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## Community Calendar

**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 and live entertainment.

**Kumquat Festival**  
Sponsored by the Dade City Chamber of Commerce, the Kumquat Festival is Jan. 26 in downtown.

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## Weather

Following a week of cooler temperatures the weather will fluctuate over the next seven days. Mild temperatures give way to a cold Sunday and Monday with 60-degree days and evenings in the 30s and 40s. As next week progresses it warms up.

## Sports

### Horseshoe League starts back up in Zephyrhills

Now that the snowbirds have returned, the horseshoe league has started up again in Zephyrhills. Play takes place on Wednesday mornings.

### Zephyrhills girls basketball team wins on Senior Night

The Zephyrhills High girls basketball team celebrated Senior Night with a dominating performance against rival Hudson.

### Pasco hires Stokes as new football coach

Jason Stokes, who has coached football at five schools, is entrusted with turning around the Pasco team.

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# City team takes home title in chili cook off



Jim Statham stirs the pot alongside Fred Buehrer, whose left arm is shown, as they make cane syrup.

STEVE LEE

## Chili and sugar cane syrup highlight weekend event at Pioneer Florida Museum

BY STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

Zephyrhills city officials were invited to take part in a new category for a chili cook off. The City Chili Challenge, featuring city employees and community members, was part of last Saturday's Raising Cane, a Sweet and Spicy Event at Pioneer Florida Museum and Village in Dade City.

There were two other categories: an International Chili Society Cook off. A local chili challenge, with

anyone welcome to participate, was separate from the city category. Zephyrhills took home the title with city manager Steve Spina displaying the team trophy on his desk earlier this week.

"It was a community thing," said Spina, noting that Mike Barnes, a meter foreman in the water department, made the chili. "He's our chili chef."

"He's a good cook," added assistant planner Rodney Corriveau. "I'd say it was a great team effort showcasing hometown pride in Zephyrhills."

Rounding out the Zephyrhills team were city councilmen Lance Smith and Ken Burgess, community redevelopment director Gail Hamilton and David Hink, a friend of Barnes.

Before the public got a chance to witness volunteers actually making homemade cane syrup, sample chili from several contestants and visit a petting zoo,

➤ **RAISING CANE:** See Page 7A

# Wall expenditure for southern border sparks debate all over

*President's aim to fulfill campaign promise and government shutdown fosters division*

BY STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

President Donald Trump's bid to fulfill a campaign promise by building a wall on the southern border of the United States is tied to a record-setting government shutdown that on Wednesday reached its 26th day — and counting — as frustration continues to mount throughout the nation.

That includes sentiments on the local front with reactions from civic leaders and community members. The president initially vowed that Mexico would finance a wall. They are not and reportedly have no intention in doing so.

In that case, some in the president's corner feel that taxpayers should help fund the \$5 billion or so that Trump said is needed for a wall or fence to enhance border security. Others, however, do not believe that burden should fall on American citizens with some even questioning whether a wall is needed, citing the relative ease of crossing at the Canadian border of relying on boats or airplanes to enter the country illegally or bring in drugs.

The following is a sampling of some prominent people's reactions to the wall issue and current economic instability for some government employees as well as businesses affected by the shutdown.

Either way, about 800,000 federal employees are being furloughed. Workers with the Transportation Security Administration, Federal Aviation Administration and U.S. Customs and Border Protection, among other groups, have been asked to work without pay and a growing number of them have been calling in sick.

Airports workers are receiving aid on a national scale as well as locally. A food bank has been established at Tampa International Airport to help employees working without pay during the federal shutdown.

Lance Smith, president of the Zephyrhills City Council, is among those who questions the wall and the shutdown. He cited his fellow council members

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# Time to get your flu shot

*This winter has been mild and flu activity in Florida is low but it might still be a good idea*

BY ANDY WARRENER  
News Reporter

Influenza is a viral respiratory infection that causes symptoms similar to the common cold, only much worse. It's highly contagious and causes thousands of deaths worldwide, every year. The virus was not isolated until 1933.

While most people will recover from the flu, even without medical treatment, it can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia, bronchitis as well as sinus and ear infections. "Flu season" typically lasts between late fall and spring but can extend deep into the year.

"In Zephyrhills and Dade City, we saw positive flu tests into the summer last year," Infection Preventionist Coordinator for AdventHealth Zephyrhills and Dade City Deborah Lincoln said. "The more people that come in to get vaccinated, the better it is for

all of us."

Four types of the virus exist, A, B, C and D. A and B are responsible for seasonal flu epidemics in people. C is relatively rare and does not cause epidemics. D primarily affects cattle. There are two subtypes of the A virus, the most predominant being the H1N1, and two strains of the B virus.

In 2012, the first quadrivalent flu vaccine became available. The quadrivalent or 4-strain vaccine protects against both A and B strains and is the primary vaccine available at your local drugstore.

