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Community Calendar

Florida State Fair is open
The Florida State Fair runs Feb. 6-17 at the fairgrounds off Interstate 4 in Tampa. See www.FloridaStateFair.com for details and discounts.

Renaissance Festival nears
The Bay Area Renaissance Festival is set for Feb. 15-March 29 on weekends.

Pasco County Fair coming
The Pasco County Fair is scheduled for Feb. 17-23 at the Pasco County Fairgrounds.

➤ 2A



Weather

The warming trend continues over the next week with daytime highs in the mid-80s. At night, the thermometer will plummet into the 50s and 60s. Aside from Friday's showers there is no rain in the forecast.

➤ 3A

Sports

Five basketball players honored on Senior Night
The Bulldogs pay tribute to five boys basketball players on Senior Night in the final game of the regular season. Zephyrhills is hosting the Class 5A, District 8 tournament this week.

Settler's Run challenges for league title in debut season
Settler's Run has made an immediate impact in the Zephyrhills Winter Horseshoe League. The team is challenging for the title.

Stewart is no match for Rushe in bulldogs soccer
The host Bulldogs were soundly defeated 8-0 by Rushe in middle school girls soccer.

➤ 1B

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Chili Cookoff benefits Meals on Wheels of East Pasco



People sample beer and chili during Sunday's monthly event, a fundraiser for Meals on Wheels of East Pasco.

STEVE LEE

Zephyrhills Brewing Company hosts monthly fundraiser for a worthwhile cause

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

Three Zephyrhills men received votes for the top three spots in Sunday's chili cookoff at the Zephyrhills Brewing Company on 5th Avenue. Steve Brady took first, Dylan Fey was second and Mark Touchton placed third.

That marked two consecutive years of chili cookoffs, held the second Sunday of each month at the first micro-brewery in Pasco County. There were 15 entries this month — mostly from Zephyrhills with a few from Dade City — and a full house was on hand to try the homemade beers and chili.

While there always have been contest champions as well as winners of drawings for various prizes

throughout the monthly events, the primary winner is Meals on Wheels of East Pasco. A portion of the proceeds have been allocated to that non-profit organization since the chili cookoff's inception in February of 2018.

"The great thing is we're supporting our community and that they have this competition," said Steve Bahorski, the chief brewer who last summer purchased the business from original owners Robert and Terry Hilferding. "Most importantly, it brings people in to support this wonderful cause."

Beth Aker, executive director for Meals on Wheels, estimated that the chili cookoff raises about \$2,000 annually for Meals on Wheels. She appreciates the efforts of the local brewery, saying Bahorski is "really committed to the community and the downtown area. They are so committed to Meals on Wheels."

The chili cookoff, she added, "generates excitement for what we do and it generates excitement for that the brewery does. It's a partnership."

On Sunday, Dana Ketchen, who runs trivia and

➤ CHILI COOKOFF: See Page 4A

Dump trucks and water pumps at city council meeting

With a short agenda, a new water pump for the city and dump trucks using Wire Road got the spotlight

By ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

Monday's city council meeting saw council president Ken Burgess away on a legislative mission. Vice president Charlie Proctor presided over the meeting. First up were four Consent Agenda items. Councilman Lance Smith made a motion to pull item 1.3 a city purchase of a mobile pump package for further discussion. The other items, 1.1 - approval of Jan. 27 minutes, 1.2 an advanced water treatment upgrade amendment and 1.4 - a revision to Drug-Free Workplace and Alcohol Policy, were approved unanimously 4-0.

Utility director John Bostic was called to the podium to discuss the water pump. Bostic explained that a mobile unit was necessary to use in emergency water line breaks and that the current unit is more than 15 years old.

Smith's inquiry was regarding the cost of the unit, which he noted was twice what was budgeted.

Bostic noted that the city was able to procure a discount by purchasing a "demo" model that had just three hours on the motor and less than one hour on the pump. The city was able to attain a \$20,000 discount on the item due to that. The motion passed unanimously.

Just one Business Item was on the agenda, a second reading of Ordinance No. 1400-20, which served to change more zoning in the proposed Gateway project in south Zephyrhills. Like in the first reading, the zoning change requested a move to Planned Unit Development (PUD). PUD allows city officials and developers more flexibility with regard to what types of uses the properties can permit. City officials keep mentioning small business and live-work environments.

Jay Martello of Hair Designs by Jay spoke on the item and inquired what the units at the very north end of the project would look like. His concern was that new development might encroach on the signage for his hair salon. Martello was also

➤ CITY COUNCIL: See Page 8A

East Pasco YMCA hosts youth basketball title games

Zephyrhills Athletic League's fourth-year program unites east and central Pasco athletes

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

For many years the Zephyrhills Athletic League was solely an option for football and cheerleading programs that were based at Charles M. Krusen Memorial Field. Now, the longtime area youth league known as the Bulldawgs incorporates basketball as well as track and field.

The ZAL just concluded its fourth basketball season on Saturday with three championship games played at the East Pasco YMCA. The league's co-ed teams range from age five through the eighth grade with boys and girls dotting rosters in each category. Division 1 is for ages 5-7, Division II includes ages 8-10 and Division III consists of 11-year-olds through eighth-graders.

Many of the ZAL players have gone on to play for boys and girls basketball teams at Stewart Middle, Centennial Middle and Zephyrhills High. Since the league also includes players from Dade City and Wesley Chapel, those schools include Pasco, Wesley Chapel, Wiregrass Ranch and Cypress High, along



➤ ZAL HOOPS: See Page 10A

The AdventHealth Zephyrhills team celebrates with their trophies after winning the Division II championship.

