continual renovation project was the Jeffries House that houses Main Street Zephyrhills. The city purchased that historical home, built in 1912 by Zephyrhills founder Capt. Harold B. Jeffries, for \$111,000 in 2014.

"I was so honored in being picked for department head of the year," Hamilton said.

She also relished the chance to work in conjunction with numerous city employees, especially outgoing city manager Steve Spina, who in 2019 will be replaced by William Poe, the former city manager in Dade City.

"I must say it truly is a team effort," Hamilton continued. "Dr. Spina has built a great team for the city and I am honored to be a part of the organization."

Like the others, Black takes pride in his work and that is something that is not lost on public works director Shane LeBlanc.

"He's a hands-on leader and he has a lot of respect among his peers," said LeBlanc, who promoted Black to his current position two years ago. "He's worked his way up from the

very bottom. He knows that sanitation department better than anybody."

Black, who in addition to his regular duties leads the sanitation trucks during downtown parades, oversees 13 sanitation employees. He expressed gratitude for the opportunities he has received as a 25-year city employee.

"I appreciate everything the city has done for me and the opportunities they have given me," Black said. "I try to do everything in my power to keep sanitation up and running, and keep the residents happy to the best of my ability."

For Black, being recognized for his efforts "was a big honor for me. It means I'm doing something right. I respect my co-workers as well as they respect me."

Bond, who is one of six operators and keeps a safety checklist for vehicles, tanks and structures, also expressed her gratitude for being singled out.

"It was a surprise," said Bond, who has worked for the city for the past two years. "I really appreciate it. It's given me something to strive for, to maybe win it again next year and to do better."



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REFRESH Wednesdays begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and then a break into separate classes as follows, kindergarten-first grade; second-fifth grade; F.R.E.S.H. Youth Group; and adult Bible class at 6 p.m.

Choir practice is Wednesdays, 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. For more information, call (813) 782-7412 or visit www.firstpcz.org.

**First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills**, 38231 Fifth Ave., invites you to Sunday services with Pastor Rob McKinney.

The children ministry, TeamKid, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with director, Lorraine McKinney, and teachers, Carol Arnold and Sarah Lutz. The teen TRUTH ministries, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m., with director Jason Hicks and youth leader, Barbara Hicks. Bus transportation is available.

The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekdays, 8-9 a.m. in the church conference room.

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday mid-week service, 6 p.m. Choir practice is at 6 p.m. For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5574.

**Dade City Grace Bible Church**, 15000 U.S. Hwy. 301, Dade City Business Center, Suite 403, meets Sundays, 9:30 a.m. for fellowship and refreshments followed by a service at 10 a.m. There are adult and children classes Sunday mornings.

Pastor Willard L. Sessoms teaches a live

chat-room Bible study through www.PalTalk.com, Thursdays, 6:45 p.m. from the church. You may register for this free study on-line through PalTalk, and then open the chat room.

For more information, visit www.Bible-TruthForToday.com or call (352) 567-3955.

**First Christian Church**, 6040 8th St., invites you to Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Communion is available to everyone.

There is an active women's group. For more information, call (813) 782-1071 or visit www.firstchristianzhills.org.

**Atonement Lutheran Church**, 29617 S.R. 54, Wesley Chapel invites you to Godify Worship Service on Saturday at 5 p.m. and a Sunday traditional worship service 10 a.m.

For more information, call (813) 973-2211.

**Bible Missionary Church**, 5521 23rd St., Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by a Sunday worship service at 10:45 a.m. and an evening service, 6 p.m. There is a Wednesday evening service at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-8772.

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**, 5626 20th St., invites you to Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. and Sunday school and Bible class at 9 a.m. There is a Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-1369.

**Zephyrhills Wesleyan Church**, 38924 C Ave., invites the community to a regular traditional worship service at 9 a.m. and contemporary service at 11 a.m. Children's Ministry is available during the 11 a.m. service for children birth to fifth grade. There is Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.

Wednesdays there is a sermon based adult Bible study at 4 p.m. There are student ministries for elementary, middle and high school students at 6 p.m. For more information, visit www.zwconline.com or call (813) 782-7510.

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Alcoholics Anonymous group meets Friday, 10 a.m. and Narcotics Anonymous meets Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-2000 or visit eastpascoadventist.com.