"The flu vaccine is updated every year based on our best guess of what the flu will be like," AdventHealth Wesley Chapel Emergency Room Physician Todd Yontek said. "Last year's flu was classified as a high severity index and taxed emergency rooms and hospitals with an influx of sick patients."

According to the Florida Department of Health, Influenza-like illnesses or ILIs are decreasing across the state, even though 62 outbreaks have already been reported this year. The statistics don't slow the efforts of Lincoln. She regularly attends Department of Health meetings and takes the information on the road, giving lectures around town and offering flu shots at Homeless Coalition events.

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Walgreens offers flu shots with no copay, if you have health insurance.

ANDY WARRENER

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# Thomas and Son to help cheerleaders compete



Zephyrhills High cheerleaders hold a car wash at Thomas and Son this Saturday as a fundraiser for an upcoming competition.

The Zephyrhills High School Cheer Team will hold a car wash fundraiser on the south lot of Thomas and Son, Jan. 19, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

The goal of the car wash is to raise the final \$2,000 needed for the Bulldog Cheerleaders to compete in the National High School Cheerleading Championships held at ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex in the Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, Feb. 8-10.

Thomas and Son, is donating space at the dealership to help the 14 girls to earn the remaining expenses for their trip. They will leave on Feb. 7 and compete on Feb. 9.

The team has been training for the competition since Oct. 15 when the competitive season began said Dionne Yar-

gus, ZHS cheerleading coach. "This is the second year," she said. "We compete in a medium varsity all-girl tumbling competition which includes a cheer, tumbling, stunting, dancing, and a pyramid."

The team competed in December last year to earn spot in the championships.

"These cheerleaders work hard and we want them to be able to go and represent Zephyrhills so I try to help in whatever way I can," Thomas said.

"Through Thomas and Son and Thomas Promise, Wade has been an absolutely tremendous support for the cheer program," Yargus said. "It was a dream to even get to nationals last year and this year he is helping us to go again. I am very grateful. Wade is an angel."

According to the ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex website, "NHSCC is the most prestigious cheerleading championship in the country and nationally televised on ESPN and ESPN2 to over 100 million homes and 32 countries nationwide each year."

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**Florida RV SuperShow, through Jan. 20**, the largest RV show in the country. There are over 1,550 RV's on display and over 450 booths. The show is located at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301. For more information about ticket and parking prices visit, frvta.org.



**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.

**Kumquat Festival, Jan. 26, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.** This event, sponsored by the Dade City Chamber of Commerce, draws up to 40,000 people to the area every year. The Kumquat Festival boasts more than 425 booths lining Meridian Avenue between State Road 52 and U.S. Highway 301. Visitors sample all manner of kumquat cuisine from pies, smoothies, marmalade, cookies and ice cream to salsa. There is live music, face painting, and arts and crafts. The Kumquat Festival has earned its reputation for great entertainment and fun. For more information, call the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce at (352) 567-3769.



**Run For Life/Zephyrhills Pregnancy Care Center, Jan. 29, at 7 a.m.** Run For Life is a community event that benefits the Zephyrhills Pregnancy Care Center. This event begins on Fifth Avenue, near the Main Street Stage, with registration at 7 a.m. Anyone registered by Jan. 7 will receive a t-shirt. For more information, call (813) 453-9042.



**Green Industry Best Management Practices Workshop, Jan. 30, 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.** at the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. The GI-BMPs are science based educational programs for Green Industry works (lawn care and landscape maintenance professionals). Brought to you by UF/IFAS Florida Friendly Landscaping program. The GI-BMP teaches environmentally safe landscaping practices that help conserve and protect Florida's ground and surface waters. All ticket prices include a boxed lunch. Purchase tickets at Eventbrite. No refunds once tickets are purchased.