STEVE LEE

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Friends of the Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar, Feb. 14-15, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. There are some great bargains on gently-used bestsellers. Encourage the joy of reading and support your local Hugh Embry Branch Library. This book bazaar will feature a diverse selection of books, audio and video media, magazines, and related materials. For more information, call Glen Thompson at (352) 567-7449.

Rainwater Harvesting and Rain Barrel Making Workshop, Feb. 15, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at One Stop Shop, 15029 14th St. in Dade City. Participants will learn how to install and use their rain barrel. This workshop is hands-on, and you will make a rain barrel at the UF/IFAS Pasco Extension seminar (assistance is provided). Fee is \$40 with pre-registration and pre-payment required. No payments will be accepted the day of the event. No refunds once you purchase your ticket. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.



Bay Area Renaissance Festival, Feb. 15-March 29, weekends. Enjoy live jousting, food fit for a king, live entertainment, jesters, crafts and much more. The festival is open Saturdays and Sundays, rain or shine, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. For more information or advance tickets, visit bayarearenfest.com.

Florida State Fair, through Feb. 17. There are discount days and free events including, Sea Lion Splash, Demolition Derby, XPogo and much more. For more information or schedule of events, visit www.FloridaStateFair.com.

Pasco County Fair, Feb. 17-23 at the Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36722 S.R. 52 in Dade City. This year's theme is "It's an Adventure." There is a hog show and sale, a steer show and sale, championship rodeo and much more. For scheduled shows and events, visit pascocountyfair.com.

Sheriff Nocco's Shotgun Shootout, Feb. 21 at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, 10514 Ehren Cutoff in Land O' Lakes. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. with a 9 a.m. start. Proceeds benefit Special Operations Warrior Foundation, Pasco Sheriff's K9 Association and Family Support Network. For more information on sponsor and shooter fees, visit pascosheriffcharities.org.

ing requests StLeoTheatre@saintleo.edu. The performance times are at 7:30 p.m. for the Friday, and Saturday and on Sunday is a matinee beginning at 2:30 p.m. Benedictine Hall is a three-story building located at the west end of the Saint Leo campus, 33701 S.R. 52. The hall has its own entrance from State Road 52. A campus roadway leads to a parking lot at the west end of the building. The Black Box Theatre is on the first floor.

Annual Planes, Trains & Automobiles event is Feb. 22, 10 a.m. at the Plant City Airport, 4007 Airport Rd. See real and remote control airplanes, model trains, CSX and classic car displays and flight demonstrations. Admission is free with parking for \$5. For more information, call (813) 754-3707 or visit www.plantcity.org.



Hittin' the Road for Hospice 2020, Feb. 22, 10 a.m. Starting at Harley-Davidson of New Port Richey, and ending at the Elks Lodge in Zephyrhills. Money raised will go towards hospice patients and bereavement services for Pasco County residents through Gulfside Hospice. For more information or to register, visit www.HittinTheRoadForHospice.org.

Canning Strawberry Jam Class, Feb. 25, 9:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at One Stop Shop Stallings Building, 15029 14th St. The UF/IFAS Pasco County Cooperative Extension Service is offering a canning strawberry jam with all food and canning supplies included in the \$15 registration fee. Wear closed-toe shoes, and participants with long hair should have a hair tie. An apron is also recommended, as this is a hands-on class. Space is limited. So reserve your spot by registering by calling (352) 518-0156.



Florida Strawberry Festival, Feb. 27-March 8, at the festival grounds in Plant City. Public will offer discount advance admission tickets. Visit www.flstrawberryfestival.com for all the free entertainment, midway-ride specials, discounted days and so much more.

Paulie Palooza Music Festival, Feb. 29, 12-9 p.m. on Main Street in Zephyrhills. Money raised will go towards hospice patients and bereavement services for Pasco County residents through Gulfside Hospice. For more information, call (727) 845-5707.

Spotlight on Talent Competition, March 7 at the Center for the Arts at Wesley Chapel High School. There are several age groups and finalist are eligible for \$4,000 in trophies, ribbons and cash prizes. Tickets for adults are \$12 or both shows for \$20; and students through high school are \$6, both shows for \$10 and children under 5 are free. For more information, visit www.heritagearts.org or call (352) 567-1720.

"Guys and Dolls" at Saint Leo University. The classic Broadway musical "Guys and Dolls" will be performed at the Black Box Theatre in Saint Leo University's Benedictine Hall over the weekends of Feb. 21-23, and Feb. 28-March 1. Admission is free, but tickets must be reserved in advance by email-

