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Community Calendar

Paulie Palooza Festival
This year's Paulie Palooza Music Festival switches venues and takes place on Saturday, Feb. 23, in downtown Zephyrhills. As always, proceeds are earmarked for Gulfside Hospice.

Civil War Reenactments
This weekend, the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village hosts Civil War Reenactments. It is a two-day event.

➤ 2A



Weather

Although we will fall a bit shy of 90 degrees in the coming days, it will feel unseasonably warmer for this time of year. Rain is in the forecast early next week and evening temperatures will cool off nicely.

➤ 3A

Sports

Zephyrhills boys basketball team is playoff-bound again
For the fifth straight year and sixth time in the past seven seasons, the Zephyrhills High boys basketball team qualified for the playoffs.

Pasco Sheriff's Shotgun Shootout
Tampa Bay Sporting Clays hosted the Pasco Sheriff's Shotgun Shootout, an annual fundraiser that benefits local charities.

Bulldogs have high hopes in boys tennis
The boys tennis team from Zephyrhills is off to a 3-0 start and is a legitimate contender for a district championship.

➤ 1B

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Pasco County Fair kicks off with downtown parade



Pageant contestants on the Pasco County Fair float wave to the crowd during Monday's parade in downtown Dade City. **STEVE LEE**

This year's theme at Pasco County Fairgrounds is "Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels"

By **STEVE LEE**
News Reporter

The 2019 Pasco County Fair kicked off with Monday's traditional parade in downtown Dade City. "To me, this is what starts the fair. This is where the enthusiasm starts," said Jeanie Germain, chairperson for this year's parade.

Afterward, many people flocked to the Pasco

County Fairgrounds up by the high school for the first day of the week-long festivities and shows that conclude this Sunday.

"We come down here for the fair," said Mitch Pendlum, a visitor from Indiana. "I love this little town."

Headed up to the fair after the parade were three local students — Trisha Cutting, a 2016 Pasco High graduate who attends Pasco-Hernando State College, her sister Lexi Cutting, a Centennial Middle student, and Weston Waters, a 2013 Wiregrass Ranch High graduate who attended Pasco-Hernando State College.

"Ever since we were little," is how long Trisha

➤ **PASCO FAIR:** See Page 9A

Road project update for East Pasco County

Two major road projects are underway in East Pasco County, here's an update on where they're at

By **ANDY WARRENER**
News Reporter

If you travel through Wesley Chapel on your way into Zephyrhills or vice-versa, undoubtedly, you've seen some of the road improvement projects that are underway. We'll examine two of them, the widening of SR 54 and the SR 56 extension.

SR 54 widening from east of Curley Road to east of Morris Bridge Road

This is a Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) project that began back in November of 2017. FDOT contracted D.A.B. Constructors, Inc. to tackle the 4.5-mile, \$42.5 million-dollar project. It addresses two major traffic snarls for eastbound traffic. As traffic thins from three lanes down to just one lane, east of Curley Road, it creates exasperating delays.

Then there's always the smart aleck that tries to swing out ahead of all the merging traffic. That jam then leads directly into the intersection of SR 54 and Meadow Pointe Boulevard. An unlucky driver can sit through half a dozen light changes on a bad day.

It's a massive project and isn't slated for completion until Summer of 2021. When completed, the project will widen the existing two-lane road to a four-lane road with medians. A sidewalk will be put in on the north side of the road and a 10-foot wide multi-use trail will be installed on the south side.

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Zephyrhills JROTC has flag retirement ceremony

High school students in program also clean headstones as part of Project Patriotism

By **STEVE LEE**
News Reporter

The Zephyrhills High JROTC continued a tradition last Saturday with a flag retirement ceremony for American flags in disrepair. The group of students, however, added another touch for this year by following up that tradition with the cleaning of veteran's headstones throughout Oaks Cemetery off 1st Street.

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One-by-one Zephyrhills JROTC cadets take turns burning American flags that are faded or in disrepair. **STEVE LEE**

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CLUB NEWS

Zephyrhills Garden Gate Garden Club

The garden club meeting is Feb. 21, 10 a.m. at the Magnuson Hotel, 5734 Gall Blvd. The public is invited to hear a speaker discuss, Secrets of Great Gardens. Refreshments will be served. For information, call (813) 782-8004 or (813) 782-3798.