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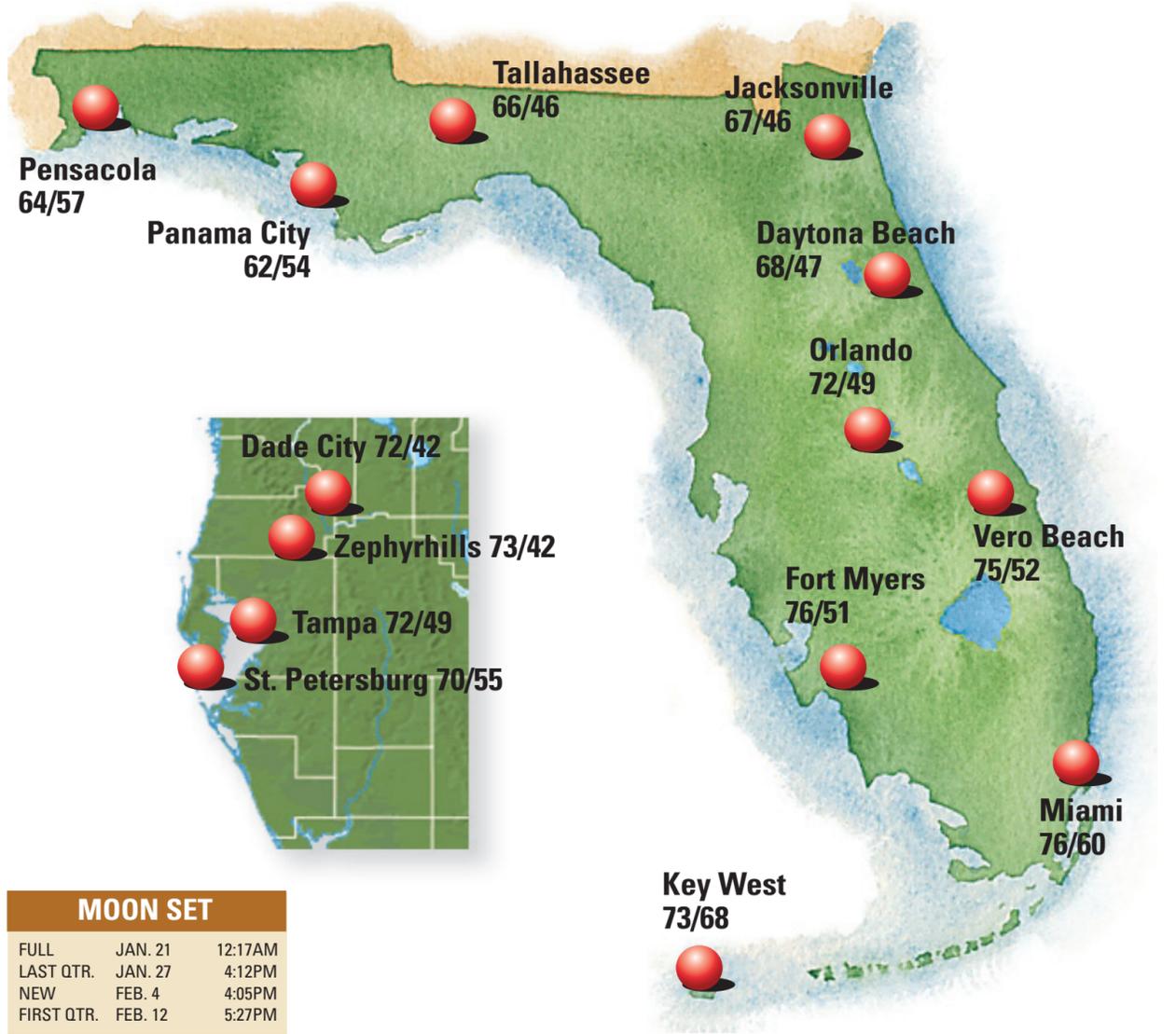
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## Full-Time chief medical officer joined AdventHealth Dade City and Zephyrhills

Rodrigo Torres, MD, will become the chief medical officer for AdventHealth Dade City and Zephyrhills. This is a newly created full-time position for both hospitals.

Dr. Torres has worked as a hospitalist with Pioneer Medical Group for nearly four years. He served as a medical director at Florida Hospital Tampa and previously worked as a hospitalist and the medical director of Florida Hospital Zephyrhills from 2015 through 2017.

In his role as a medical director with Pioneer Medical Group, Dr. Torres has been involved in and led initiatives to improve quality, clinical outcomes and patient experience, according to Amanda Maggard, president and CEO for AdventHealth Dade City and Zephyrhills.

"We are very excited to have Dr. Torres in this position," Maggard said. "He is a graduate of the Adventist Health System's Hospital Medicine Leadership Fellowship and has



participated in our Hospital Medicine Leadership Conference. Dr. Torres is also the recipient of many distinguished awards including being named as Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Physician of the Year and Pioneer Medical Group's Physician of the Year," she added.

Javier Rojas, MD, has served as Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' part-time chief medical officer for the past two years and will continue to serve in this important capacity through 2018, according to Maggard.

"In his tenure, Dr. Rojas has provided leadership to our medical staff, partnered with our medical staff and clinical leadership to improve clinical outcomes, and participated in physician recruitment. He has done a superb job," Maggard said.

Dr. Rojas will continue to serve as the medical director of anesthesia for both AdventHealth Dade City and Zephyrhills, Maggard added.



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**FLU:** From Page 1A

"We even ask patients in the hospital if they've had the flu shot," Lincoln said. "It's important to get as many people as possible vaccinated. 'Herd immunity' is a CDC term used to describe a decrease in viral load in communities. The more flu bugs that are out there, the more virulent the flu is."