**Church at Chancey Road**, 34921 Chancey Rd., and Pastor Tim Mitchell would like to invite you to Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for worship, Bible study and communion. Nursery and kids programs are available.

High and middle school students are invited Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for P.O.W.E.R. Currently the youth are studying the book of Genesis.

The WWJD Food Ministry is open every Tuesday and Friday, 8:30 a.m. for those in need of food. Bring a picture ID for registration.

For more information, visit www.the-churchatanceyroad.com.

**First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills**, 38635 5th Ave., along with Pastor Jim Thomas invites the community to traditional Sunday worship services, 8 and 11 a.m.; contemporary service, 9:30 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, in Cooper Hall, 9-10:30 a.m.; adult Sunday school, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.; and children's church, 10:45 a.m.

There are many programs available at the church. The Parish Nurses provide free screenings and health information and referrals for those concerned about their health.

There is a 12-step program for people to come and find healing and wholeness in life. Biblical counseling to those needing guidance and direction in some phase of their lives is available.

For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5645.

**Zephyrhills Church of Christ**, 5444 4th St. welcomes you to visit with them for Sunday Bible study, 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is a midweek Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions you can contact Preacher Kevin Heaton, at (205) 405-7700 or heatonkevin@yahoo.com. You may also reach one of the members: Joe Bates (813) 846-9441 or Wayne Frye (352) 424-0144. Visit zephyrhillschurch.com or the blog page at acordofblue.wordpress.com.

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**James Dunbar**  
DUNBAR, James, 89, of Zephyrhills passed away Dec. 25 2018. He is survived by his wife, Olive; and children, James, Wayne, Keith and Lorraine.



**Cheryl Winfield**  
WINFIELD, Cheryl, 57, of Brooksville passed away Dec. 25 2018. She is survived by her companion, Dennis; children, Melissa, Eddie and Jessica; and grandchildren, Casey, Carter, Conor and Kayla.



**Dorothy Josephine Leo**  
LEO, Dorothy Josephine, 85, of Zephyrhills passed away Dec. 21 2018. Her loving family survives her.



**Janine Anne (Gallo) Peppe**  
PEPPE, Janine Anne (Gallo), passed away Dec. 27, 2018 in Zephyrhills. Her 68 years included roots on Long Island in Levittown, N.Y. where she attended Island Trees High School. Shortly after high

school, she married Anthony (Tony) Peppe, also of Levittown. They were married for 46 years. Early in their marriage, Janine and Tony remarried in Levittown and lived in an apartment in her parents' home. They later moved to Patchogue, N.Y. in the mid 70s where they lived before moving to Zephyrhills in 2012. Janine worked at various jobs before becoming a parent when her eldest child, Anthony, was born in 1971. Shortly thereafter, they had their second child, Anne-Marie (Peppe) Cooper. While raising her children, Janine attended college at the State University of New York at Stony Brook, where she graduated top of her class with a Bachelor of Science degree in Medical Technology in 1986. She later attended St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, N.Y. where she graduated with a Master of Science degree in Healthcare Administration in 2004. Janine spent majority of her work career working the healthcare industry and continually climbed the corporate ladder to success. She remained with Quest Diagnostic until she left the company after 26 years as a Senior Implementation Analyst in 2013. While in Patchogue, Janine built lasting friendships with co-workers and neighbors. She loved her family dearly and looked forward to spending time with them on various family reunions. She was beloved by her family and old and new friends she

continued to make at the time of her death. Janine was preceded in death by her husband, Tony; and her parents, Adam and Jane Gallo. She is survived by her children, Anthony Peppe of Islandia, N.Y. and Anne-Marie Cooper of Wesley Chapel; daughter-in-law, Cherie Peppe; son-in-law, Robert Cooper; sisters, Gina Disney and Jayne Pauley; brother, Andrew Gallo; grandchildren, Gianna, Anthony, Jr., Gabriella and Natalia Peppe and Sean, Stephen, Samantha, Justin and Josh Cooper; and dear cousin, Diane Accurso of Florida. Family will receive friends Jan. 12, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at Whitfield Funeral Home, 5008 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills. Celebration of life will be at 2 p.m. at Alliance Church Zephyrhills. Interment will immediately follow at Oakside Cemetery.