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SATURDAY
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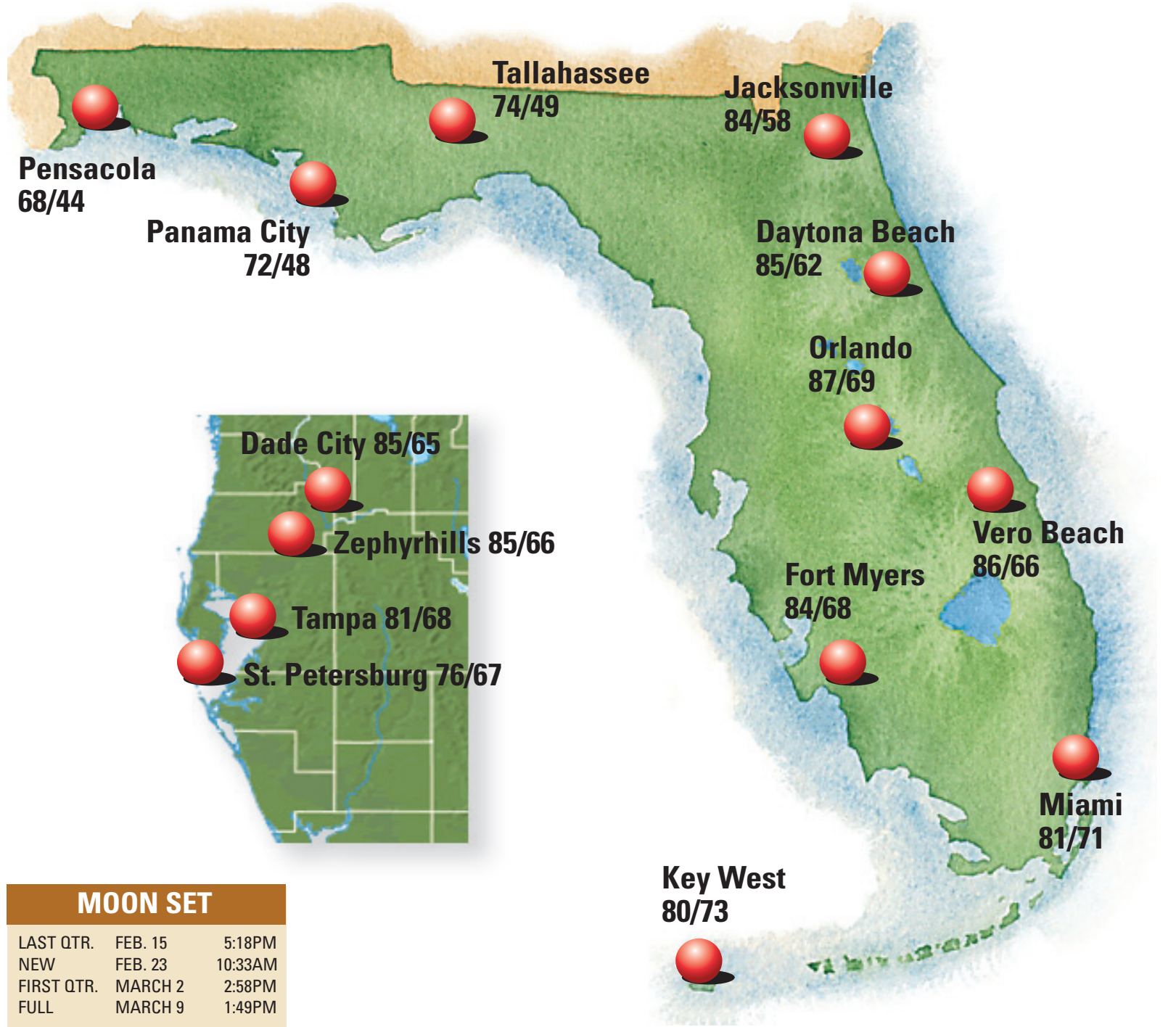
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 SUNSET: 6:21pm MOONSET: 2:55pm

weather forecast

FOR ZEPHYRHILLS



The Plant-Based Taste Fest

Sunday, March 29, 2020

- Sample a variety of delicious plant-based dishes.
- Koushik Reddy, MD, Cardiologist and keynote speaker, will present "Heart to Heart; A Conversation with a Cardiologist."
- Receive a free vegetarian recipe booklet.

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11:15 am
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*Once a seating is full, we cannot accommodate any more guests during that time.

Cost is \$5 per person. Cash or check will be taken at the door.

Reservations required by March 20.

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Beth Aker, executive director for Meals on Wheels of East Pasco, helps distribute vouchers to people wanting to try the chili during Sunday's cookoff. She is flanked by volunteers Rod Rehrig and Dana Ketchen.

► **CHILI COOKOFF:** From Page 1A

bingo nights at the brewing company, helped keep mini-cups on the tables for those donating \$5 to sample the chili and get a beer.

"I love to see the people come out," she said. "They get to try new beers and then donate to Meals on Wheels, so everybody wins."

Unlike last year, however, plans call for a break from the monthly chili contests for this upcoming summer.

"We're not going to do it in the summer, because there's not as many people here," she reasoned.

Many people who came out on Sunday were thrilled with the concept and said they liked what they tasted. Like two friends from Zephyrhills, Mari Wuest and Cori Hillhouse,

who enjoyed some beer and chili at one of the front tables.

"I wanted it spicy, but not too spicy," Wuest said.

Added Hillhouse, who preferred a milder taste, "This is exceptional."

Troy Mayercah and his girlfriend Jackie Danton, both from Dade City, also had different tastes. He preferred spicy and she favored sweet.

"I think it's great," Mayercah said.

Several Saint Leo University students, who frequent the brewing company for trivia and bingo nights, showed up to try the latest beers and sample some chili. Among them was senior Mary Peacock.