Influenza is, at best, a moving target.

"The flu vaccine was 36 percent effective overall, last year," Yonteck said. "It helped, we wished it was better but that's still better than no effectiveness. Plus, it helps build immunity for future years."

Both characteristics of the person being vaccinated and the similarity or match between the flu viruses and the flu vaccine are factors in determining the likelihood that a flu vaccine will protect someone from flu illness. During years when the flu vaccine is not well matched to circulating flu viruses, it might not be very effective. However, during years when there is a good match between vaccine and virus, it is possible to measure substantial benefits from vaccination. Furthermore, flu shots are the only treatment for influenza.

"Even with the vaccination, there's no guarantee you won't get the flu, the goal is to not have such a severe case," Lincoln said. "It's not like an infection where you can take antibiotics. You have to be proactive."

If vaccinated, flu symptoms typically only persist for three to five days, according to Lincoln. Without the vaccine, Lincoln says that symptoms can persist for two weeks and even risk mortality. Lincoln suggests getting the shot as soon as possible as it takes up to two weeks to build up immunity.

Scared of needles? The quadrivalent flu vaccine is also available as a nasal spray for non-pregnant individuals ages 2 through 49.

Children younger than six months are too young to get a flu shot, according to the CDC. Additionally, people with severe allergies to the vaccine or any ingredient in it, should avoid it. If you have egg allergies, GBS or Guillain-Barre Syndrome or are already feeling sick, you should consult your doctor before getting the vaccine.

More information can be found on the Center for Disease Control's website, [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

Both Walgreens and CVS carry the 4-strain vaccine. At CVS, the shot costs \$19.99 if you don't have health insurance. There is no cost for the shot if you have insurance. There is no appointment necessary and the CVS pharmacy at Gall Boulevard and Eiland Boulevard is open 24 hours. Both CVS and Walgreens offer the 4-strain vaccine and a vaccine meant for people 65 and over.

Walgreens also offers the vaccine at no cost with most health insurance plans. Walgreens also offers the vaccine free to VA-enrolled veterans. Additionally, Walgreens offers a "Get a Shot. Give a Shot" program, where they will donate 23 cents to the United Nations Foundation for every immunization administered. It is possible to both find a location and schedule an appointment at [www.walgreens.com](http://www.walgreens.com).

CVS offers vaccinations for adolescents and seniors. Vaccinations for children 18 months and older are available at MinuteClinic locations. Many Target stores have CVS Pharmacies or MinuteClinics. The CVS website, [www.cvs.com](http://www.cvs.com) also has a store locator and a MinuteClinic locator.

Publix grocery stores are also offering the flu shot, which are also free if you have insurance. Check with your local store and see if they are still offering a \$10 gift card.

"We are seeing flu in the ER," Yonteck said. "But cases are milder and less frequent."

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## CHURCH NEWS

**First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills**, 5510 19th St., invites everyone to attend Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Communion is observed the first Sunday of the month. Sunday school for adults is at 8:30 a.m. Children and youth are dismissed to classes during the 10 a.m. worship service. A nursery is provided during the service. In the fellowship hall after worship will be time for conversation and a light snack.

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](http://www.firstpcz.org).

**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.firstchristianzills.org](http://www.firstchristianzills.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](http://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.BibleTruthForToday.com](http://www.BibleTruthForToday.com) or call (352) 567-3955.

**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](http://www.zwconline.com) or call (813) 782-7510.

**East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist Church**, 7333 Dairy Rd., has a mission to reach others by living and sharing God's love. Bible study is Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. and church service, 10:45 a.m.

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](http://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.thechurchatanceyroad.com](http://www.thechurchatanceyroad.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](mailto: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](http://zephyrhillschurch.com) or the blog page at [acordofblue.wordpress.com](http://acordofblue.wordpress.com).

**Victory Baptist Church**, 6950 Forbes Rd., invites you to join them for their services on Sunday at 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 11 a.m.; and worship service, 6 p.m. There is a mid-week service on Wednesday, 7 p.m. Nursery and children's programs are available. For more information, visit [www.vbczills.com](http://www.vbczills.com) or call (813) 783-8300.

# Elks sponsor local Hoop Shoot Competition

Zephyrhills Elks Lodge 2731 sponsored a local Hoop Shoot Competition at the East Pasco YMCA. The district competition will be at Hudson High School, hosted by Aripeka Elks Lodge. Winners from Zephyrhills Elks Lodge are: Boys, 8-9, Malachi May; 10-11, Clayton Rogers and 12-13, Eeori Pope; and girls 12-13, Jazmine May.