East Pasco Networking Group

The networking group meeting is Feb. 26, 7 a.m. at IHOP, 13100 U.S. Hwy. 301 in Dade City. Networking is one of the best methods to make your business grow. The keynote speaker will be Todd Vande Berg, Zephyrhills City Planner. For more information, call (813) 782-9491.

Woman's Club of Zephyrhills

The woman's club meeting is March 1, 12 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 38545 5th Ave. The speaker will be Eden Santiago-Gomez, and the topic will be community gardening. The woman's club has more than 100-year history of serving the community. All women aged 18 and older are welcome. Lunch will be served. Come and see what the club is all about. For more information, call Gina at (813) 404-5789.

Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

The plant society meeting is March 12, 7 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. The subject will be "Keeping the Buzz in Your Pollinator Garden," presented by Chris Parisi. Parisi has been growing milkweeds and seed collecting for 10 years and is the owner of a small nursery that grows milkweeds for gardens and seed production. Meetings of the chapter are free, and all interested parties are invited to attend, to bring questions about their yard, and participate in light refreshments and the native plant drawing. For more information, call (727) 207-1853.

Zephyrhills Toastmasters

The toastmasters are holding an open house March 12 at the Microtel Inn and Suites located at 7839 Gall Blvd. Zephyrhills Toastmasters is your pathway to success in developing your public speaking and leadership skills. Food will be provided at the open house. For more information, call Zain Nensey at (813) 951-3248 or via email at znensey@nenseytax.com.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Bay Area Renaissance Festival, through March 31, 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 bayarearennfest.com.



Pasco County Fair, through Feb. 24 at the Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36722 S.R. 52 in Dade City. This year's theme is Thrills! Squeals! And Ferris Wheels! 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.

Annual Planes, Trains & Automobiles event is Feb. 23, 10 a.m. at the Plant City Airport, 4007 Airport Rd. It's a chance to see real airplanes, remote control planes, helicopters and model trains in operation and on exhibit. As part of the EAA Young Eagles Program, kids ages 8-17 will be able to take free airplane flights (registration closes at 1 p.m.). Boys Scouts will have an opportunity to earn their aviation and railroad badges. There are activities for the entire family including food and merchandise vendors, K-9 demonstrations, live entertainment, and a children's play area. Admission is free with parking for \$5. For more information, call (813) 754-3707 or visit www.plantcity.org.



Hittin' the Road for Hospice, Feb. 23, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Starting at Harley-Davidson of New Port Richey, and ending at the Fraternal Order of Eagles 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.

Paulie Palooza Music Festival, Feb. 23, 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.

Living History and Civil War Reenactments, Feb. 23-24, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village, 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd. in Dade City. Skirmishes will emerge from the village and battles will take place at 2 p.m. both days. The public is invited to tour the authentic confederate and union camps with reenactors in character. Get a glimpse of how they lived and what it was like during the Civil War traditional period. Admission is \$10 for adults, students \$5 and under 5 are free. For more information, call (352) 567-0262.



Florida Strawberry Festival, Feb. 28-March 10, at the festival grounds in Plant City. Publix will offer discount advance admission tickets. Visit www.fl-strawberryfestival.com for all the free entertainment, midway-ride specials, discounted days and so much more.

109th Founder's Day Celebration and Parade, March 9, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with the Parade beginning at 10 a.m. There will be live entertainment, vendors and so much more set up along Fifth Avenue in downtown Zephyrhills. This year's theme will be Planes, Trains and Automobiles. For more information, call (813) 780-1414.

Spotlight on Talent Competition, March 9 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.