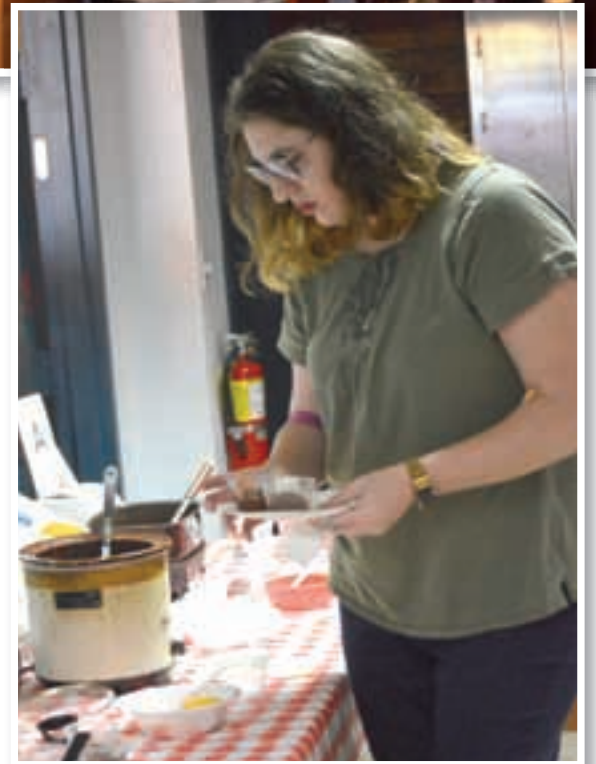


Left: The top three chili cookoff winners were: (left to right) Mark Touchton, Steve Brady and Dylan Fey, who is holding his 1-year-old son Brayden. All three, who where among 15 contestants at the weekend event, are from Zephyrhills.

STEVE LEE



Above: Megan and Courtney Deremiah compare their chili samples during Sunday's chili cookoff at the Zephyrhills Brewing Company.



Right: Saint Leo University senior Mary Peacock scoops up a sample.

"My friends and I come here once a week," she said. "It's just a fun place. I love chili, so I thought this would be cool."

Next month's contest, which will be called Bring the Brews, will take a break from the usual chili concoctions. Bahorski said any food item can be made but whatever it is beer must be part of the recipe. Then he thanked all the patrons and the celebration continued.

"I think this is the best one they every had and the chili was great," said Rod Rehrig, past commandant of Marine Corps League Detachment 1124 and a volunteer and board member for Meals on Wheels.



Above: Megan Deremiah goes down the line collecting chili samples in small plastic cups.

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) All that flattery and fawning shouldn't affect any decision you have to make. Keep your focus on the facts and ignore all the hyperbole, especially if it gets uncomfortably personal.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your Bovine instincts are on the mark about that "favor" you're being asked to do. Agree to nothing unless you get a full explanation -- which you would check out first, of course.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A somewhat unsettled recent period should give way to a smoother time going through the week. Use this quieter time to catch up on matters you might have had to let slide.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Feeling a little confused is understandable with all those mixed messages. Take time to list the questions you have. Then present them and insist on answers that make sense.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Cupid can be very helpful for Lions seeking a love connection. The chubby cherub also brings warm and fuzzy feelings to paired Leos and Leonas who already share a special love line.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Travel is favored this week, whether you'll be globe-trotting or taking a trip to a nearby getaway. You might be surprised (or maybe not) by who wants to be your traveling companion.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Getting advice on your next business-related move is a good idea, but only if your advisers are trustworthy. Get references that you can check out before you make any decisions.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Getting a boost in your self-esteem is one benefit that comes with a job well done. There are other pluses as well, including being noticed by all the right people. Good luck.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Make time to deal with family matters, especially where they concern your elderly kinfolk. Being there for them from the start can help resolve problems sooner rather than later.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Getting a project started can often be difficult. But the good news is that you


won't want for lack of assistance from colleagues who would like to work with you. So, let them!

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A lot of work-related issues might be raised this week, and you need to be prepared for whatever comes along. Things should be easier when it comes to matters in your private life.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) What might appear to be a much unwanted change in your life right now could turn out to be a very welcome event after all. Give yourself a chance to see where it might take you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You exercise your strong leadership qualities well, which is why people believe in you and feel reassured by you.

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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four primary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the primary word, which will complete the puzzle.

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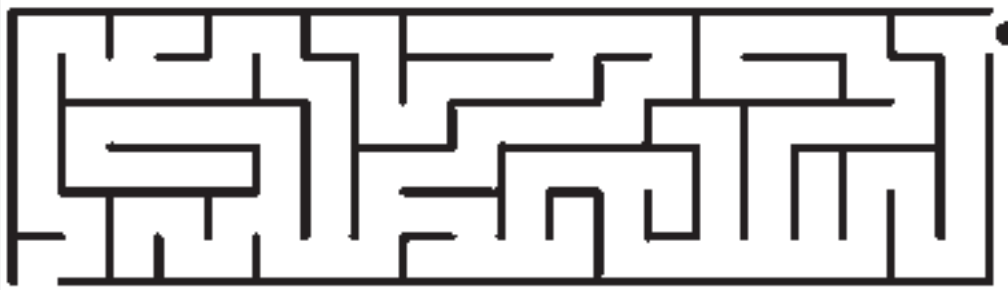
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Word 3: E L F T A R T

Word 4: V O L G E R

Today's Word: _____

Kids' Maze



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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

CRISSCROSS – GEORGE WASHINGTON WORDS*

Each word will fit into one spot in the grid. Use the starting letters as a guide and fit each word into its spot. All words will be used. So cross off each one after you put it into the grid.