## OBITUARIES

### Mary Louise Zimmerman

ZIMMERMAN, Mary Louise, 72, passed away peacefully on Jan. 7, 2019 at Gulfside Hospice in Zephyrhills. Mary Louise is survived by her husband and best friend, Carl Zimmerman; daughter, Christa (Mark) Anderson and their children, Emily, Brady, and Ryan; and her son, Phil Zimmerman (Kevin Wegener). She was predeceased by a son, Eric; brother, Jerry; and her parents, Jerome and Louise Fulmer. A celebration of life will be Feb. 2, 2 p.m. at the Colony Hills Clubhouse in Zephyrhills.

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### Mavis Kathleen Emery

EMERY, Mavis Kathleen, 69, of Zephyrhills, passed away Jan. 10, 2019. She is survived by her loving family.



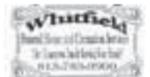
### Edward Thomas Diamant

DIAMANT, Edward Thomas, 79, of Zephyrhills, passed away Jan. 12, 2019. He is survived by his wife, Judith Diamant; and other loving family.



### Paul Lamar, Keefer

KEEFER, Paul Lamar, 96, of Zephyrhills passed away Jan. 10, 2019. Served in the Marines, retired from Eastman Kodak, a member of the VFW in Zephyrhills. He is survived by his son, Bruce Keefer; daughter, Susan (Tom) Zuber; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a great-great grandson. Paul was predeceased by his wife, Marian.



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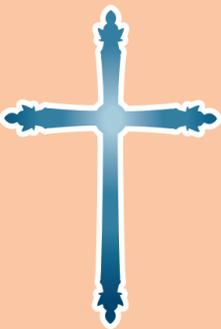
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Worship Service.....10:45 a.m.  
Thursday  
ALNON.....7 p.m.  
Ladies Bible Study.....7 p.m.  
Friday  
Alcoholics Anonymous.....10 a.m.  
Overeaters Anonymous  
Monday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday  
11:30 a.m.  
Narcotics Anonymous  
Sunday, Wednesday and  
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.  
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Saturday  
Godify Worship Service.....5 p.m.  
Sunday  
Rise and Shine Service.....8:30 a.m.  
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Sunday  
Worship.....10 a.m.  
Sunday School  
(Nursery/Grades K-12).....10 a.m.  
Adult Study.....8:30 a.m.  
Coffee fellowship after worship  
Wednesday  
REFRESH supper.....5:30 p.m.  
REFRESH Youth Group.....6 p.m.  
Adult Bible Study.....6 p.m.  
Choir Practice.....7 p.m.  
Second Saturday King's Men  
(in fellowship hall).....9 a.m.  
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Sunday School.....10:15 a.m.  
Contemporary Service.....11 a.m.  
Wednesday  
Adult Bible Study.....4 p.m.  
Student Ministry (K5-12).....6 p.m.  
[www.zwconline.com](http://www.zwconline.com)

**ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
38710 5th Ave.  
(813) 782-2813  
Reverend Allan Tupa  
Sunday  
Mass.....7, 9, 11 a.m.  
Saturday  
Mass.....4 and 6 p.m.  
Weekday Masses  
M, T, Th, F.....8 a.m.  
Wednesday.....8 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Saturday and Holidays.....8 a.m.  
The Sacrament of Reconciliation:  
Saturday Morning.....8:30 a.m.  
Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration:  
Thursday.....8:30-9:30 a.m.

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ZEPHYRHILLS**  
38231 5th Ave.  
(813) 782-5574  
Pastor Robert McKinney  
Sunday  
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Service.....6 p.m.  
Choir Practice.....6 p.m.  
Children's Activities.....6 p.m.  
TRUTH teen ministries.....6:15 p.m.

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
5626 20th St.  
813-782-1369  
Reverend Tod A. Shouse  
Sunday  
Worship service.....10 a.m.  
Sunday school/Bible class...9 a.m.  
[oursaviorlutheranchurchzephyrhills.org](http://oursaviorlutheranchurchzephyrhills.org)

**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
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(813) 783-8300  
Pastor David Toulson  
Sunday  
Sunday School.....10 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Bible Study/Prayer.....7 p.m.  
Kids Club.....7 p.m.

**DADE CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
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Pastor Keith Smith  
Sundays  
Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Wednesdays  
Worship.....6:30 p.m.  
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**BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH**  
5521 23rd St.  
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Pastor Wayne Taylor  
Sunday School.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.  
Evening Service.....6 p.m.  
Wednesday Service.....6 p.m.