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REFRESH Youth Group.....6 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study.....6 p.m.  
Choir Practice.....7 p.m.  
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Wednesday  
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Wednesday  
Fellowship.....6 p.m.  
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Thursday  
Heart dance ladies group...10 a.m.  
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Third Wednesday of the month  
Women's Group.....9:30 a.m.

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Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
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Wednesday  
Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.  
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## SALOME'S STARS ★★★★★

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Romantic aspects are high at this time for single Lambs looking for love. Warm and fuzzy feelings also are at enhanced levels for Rams and Ewes in paired relationships.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) This week favors what Taureans dote on -- namely, love and money. Look for more meaningful relationships for both singles and pairs, as well as an improved financial outlook.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) All lingering shreds of that recent bout with boredom are dissipated as you eagerly accept a challenging offer. Your positive mood persuades others to join you in this venture.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) You might need validation for a possible solution to a situation involving someone close to you. Consider asking a trusted friend or relative to help you with this problem.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Investigate carefully before agreeing to assist a friend or colleague with a personal problem. There might be hidden factors that could emerge later that will create problems for you.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Your decision to work with an associate rather than go it alone, as you first proposed, brings an unexpected bonus. Be careful not to be judgmental. Allow for free and open discussion.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) A loved one's health problem could, once again, make demands on your time and attention. But this time, make some de-

mands of your own, and insist that others pitch in and help.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) This is a good time for the traditionally staid Scorpion to plan adjustments in your day-to-day schedules. Be more flexible and allow for more impromptu, off-the-cuff actions.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Avoid creating unnecessary fuss over a situation you don't approve of. If it's going to work, it will do so despite your objections. If it fails, it will do so without a push from you.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Working with a trusted colleague could open your mind to exploring some considerations you previously dismissed out of hand. The weekend brings news from a loved one.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Resolving a recent problem leaves you in a good position to strengthen your influence on how things get done. But continue to encourage ideas and suggestions from others.

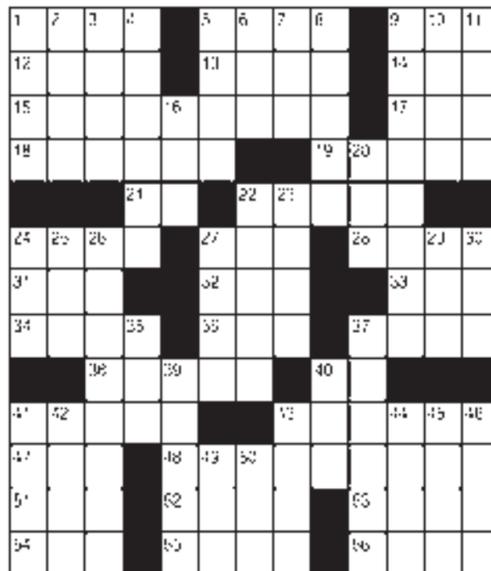
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) A new friend suggests an interesting opportunity. But check it out before you snap at it. It might be a good deal for some people, but it might not work in helping you reach your goals.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You have a way of helping people solve their problems, making you a most-respected counselor and trusted friend.

## KING CROSSWORD - JAN. 3

### ACROSS

- 1 Gumbo ingredient
- 5 MasterCard alternative
- 9 Night flier
- 12 Conks out
- 13 State with conviction
- 14 Formerly called
- 15 Healing
- 17 1933 dam org.
- 18 Porter
- 19 Different
- 21 What @ means
- 22 A crowd?
- 24 Soon, in verse
- 27 Exist
- 28 Cain's pop
- 31 Chaps
- 32 Workout venue
- 33 Eggs
- 34 Cookware
- 36 Cleopatra's slayer
- 37 Dance lesson
- 38 Core
- 40 "I think, therefore I --"
- 41 Massage
- 43 Meager
- 47 Fresh
- 48 Traveling, maybe
- 51 George's brother
- 52 Boyfriend
- 53 Frat party garb
- 54 Plaything
- 55 Black, poetically
- 56 Stalk