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AGENT
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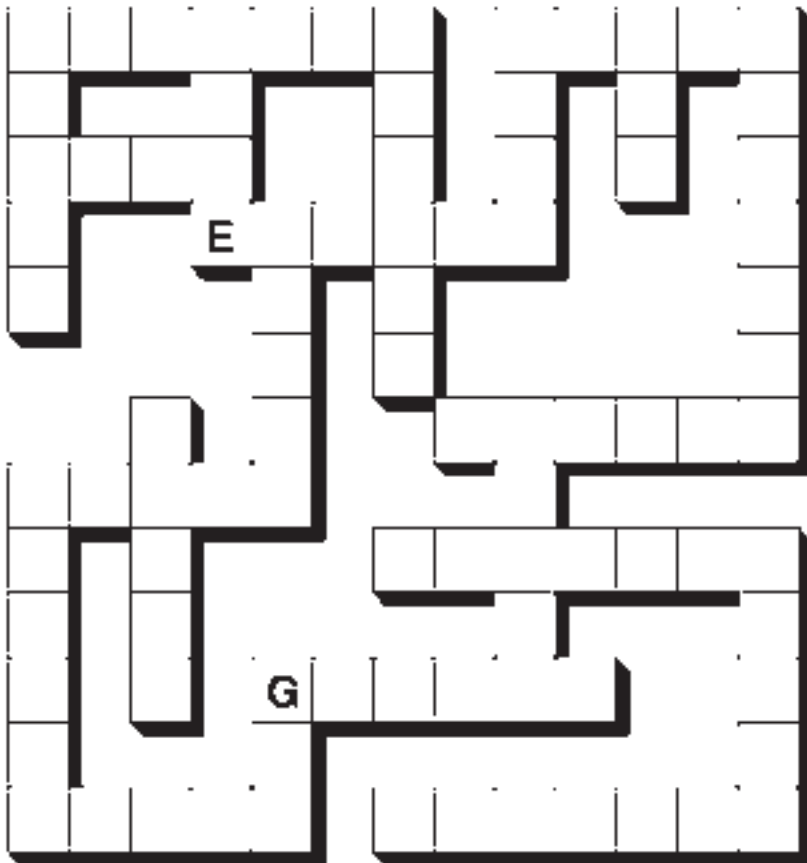


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- 12 Greatly
- 13 Inquisitive
- 14 Present
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- 17 Exist
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- 19 Cuts into cubes
- 21 Extra
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- 25 Difficult
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- 30 Carte lead-in
- 31 Eliot's Manner
- 32 Rotation duration
- 33 Outwardly curved on both sides
- 35 Bouquet holder
- 36 Reed instrument
- 37 Essential points
- 38 Prenatal test, for short
- 40 -- morgana
- 42 Island neckwear
- 43 Grayish metallic element
- 48 A Gershwin
- 49 Author Hunter
- 50 Medicinal amount
- 51 X rating?
- 52 Force measure
- 53 Unseen hitch



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- 7 Omega preceder
- 8 Municipal magistrates
- 9 Huge snakes
- 10 Bush opponent
- 11 Rams fans?
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- 20 Altar affirmative
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- 23 Severe
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- 34 Japanese sash
- 35 Food
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- 47 "Family Guy" daughter

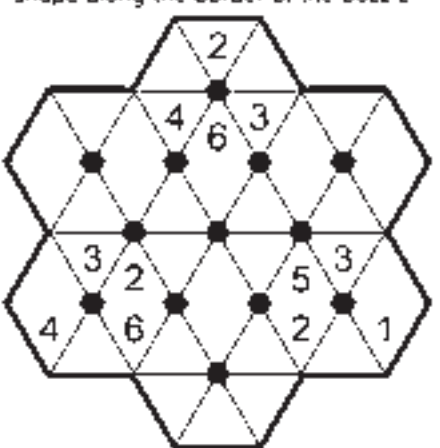
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SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆ Difficult

MAGIC MAZE ● 3-D WORDS

A maze of 3-D words. Find all the words that can be formed using the letters in the maze. Start at the top left and go in any direction.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

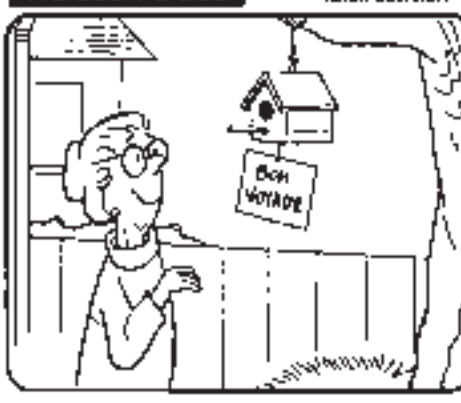

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	4		6	9
9	2	5	3	
3	4			8

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:

◆ Moderate ◆◆ Challenging
◆◆◆ HOO BOY!

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY DOLYFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

•It was American cartoonist, humorist and journalist Kin Hubbard who made the following sage observation: "There's no secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man who didn't tell you about it?"

•Next time you're in Iowa, you might want to stop by the rural town of Riverside, which touts itself as the future birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk. Yep, the "future" birthplace. It seems that "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry asserted that the character of James Tiberius Kirk was born in Iowa, but he didn't specify exactly where. In 1985, the Riverside City Council voted to declare their town the future birthplace of the character, later writing to Roddenberry and receiving his approval. In honor of its newfound claim to fame, the city began hosting an annual Trek Fest, complete with a Spockapalooza battle of the bands.