**THE CHURCH AT CHANCEY ROAD**  
34921 Chancey Rd.  
(813) 317-4975  
Pastor Tim Mitchell  
Sunday  
Worship.....10:15 a.m.  
Worship, Bible study & communion  
Monday  
Prayer and Bible reading.....12 p.m.  
Tuesday  
Ladies Bible study.....6:30 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Fellowship.....6 p.m.  
Dinner at 6 p.m. followed by Bible study for all ages at 6:45 p.m.  
Thursday  
Heart dance ladies group...10 a.m.  
Friday  
Morning prayer.....7:45 a.m.  
Evening prayer.....6 p.m.  
Saturday  
Morning Prayer.....5 a.m.  
[www.thechurchatanceyroad.com](http://www.thechurchatanceyroad.com)

**DADE CITY GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**  
Dade City Business Center  
Suite 403  
15000 U.S. Hwy. 301  
(352) 567-3955  
Pastor Willard L. Sessoms  
Fellowship.....9:30 a.m.  
Sunday Service.....10 a.m.  
[www.bibletruthfortoday.com](http://www.bibletruthfortoday.com)

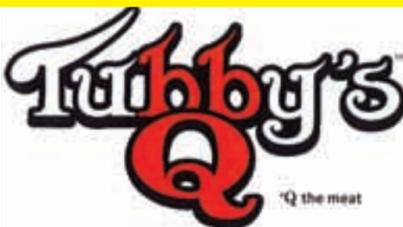
**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
6040 8th St.  
(813) 782-1071  
Sunday  
Sunday School.....9 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10 a.m.  
Second Saturday of the month  
Men's Breakfast.....8:30 a.m.  
Third Wednesday of the month  
Women's Group.....9:30 a.m.

**ZEPHYRHILLS CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
5444 4th St.  
(205) 405-7700  
Evangelist Kevin Heaton  
Sunday  
Bible Study.....9:30 a.m.  
Worship.....10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Bible Study.....7:30 p.m.  
[www.zephyrhillschurch.com](http://www.zephyrhillschurch.com)

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST**  
38635 5th Ave.  
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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Taking some time out of your usually busy social life could be just what you need to help you focus on putting those finishing touches on your plans for a possible career change.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) A misunderstanding about a colleague's suggestions could create a delay in moving on with your proposal. But by week's end, all the confusing points should finally be cleared up.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might feel overwhelmed by all the tasks you suddenly have to take care of. But just say the magic word -- help! -- and you'll soon find others rushing to offer much-needed assistance.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Finishing a current project ahead of schedule leaves you free to deal with other upcoming situations, including a possible workplace change, as well as a demanding personal matter.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) Turn that fine-tuned feline sensitivity radar up to high to help uncover any facts that could influence a decision you might be preparing to make. Devote the weekend to family activities.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) A state of confusion is soon cleared up with explanations from the responsible parties. Don't waste time chastising anyone. Instead, move forward with your plans.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) You might feel obligated to help work out a dispute between family members.

But this is one of those times when you should step aside and let them work out their problems on their own.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) Your ability to resolve an on-the-job problem without leaving too many ruffled feathers earns you kudos from co-workers. You also impress major decision-makers at your workplace.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Newly made and long-held friendships merge well, with possibly one exception. Take time to listen to the dissenter's explanations. You could learn something important.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) Be prepared to be flexible about your current travel plans. Although you don't have to take them, at least consider suggestions from the experts in the travel business.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) A problem with a recent financial transaction could lead to more problems later on unless you resolve it immediately. Get all the proof you need to support your position.

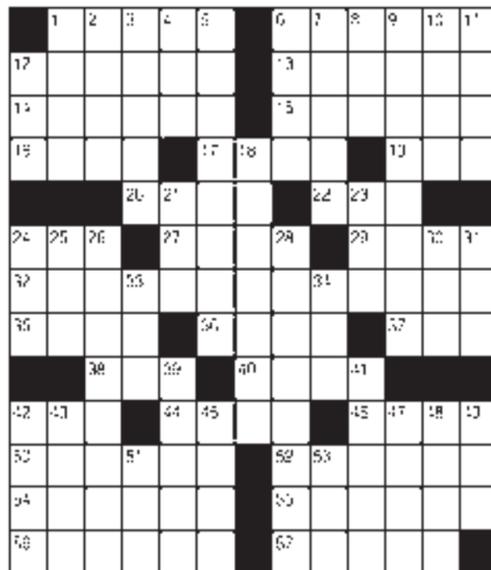
**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Day-dreaming makes it difficult to stay focused on what you need to do. But reality sets in by midweek, and you manage to get everything done in time for a relaxing weekend.

**BORN THIS WEEK:** Your ability to reach out to those in need of spiritual comfort makes you a much-revered, much-loved person in your community.