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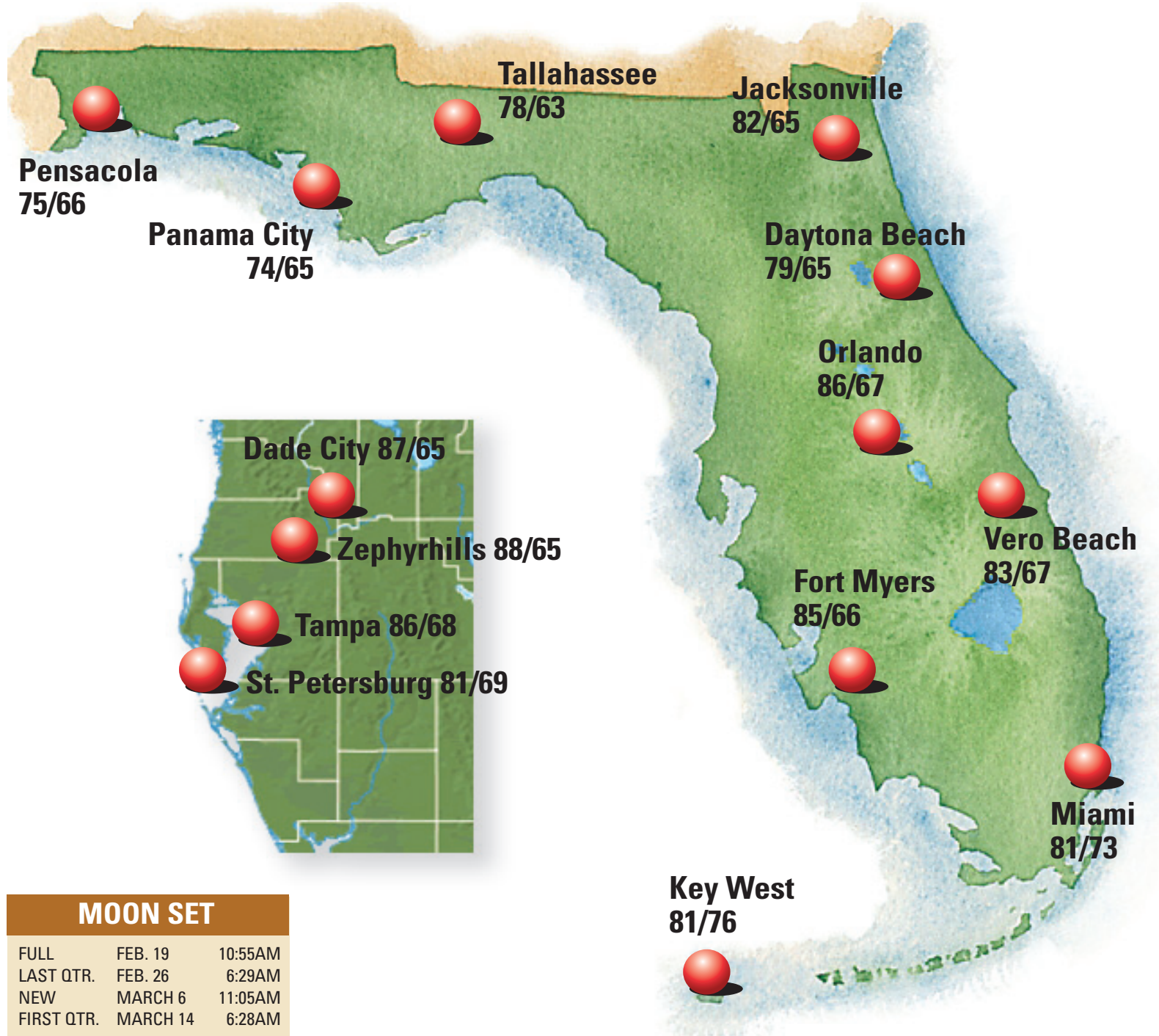
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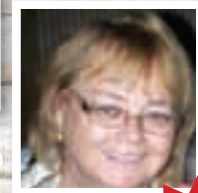
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Left: The Zephyrhills JROTC Color Guard stands at attention with other cadets during the national anthem before the flag retirement ceremony.



Above: JROTC cadet Austin Richardson takes an American flag to be retired and sets it inside a metal drum to be burned during last Saturday's ceremony at Oaks Cemetery in Zephyrhills.

Left: Following the flag retirement ceremony, cadets walked through the Oaks Cemetery to clean headstones as part of Project Patriotism.

PROJECT PATRIOTISM: From Page 1A

The cemetery, located off 1st Street, is maintained by the city and has been in existence since 1911. The local JROTC has conducted the flag retirement ceremony there for the past four years as part of Project Patriotism.