•If you enjoy cooking, you might have heard of some of the following cookbooks: "Kill It and Grill It," "The Joy of Pickling," "Full of Beans," "The Stinking Cookbook" and "I Can't Believe It's Not Meat!" Then again, maybe not.

•The term "bric-a-brac," usually used to refer to a collection of tawdry trinkets, comes from the French, where its original meaning was "at random."

•Most parents of small children know that trampolines can be dangerous, and they are. Every year, nearly 100,000 people receive emergency-room treatment for injuries sustained while using trampolines. Those injuries are hardly ever fatal, though. Pools, on the other hand, are far more deadly; more than 1,000 people in the United States die in swimming pools annually.

Thought for the Day: If living conditions don't stop improving in this country, we're going to run out of humble beginnings for our great men.
-- Russell P. Askue

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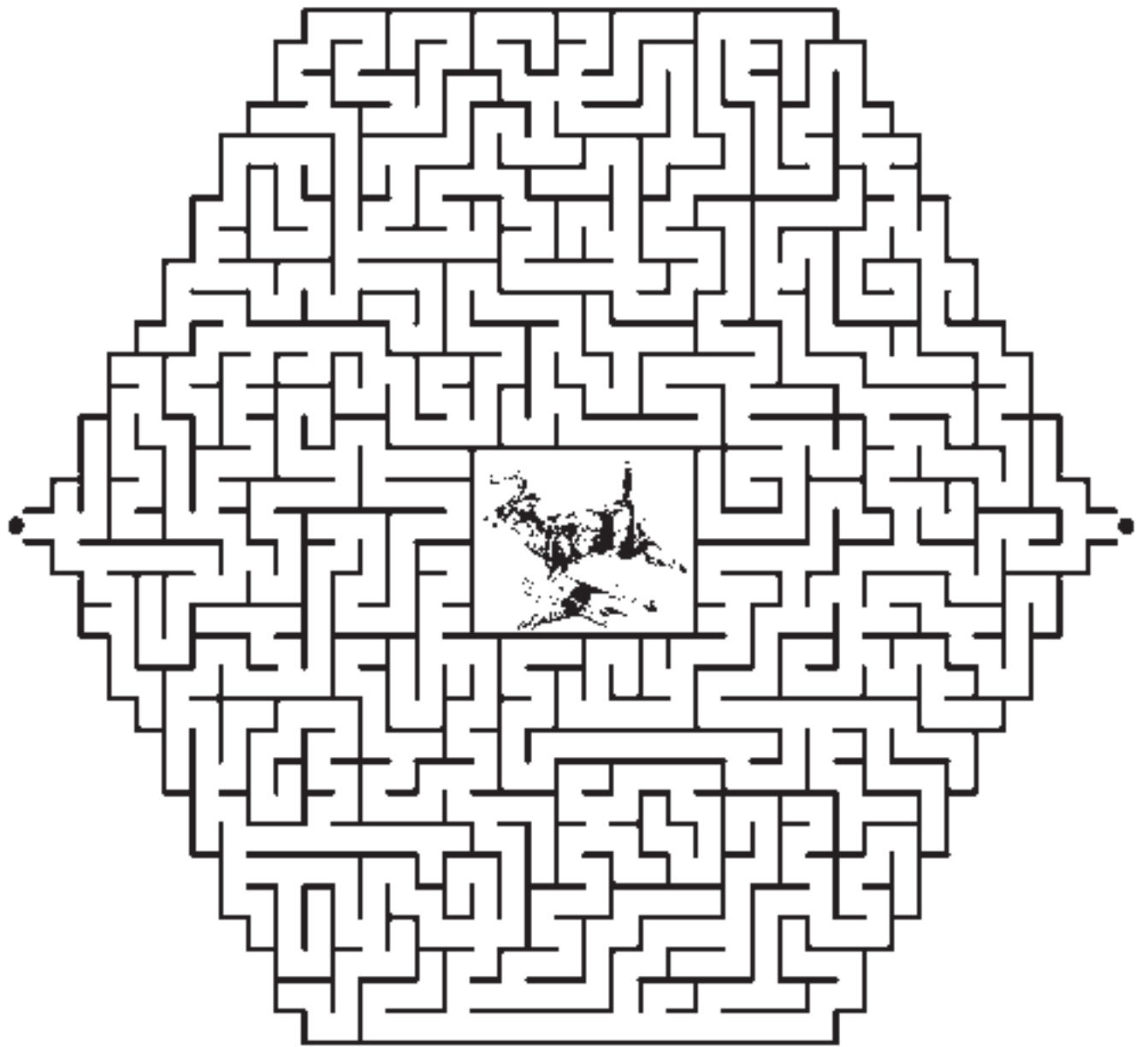
by Terry Stickels

Match the words on the left with their meanings on the right.

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|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1) uniform | a) shaped like a branch |
| 2) ramiform | b) shaped like a wing |
| 3) aciform | c) shaped like a hook |
| 4) reniform | d) shaped like a needle |
| 5) aliform | e) shaped like a kidney |

Mega Maze

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FEAR & KNIGHT

By T. J. M. S.

DOUBT? ... OR DARE?