- 6 "-- Got a Secret"
- 7 D.C. VIP
- 8 Passion
- 9 Promptly
- 10 "-- Only Just Begun"
- 11 Shakespearean king
- 16 Dine
- 20 Afternoon affair
- 22 Rendezvous
- 23 Rope fiber
- 24 Pump up the volume
- 25 Ultramodern (Pref.)
- 26 Getting there
- 27 Culture medium
- 29 "Hail!"
- 30 Chart
- 35 Vast expanse
- 37 Intelligence
- 39 Pueblo building
- 40 Mimic
- 41 Make booties
- 42 Infamous fiddler
- 43 Stay away from
- 44 Source
- 45 Wise one
- 46 Cheese choice
- 49 Kan. neighbor
- 50 Confucian concept



### ANSWERS TO KING CROSSWORDS DECEMBER 27

### DOWN

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- 2 Cattle, old style
- 3 On pension (Abbr.)
- 4 Depth charge
- 5 Temptress

## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging ◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

## HOCUS-FOCUS



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PARK NEWS

# Christmas with friends, families and Santa at Grand Horizons

By HELENE RUBENSTEIN

On Dec. 14 there were 144 friends and families enjoying a Christmas show produced by the group, Tin Pan Alley and hosted by Terry Gardner. Before the show started, there was a screen in the front giving the name of the show, the people that were in it and several other bits of information. There were all kinds of decorations plus a fireplace that was on a miniature screen on the stage.

During the performance, stockings were pinned up on the fireplace. Gardner started the show with a few jokes, which were cute and prepared the crowd for a good show. It started off with a skit with grandma and several kids. They proceeded with the song, "We Need a Little Christmas" with everyone decorating an on-stage Christmas Tree.

They continued with more hits such as "Rockin Around the Christmas Tree," "Silver Bells," "Let it Snow" and many others. Included along with the songs were a few dance steps and jumping on the stage. They did a fine rendition of the Christmas song "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire." They then performed some songs, Florida-style. In other words, they did it in Hawaiian shirts, sunglasses, no Santa

hat and more.

There were several more songs and each one was better than the next. There was an adorable segment where they sang "Grandma Got Run over by a Reindeer" and you could see grandma descending the stage and a guy with antlers on his head going after her. The song "I'll be Home for Christmas" plus "All I Want for Christmas is You" was performed as a dedication to the veterans. At this time each individual branch was called and as they called it, the people in the audience who were in that particular branch stood to be recognized.

After the show and during the intermission, people got the chance to talk to Santa and Mrs. Claus and have their picture taken with them. This marked the end of a real good show and thanks go to Gardner plus his helpers, Rosie Semian, Tom Carter, Karen and Bill Donlon, Ron and Joyce Bell and the hosts Mim and Terry Gardner. While exiting the community center, Santa gave out some candy. Everyone went home happy.

The following morning found approximately 75 people at the community center for an egg in a bag. It was hosted by Rita and George Gattos, with helpers, Rachel and Ron Gamache, Sue Parker, Linda Kartes, Maureen Stephens, Jim



Left: Mrs. Claus, Santa and Helene Rubenstein during the Christmas show.



Left: Sandy Lindke and Craig Selph at coffee and doughnuts on Dec. 19.

Below: Mrs. Claus, Santa and Judi Leitzke at Grand Horizons Christmas gathering.



and Judi Leitzke, Carol and Clayton George, Marty Stephens and Doris Sutfin. Jim Leitzke said the grace before tables were called to fix the ingredients for their omelet. The breakfast was delicious and thank you Rita and George Gattos plus the helpers.

Then on Dec. 19 there was the usual get together for coffee and doughnuts and caught up on the news for the next week. In addition to this, Sandy Lindke presented a gift to Craig Selph. Some pictures were taken of this occasion.

# Ramblewood residents were busy during the holiday season

Right: Ramblewood residents, decorate the clubhouse for a month of Christmas activities.



Left: Dave and Elaine Kelly's home won first place in Ramblewood's decoration contest.

residents at the Christmas dance. Breakfast out at Cracker Barrel was a joy as we gathered around a large round table to dine on pancakes with blackberry sauce, French toast made from thick sourdough bread and eggs and hash browns casserole.

The lunch bunch crew went to Yamoto's Japanese restaurant where we were entertained by their skilled cooks.