"I think it's great," said Chris Worley, a booster parent whose son Shawn, a 2009 Zephyrhills graduate, was in the JROTC program. "I would like to think that it reminds them of the traditions and the ceremonies we seem to lose track of."

Added Sgt. Jimmy McAuley, who oversees the school's program, "It's moments like this when you see a lot of young people out here; it doesn't get any better than this. This is Americana right here. That's what service is all about, the community."

About 40 cadets took part in Saturday's meaningful ceremony. One-by-one they reached into a plastic tub to pull out folded United States flags in disrepair and place them in metal drums to be burned.

Among the first members to burn a flag with battalion commander Josie Wedge was cadet major Kyle Hulbert, a senior who was the master of ceremonies last year.

"It's different levels of pride and honor; a sobering experience," he said.

Cadet Carmelo Mendoza, who helped organize the ceremony, echoed that sentiment: "This means a lot to me. Putting this all together, it showed me a lot. I'm honestly very grateful for all the people who showed up."

In addition to the cadets, parents and friends, others to show up were councilmen Ken Burgess and Lance Smith, city clerk Lori Hillman and mayor Gene Whitfield.

Afterward, Whitfield praised Wedge for her service and organizational abilities, saying, "She has tremendous leadership skills. She's just an example of all the others out here."

Three female cadets who sang the national anthem were just as proud to be part of the ceremony.

"I feel proud, because I never thought I would be doing this for something so important," Emily Quintana said.

"I've been singing this for a few years now, so I don't get nervous," Angelina DiGioia said. "With the JROTC we definitely take more pride at having the national anthem sung at different occasions."



Above: About 40 JROTC cadets from Zephyrhills High lined up before Saturday's flag retirement ceremony at Oaks Cemetery.

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There will be an indoor yard sale Feb. 22, 8 a.m.-3 p.m. and Feb. 23, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. All proceeds will benefit the outreach programs.

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 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.

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.BibleTruthForToday.com or call (352) 567-3955.

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.

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.

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.

The 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.

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 mid-week 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.

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 or call (813) 783-8300.

OBITUARIES

William J. DeLotte

DELOTTE, William J., 82, of Dade City, passed away Feb. 3, 2019. He was born Nov. 5, 1936 in Shamrock to William J. Sr. and Mary Evelyn (Linton) DeLotte. He is survived by his wife, Rita DeLotte of Dade City; son, Christopher J. DeLotte of Sanford; daughters, Penelope McClain of Lakeland and Marsha Sauer of Zephyrhills; two grandchildren; sisters, Dorothy Brown of Gainesville, Wilene Fetow of Archer, Carolyn Dianne Cook of Gainesville and Marilyn Kaye DeLotte of Rutherford, N.C. A memorial service will be Feb. 27, 2 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell.

hanger of drywall. Johnny was also a great saltwater fisherman. He never came home without a mess of sheepshead, but he would never eat fish. Johnny is survived by his wife, Joyce (Hill) Rich; three children, Angela (Rich) Foltz and her husband, Brian Foltz of Zephyrhills, Chasity (Rich) Barton and her husband Billy Barton of Abbeville, Ala.; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; his brothers, Dale Rich and his wife, Gail Rich of Zephyrhills, Gary Rich and his wife Lind Rich of Paris, Tenn., Gaylan Rich and his wife, Trisha Rich of Paris, Tenn., Timmie Rich and his wife, Shirley Rich of Dixon, Tenn. and Shane Rich and his wife Barbara Rich of Ridge Manor; his sisters, Donna (Rich) Peterson and her husband, Charlie Peterson of Zephyrhills, Pamela (Rich) Bailey and her husband, Douglas Bailey of Lacoochee, Annalise (Rich) Covington and her husband, Richard Covington of Chesnee, S.C. and Teresa (Rich) Bowman and her husband Lannie "Bo" of Crystal Springs; and many aunts, uncles, cousins nieces and nephews that he loved very much. Services were Feb. 14 at the First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs. Interment followed at Crystal Springs Cemetery.



Johnny Anthony Rich

RICH, Johnny Anthony, 63, was born March 24, 1955, has gone to be with his Lord on Feb. 10, 2019 and was laid to rest, Feb. 14, 2019. He and his brothers had their own business, Economy Drywall in the 1980s and he was a great



Obituaries are available in The Zephyrhills News. Information is due Monday before noon in order to appear in the same week's publication. For pricing call the office at (813) 782-1558.