- YMG
- HIMLUS
- NILVE
- LAAG
- BLAGMI
- NSI
- VYEL
- BASMY
- ABG
- TRWHAM
- TGMHI
- HTCI

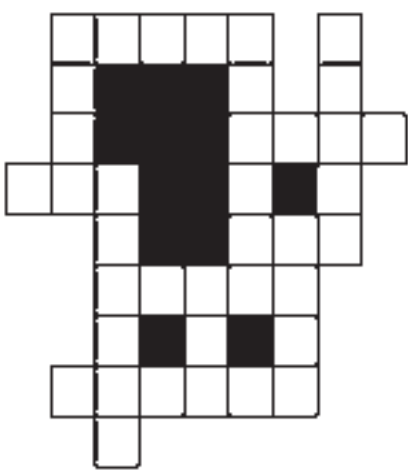


Illustration by T. J. M. S.

Unscramble these five words to form each of the words with a blank space. **FAGNEC** becomes **CHANGE**. Poppeye uses only ONE word for any number. **LAAG** may be **LAAG**, **LAGAL** or **LAGAL**. **NSI** may be **INSI** or **INSI**. **HTCI** becomes **HITCH** or **HITCH**. **ABG** may be **ABG** or **ABG**. **TRWHAM** may be **TRWHAM** or **TRWHAM**. **TGMHI** may be **TGMHI** or **TGMHI**. **HTCI** may be **HTCI** or **HTCI**.

Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an L, you get MLESTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

- | | | | |
|------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|
| 1. Ledge | ... F ... | Seashore souvenir | ... L ... |
| 2. Hit the tab key | ... D ... | Create | ... V ... |
| 3. Foot pedal | ... A ... | Out of money | ... O ... |
| 4. Depart | ... V ... | Rental contract | ... S ... |
| 5. Large gun | ... N ... | Is unable to | ... I ... |
| 6. Angelic instruments | ... S ... | Groucho's brother | ... O ... |
| 7. Dickens Artful | ... D ... | Hotel guest | ... L ... |
| 8. Gawk | ... T ... | Dole out | ... H ... |
| 9. Convenient | ... N ... | Robust | ... R ... |
| 10. Scanty | ... G ... | More malicious | ... N ... |

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all correct. Each week the code letters are different.

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BVXRVC XN LN BV PHJA'M FHQ.
- INPV KHWE INVRM

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Above: The mobile water pump that the city just recently acquired is to be used in emergency situations and replaces a 15-year-old unit.

Below: Jay Martello of Hair Designs by Jay expressed concern with what the new development is going to look like, particularly adjacent to his business.

ANDY WARRENER



► CITY COUNCIL: From Page 1A

concerned about the road improvements on what is now an alley next to his business but what would likely become a paved road under the new plans.

After council members and Historic Preservation Specialist and Community Planner Audrey McGuire spoke on the matter, it became clear that the project's details are still far from settled. The city is still going through a number of acquisitions and particularly zoning changes but the project itself, even though there are some renderings being used

at meetings, has not been designed yet.

Council members praised Martello for getting out in front of the issue but also explained that the property owner of the parcel in question would have certain rights to build on the property, rights that might conflict with Martello's ideas.

In the Citizen Comments section, Paul Correia took to the podium to briefly discuss Paulie Palooza, an event set for Feb. 29 in downtown Zephyrhills. Discussed were that there would be a cordoned off "wet zone" the same as last year. Police Chief Derek Brewer stated that there were no issues at last year's event. The event, which drew upwards of 1,000 people over the course of the nine-hour event last year, helps support Hospice Care.

Council comments began with Zephyrhills City Manager William Poe Jr. giving an update on the UniBilling system, a system that enrolls city residents in an auto-pay portal for municipal services. Poe also gave an update on the recent scare at Stewart Middle School, where a report of an armed individual on school campus alerted local authorities. The incident proved to be a false alarm but it highlighted some miscommunication between ZPD and the Pasco Sheriffs.

Zephyrhills Chief Derek Brewer stated that his officers were on the scene in 30 seconds.

"I'm proud of my staff and the way they responded to this incident," Brewer said.

Zephyrhills Police Department officers secured the scene and found the report to be erroneous but Pasco Sheriffs did not get the communication and showed up en-force with a helicopter. The city has

scheduled a de-briefing with ZPD and Pasco Sheriffs to discuss communications and the notion of a consolidated dispatch. The de-briefing is set for this Friday.

Local resident Gary Cooper was next to take the podium. Cooper brought up issues with dump trucks transporting materials through residential neighborhoods. The project is one headed by Metro Development near Wire Road. Cooper stated that Wire Road is a residential road and cannot support the heavy dump trucks. He also took issue with their driving habits.

"They fly down the road like they own it," Cooper said. "We should open up Kossick Road, so they do not use Wire Road."

At issue was the fact that Metro Development subcontract hauling companies and that even the hauling companies subcontract individual or small groups of trucks. Poe stated that in the contract with Metro, that dump trucks are supposed to turn north on Wire Road in order to access U.S. Highway 301. Cooper stated that they do not do that.

Closing out the meeting were comments from council members regarding the rapid growth the city is experiencing.

"I remember when it was a sleepy little town," Smith said. "The sleepy-little-town part is over but we want to keep that small-town charm."

Councilman Alan Knight recalled when, "there was one barbershop, one grocery store and two red lights."



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Students given Citizen Honors by Zephyrhills chamber

The students who received Zephyrhills Chamber's Citizen of the Month program honors for January are: The Academy of Spectrum Diversity, Darla Cant; The Broach School, Jaxon Lindsey-De'Ath; Chester W. Taylor Elementary School, Austin Walters; East Pasco Adventist Academy, Richelle Barrieffe; Heritage Academy, Caleb Jackson; Raymond B. Stewart Middle School, Savannah Best; West Zephyrhills Elementary School, Bellamy Miricle; Woodland Elementary School, Audney Lapoint; Zephyrhills Christian Academy, Jocelyn Knowell; and Zephyrhills High School, Woodson Stuckey.