**KING CROSSWORD - JAN. 10**

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- 22 Writer Buscaglia
- 24 Sternward
- 27 Near the treasure
- 29 "Thin Man" dog
- 32 Just one thing after another?
- 35 Deserve
- 36 Arp's movement
- 37 Poehler or Grant
- 38 Panasonic competitor
- 40 Incline
- 42 Slithery squeezer
- 44 Not so much
- 46 Radius neighbor
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- 52 Raise the anchor
- 54 Successful player
- 55 Hale and hearty
- 56 Eight English kings
- 57 Wear away



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- 42 Wild party
- 43 Never again?
- 45 41-Down's "wings"
- 47 Noisy
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- 49 Illustrations
- 51 Blunder
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**ANSWERS TO KING CROSSWORDS JANUARY 3**



**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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

**HOCUS-FOCUS** BY HENRY BOUWMEESTER

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers to HOCUS-FOCUS: 1. The bear's hat is different. 2. The man's hat is different. 3. The bear's scarf is different. 4. The man's scarf is different. 5. The bear's boots are different. 6. The man's boots are different.



Right: One of the most popular sites for children during last Saturday's event was a petting zoo with baby chicks.



Below: Fiddle players gathered under an oak tree to play their tunes.



Right: Jim Statham and Marcus Copeland, shown behind in the doorway, have been making cane syrup for several years during the annual event.



Below: Up in the barn, visitors entered to taste cane syrup.



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they entered through the museum to view various artifacts from pioneer days in Florida.

Karen Brown-Blonigen strummed soothing tunes on a mountain dulcimer as visitors trekked from room to room in the museum. Once outside people were greeted by vendors and toured historical buildings such as the Overstreet House built in 1890; one-room schoolhouse; old Methodist Church; and antiquated general store; along with fire engine trucks from days gone by and an old locomotive.

"My boys like to climb up on those old fire trucks," Melissa Landsdowne said of her sons, Geoffrey and Anthony.

Located in the cane mill, a handful of volunteers demonstrated the old-fashioned way of making cane syrup. Stirring the bubbling broth and informing visitors about the process were Jim Statham, Marcus Copeland and Fred Buehrer.

"We show how it was made years ago," Buehrer said.

"They ask how long did it take to make, where did you get the cane from, how long it takes to cook," Copeland said of the thick and sweet blend. "It's finger-licking good, I guess."

"It's good stuff, cane syrup; I love it," Statham added. "There's nothing better than putting fresh cane syrup on warm biscuits."

As for the chili cook off contestants, there were several returners as well as a few newcomers. Count St. Petersburg's Gary Mayfield, who had a table full of trophies displayed with his chili, among the new entrants.

"We wanted to try this one and we had an open calendar," said Mayfield, who primarily competes in chili contests throughout the state. "Normally, we're pretty full and this one kind of popped up, so we decided to throw our hat in the ring and see what happens."

Bill Boyer and Karen Perry, both of Bushnell, sampled the wares of several contestants and had their favorites.

"We tried all of them," Boyer said. "We're stuffed."

Musical entertainment was provided by the Barking Dogs, Sara Rose Band and Sandy Back Porch Band as folks gathered round picnic tables to listen.

Among the popular stations for children was a petting zoo with animals provided by Sarah Mann and Dustin Springer, who brought baby chickens, bunnies, goats, bottle calves and a horse from their farm in Dade City.

"We do pretty much all of the big events out here," Mann said. "The children love it. They really like to come in (the pens) to see them and feed them, and actually get close to them."

Tammy Turner of Dade City smiled as she watched her three grandchildren — 8-year-old Gracie Corlee; Nash Turner, 18 months; and Benton Turner, 16 months — interact with the smaller animals.

"We enjoy the chili cook off and I like the fact that (the day-long event) is kid-friendly," Turner said. "We like to do a lot of hands-on stuff."

Holding one of the baby chicks, Corlee said, "They look really cute."

Dwayne and Carolyn Babij, from Spring Hill, were first-time visitors to the event with Carolyn saying, "We really like homemade chili and some of it was so good. We'll be back."



Above: Karen Brown-Blonigen shows Kinsey Weiskopf how to play the mountain dulcimer.

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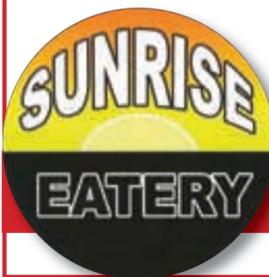
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The dates have been set. Alert to students and families. This year is several weeks earlier than in the past. Applications and information are available on our web site at [heritagearts.org](http://heritagearts.org); and information is distributed to each school music teacher in central and east Pasco County, many dance, vocal and instrumental studios, and at the chambers of commerce. Check it out. Talented young people need to start "getting their act together" right away and get their applications completed.

The regional competition gives over \$4,000 in cash prizes and trophies to winners in several age categories. Part of the excitement is that HACA also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to a Pasco county resident graduating senior. Because of the community support of the "Moonlight and Ivory" concerts as well as the "Spotlight" contest, we added this scholarship to the Pasco senior who has the highest total scores from the preliminary and finals judges. The scholarship winner will be announced at the end of the final show, and will be separate and in addition to the individual category winners.