The outdoor activities like shuffleboard and swimming aerobics were postponed and will resume as weather permits.

The workmen have been busy and now there are five new homes ready for occupancy. There are also some used

homes for sale.

Three homes won Publix gift cards for their Christmas decorations.



Above: Residents from Ramblewood enjoy the Show Palace Dinner Theatre in Hudson.



Left: Ramblewood residents savor breakfast at Cracker Barrel.

December is a great time to live in East Pasco County, just 30 miles northeast of Tampa. Ramblewood residents started the month by viewing more than 50 decorated trees at the local hospital, followed by Santa, music and fireworks. There were parades and a stroll down beautifully decorated homes in Church Avenue. The walk through Bethlehem was so inspiring.

This year December was cool and rainy, with tornados, and wind damage to homes and outdoor decorations. A couple of nice evenings were in store to view Christmas lights from the Pirate Water Taxi and to take a walk through Christmas Town at Busch Gardens, a four-mile walk of brightly colored lights and trees.

Most of our activities this month were held inside. Billie D Williams entertained the

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Below: Shane and Theresa LeBlanc are longtime residents of Zephyrhills. Theresa is the sales manager of *The Zephyrhills News* and her husband is the city's public works director.



Right: Dalton King, a freshman at Zephyrhills High, and Matt King, a Sgt. in the U.S. Army, are the sons of graphic designer Nancy King.

Far right: Steve Lee, who writes news and sports, is shown with his wife Ginger.

**NEW YEAR:** From Page 1A

our circulation manager Vicente Campos, an endless supply of whatever he takes to keep up his Energizer-bunny schedule as the jack of all trades.

As for us writers, I hope Andy Warrener gets a political seat somewhere so he can push his agenda of equality and fairness for all. Gratitude for John Wilkerson's continued contributions, especially covering city council meetings. As for me, I'm appreciative of everyone I get to interview for news and sports stories, and am hoping for hip replacement surgery so I can get back to hockey because it's killing me to be off the ice.

For state representative Danny Burgess and his adoring family, maintaining that zest for all of his constituents and continued support of community and military events. Along those lines, enjoying being in the presence of mayor Gene Whitfield who is so caring about our veterans and the entire community.

Here's wishing outgoing city manager Steve Spina a wonderful ride off into the sunset

and welcoming his replacement, William Poe who held that title in Dade City. Both are as professional and pleasurable to be around as you can get. Ditto for the city council members.

Here's hoping Silverado general manager Sean Klotz continues his run at that local golf course when new owners are brought in. And let's never forget Brantley Smith, Silverado's owner who passed away in the fall and put a smile on the faces of all who met him.

As for local sports, which being a longtime sportswriter makes me a bit biased, continued success for some outstanding local teams. The Zephyrhills football team is on a six-year playoff run and coming off its best season in school history. Let's make it seven and perhaps advance a bit further.

The Zephyrhills boys basketball team has become a perennial contender and appears to be headed for another deep postseason run. Plus, the girls basketball team is vastly improved from recent years.



Left: Jan and Danny Linville, who own the 107-year-old weekly newspaper, are shown with her son, Jeff Hawes, and his girlfriend Lauren Whitley. Also pictured are longtime friends Stacie and Bob Hartwig at a New Year's celebration at Keel & Curley Winery.



The Bulldogs also have fared extremely well in boys and girls golf, as well as weightlifting, the past two seasons so here's wishing continued playoff appearances for all. Baseball has been strong in recent seasons while softball could be turning the corner soon, so let's look for improvement from both.

As for tennis, while the high school teams have had their ups and downs of late, bringing notoriety to the area will be the soon-to-be-completed Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center. That is sure to make city planner Todd Vande Berg, the father of the late tennis star, and his family proud.

I must say, having covered sports in this county and the Tampa Bay area for nearly 30

years, Sarah Vande Berg was the best girls tennis player I ever saw in Pasco County.

Lastly in sports, it would be nice to have another Betmar resident earn a green jacket in shuffleboard, joining Earl Ball and Joan Cook. Continued success for local horseshoe and pickleball teams as well with those sports getting a boost each winter season from the snowbirds.

Till next year.



Above: Reporter Andy Warrener spends some family time during the holidays with his wife, Lya and children, Noah and Amiri.

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