WZES Kiwanis Super Kids



West Zephyrhills Elementary School Kiwanis Super Kids for the month of January are: Faye Angelini Otero, Lucas Berfield, Aaralyn Stromberg, Savannah Wereski, Faith Krouse and Jasmine Herrejon.

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Veteran's home filled with furniture by the Zephyrhills Elks Lodge



Mike Kelley, Tampa Crossroads Veterans case worker; John Jackson, veteran; Ken Fabiani, past exalted ruler and veterans committee chairperson; Tom Pete, Elk member; and Shirley and Richard LeClair, Elk members shown outside of the veterans home.

The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge on Jan. 16 was able to furnish the home of John Jackson, one of the many veterans moving out on their own to start a new life.

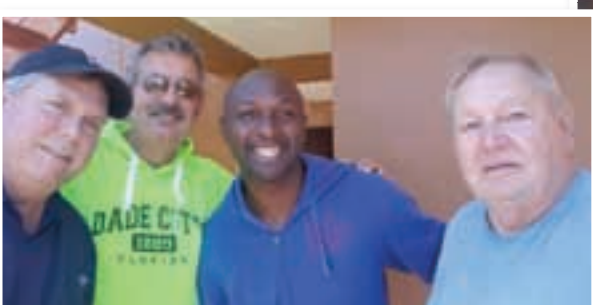
The veteran received a microwave, television, antenna, dining room table with four

chairs, dresser, lamps, coffee maker, pots, pans, dishes, cups, glasses, flatware, bath towels, kitchen towels, shower rod, shower curtain, sofa bed, recliner and everything necessary to fill his new home.

Elks help more veterans

Right: Veterans received quilts at Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home on Jan. 24. The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge presented 45 quilts to the veterans at Baldomero Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home. Pictured are: Dee Mauro, Elks Lodge Member; Joanna Snee, activities director of Baldomero Lopez; and Ken Fabiani past exalted ruler and veterans committee chairperson.

Below: The Elks Lodge of Zephyrhills was able to furnish the home of Joseph Booker, one of the many veterans moving out on their own to start a new life. Booker moved in with the help from Steve Czerneski, lodge member; Bryan Fox, volunteer; and Ken Fabiani, lodge chairperson for veterans.



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Above: Damien Pickett, the league's director, coached the Cry-X Therapy team to a decisive 45-25 win over Alterius Career College in the Division III championship game.



Right: Tim Darius, of Pin Chasers, dribbles the ball around the right side past a group of defenders in the Division II title game.



Left: Young basketball players for Pin Chasers and AdventHealth Zephyrhills battle for possession of a loose ball during their championship game at the East Pasco YMCA on Saturday.

STEVE LEE



Above and below: Sportsmanship is an important component of all Zephyrhills Athletic League programs, which was clearly evident as players lined up for traditional handshakes following their championship games.



ZAL HOOPS: From Page 1A

with Pasco, John Long, Weightman and Cypress at the middle school level.

"We don't have any boundaries when we sign these kids up," league director Damien Pickett said. "It's good to see them play here and they go on to play at different middle schools."

Kenny Roberts, who coaches Pin Chasers in Division II, knows a thing or two about representing two communities. A 2003 Wesley Chapel graduate who starred in football, basketball and track, he grew up playing youth sports in Dade City before transferring with several other of his former Dade City teammates to that central Pasco-based high school back in the day.

"Hopefully, we can create an Amateur Athletic Union team in Wesley Chapel with kids from Zephyrhills and Dade City," Roberts said. "It's a blessing to have kids come from all around and work together."

An AAU team based in Wesley Chapel and including basketball players from central and east Pasco actually existed in the early part of the 2000s. Eventually, however, that team, run by former Wesley Chapel High and Zephyrhills High basketball coach Conrad Foss, eventually disbanded after a handful of seasons.

Currently, some travel basketball teams exist for male and female players in central Pasco and northern Hillsborough counties, but there are no area recreational programs for that sport. Aside from that, former Zephyrhills High boys basketball coach Michael Smith, a sergeant who oversees that school's JROTC program, has organized a travel boys basketball team of east Pasco players for the past two summers.

Valerie Vann, ZAL's assistant director who has done a lot with the football and cheerleading program, pushed the concept of basketball and eventually Pickett and the board approved the sport. The catch was allowing Pickett to form a track and field program as well.

"This is the thing she wanted," Pickett, a former standout athlete at Zephyrhills, said of Vann's preference for a recreational basketball program. "She wanted basketball and I wanted track. We both got what we wanted."

As for the championship games, Roberts coached Pin Chasers in a 16-11 loss to AdventHealth Zephyrhills in the Division II title game.

In the older age group, Cry-X Therapy handily defeated Alterius Career College 45-25 for the championship. Kingston McCullough and Joseph Stosh paced the winning team's offense while the opponents were led by Jakobe Campbell, who made a half-court shot at the buzzer that ended the first half.

Since there were only two teams in the 5-7 age group, league organizers decided that regardless of the outcome both teams would be acknowledged as winners. Those squads were sponsored by the ZAL and City of Zephyrhills.



Left: Coach Kenny Roberts talks to the Pin Chasers players during a timeout in a game against AdventHealth Zephyrhills.