The last few years have been record-breaking for "Spotlight on Talent." Several hundred students participate each year, with judges evaluating about 100 different acts. The final competitions will be on March 9, at the theater at Wesley Chapel High School. The Matinee at 12 p.m. will be younger finalists and evening show at 7 p.m. will be older competitors. Tickets for adults will be \$12 or both shows for \$20. For students through high school the fee is \$6, both shows for \$10 (under 5 are free).

On Feb. 9, we expect that another energetic crowd of excited youngsters will compete in the tryouts for the thrill of becoming a finalist. Participants are judged

primarily on talent, and also on stage presence and appropriate appearance. The deadline for receiving applications is Jan. 24. In addition to over \$4,000 in cash prizes, talented young people have a chance to perform onstage with an audience of several hundred.

The competition is conducted in a professional atmosphere with judges from central Florida who are outstanding in their respective fields. Every year, as word of the excitement and quality talent spreads, more and more young people participate, some coming from as far away as Tampa, Brooksville, St. Pete, and West Pasco. Vocalists, dancers, instrumental musicians, piano players, baton twirlers, bands, gymnasts and other forms of entertainment are welcome to participate. There are several age categories for solos and one or more group categories, and a student may enter as a solo and with a group.

Community sponsors have always allowed us to generously reward these young people for their hard work in developing their talents. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, email Barbara Friedman at [spotlight@heritagearts.org](mailto:spotlight@heritagearts.org) or call (352) 567-1720.

This uplifting and exciting day of entertainment is one of the highlights of the year for our community, and many gifted young people are eager each spring for a chance to shine as a true star. Many of our former contestants have gained valuable experience and confidence, and have gone on to receive college scholarships and positions with professional performance organizations. It is indeed a rewarding event for all - sponsors, audience, producers, and performers.

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<b>Jan. 25</b>			<b>WEDNESDAYS</b>	Auxiliary Bar Bingo Wing Wednesday	1pm 5pm-7pm
<b>Jan. 18</b>	JT & Jen		<b>Jan. 23</b>	Eagles Riders Meeting	7pm
<b>SATURDAYS</b>	Aerie Dual Bingo	1pm	<b>Jan. 23</b>	Tony Machicote	7pm-10pm
<b>Jan. 19</b>	President's Charity Benefit & Poker Run - 9:30am w/Music by April Red Band	7pm-11pm	<b>Jan. 30</b>	Doubleshot	1pm-10pm
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and their ability to compromise and work together, wondering just how that cannot be accomplished in Washington D.C.

"I just think it's a shame that people are going without a paycheck just because some people can't agree," said Smith, who suggests putting together a bipartisan committee "to see what we can do for border security."

Cliff Martin, who runs Jarrett Ford in Dade City and is an active member of his community, envisions much greater problems in the nation than a wall on the southern border.

"Why are grown men and women even talking about this, with all the problems we have," he wondered. "It's so insignificant. Why do we waste time talking about it?"

"We're all immigrants," Martin continued. "We should spend money on our neighbors. Why don't we help Mexico clean up the cartel situation and help them with training to help our border protection."

Zephyrhills resident Theodore F. Bustance offered another perspective in a letter to the editor, saying he was motivated to respond after reading an editorial in the Tampa Bay Times headlined to forget the wall and end the shut-down.

He noted that thousands of immigrants who crossed the southern border illegally are in detention centers, which cost taxpayers money to take care of. "The flow of drugs is real and is killing thousands of Americans every year, not including the cost to treat the people," Bustance wrote.

Bustance suggests compromise, but feels

that Democrats and Trump have such an adversarial relationship that the prospect is unlikely. As for government employees he feels that every American should have enough money saved to live without a paycheck for three months.

While that is an unrealistic proposition for many middle class citizens and nearly all among the poor, Bustance is adamant that walls work. He cited China, Israel and even the rich in Palm Beach as walls that work.

Bob Hatfield, a former history teacher and golf coach at Zephyrhills High who now works for congressman Gus Bilirakis, concurred with Bustance. He said most people agree that a wall needs to be built on the southern border.

For his part, Bilirakis wrote a lengthy release on his web site in favor of the wall, but also encouraging greater cooperation in reaching an agreement to strengthen national security and reopen the federal government.

"I spoke to approximately two dozen constituents and the vast majority asked that I vote against any measure that didn't appropriately fund greater border security," he wrote.

T.K. Hayes, former general manager of Skydive City who in the fall lost a bid as a state representative to Danny Burgess, agrees that "we need border security, but we don't need a 2,000-mile long wall to do that."

"The Democrats are saying (to Trump) not one penny for your wall, but the compromise is going to be some wall somewhere. Congress has failed us on immigration for the last 30 years. It's not Trump's fault, but its 100 percent his responsibility to be the leader and come up with a solution."

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