West Pasco Audubon welcomes Wild Raptors

On March 2, at 11 a.m. West Pasco Audubon is pleased to welcome Barbara Walker and Clearwater Audubon Society's Wild Raptor Sanctuary team who will present Wild Raptors. In addition to bringing a selection of wild birds for you to meet, the team will discuss the adaptations, habitats, and conservation status of Florida's wild raptors.

This is a free event, and all are welcome. West Pasco



Audubon meets at the J. B. Starkey Wilderness Park Education Center, 10500 Wilderness Rd. in New Port Richey. Also there is a morning nature walk at the J. B. Starkey Wilderness Park at 8 a.m. beginning at the J.B. Starkey Environmental Education Center parking lot in J. B. Starkey Wilderness Park. This is a 1-4 mile walk and is free.

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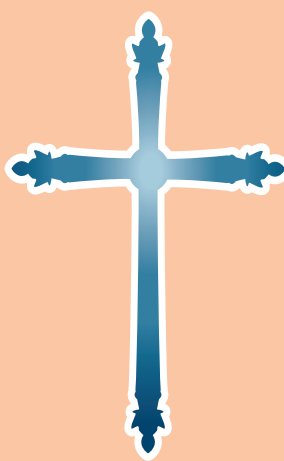
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<p>EAST PASCO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 7333 Dairy Rd. (813) 782-2000 Ray Pichette, Lead Pastor Ricardo Barriffe, Associate Pastor Saturday Bible Study.....9:30 a.m. Worship Service.....10:45 a.m. Thursday ALNON.....7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study.....7 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. www.eastpascoadventist.com</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 5510 19th St. (813) 782-7412 Pastor Denise Lay 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. www.firstpcz.org</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH 6950 Forbes Rd. (813) 783-8300 Pastor David Toulson 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.</p>	<p>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 am. Evening prayer.....6 p.m. Saturday Morning Prayer.....5 a.m. www.thechurchatanceyroad.com</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>ATONEMENT LUTHERAN CHURCH 29617 S.R. 54 (813) 973-2211 Pastor Scott Lindner Saturday Godify Worship Service.....5 p.m. Sunday Rise and Shine Service.....8:30 a.m. Worship Service with Communion.....10 a.m. discoversal.com</p>	<p>ZEPHYRHILLS WESLEYAN CHURCH 38924 C Ave. (813) 782-7510 Pastor Dennis Harneson Youth Pastor Shannon McGrady Sunday Traditional Service.....9 a.m. 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</p>	<p>DADE CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH 11800 Windsorwood Blvd. (352) 518-0072 Minister Keith Smith Associate Minister Kyle Morrissey Sundays Sunday School.....10:10 a.m. Worship.....9 and 11 a.m. Wednesdays Worship.....6:30 p.m. www.dadecitycc.net</p>	<p>BIBLE MISSIONARY CHURCH 5521 23rd St. (813) 782-8772 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.</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST 38635 5th Ave. (813) 782-5645 Pastor Jim Thomas Traditional Worship... 8 and 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Youth.....5 p.m. Wednesday Children.....6 p.m. Nursery provided www.funmzills.com</p>		



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SALOME'S STARS ★★★★★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your efforts in behalf of a colleague do not go unnoticed, let alone unappreciated. Meanwhile, arrange to spend more time investigating that troubling fact you recently uncovered.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Devoting a lot of time to a current career move means having less time for those in your private life. But once you explain the circumstances, they should understand and be supportive.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Organizing your many duties in order of importance should help you get through them pretty quickly. Additional information puts that still-to-be-made decision in a new light.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Lingering bad feelings over a recent misunderstanding should fade as reconciliation efforts continue. Meanwhile, vacation plans might need to be revised because of new developments.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Love dominates the Lion's heart this week, with Cupid shooting arrows at single Leos and Leonas looking for romance. Partnered pairs also enjoy strengthened relationships.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) "Getting to Know You" should be the single Virgo's theme song as you and that special person discover more about one another. That workplace situation needs looking into.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might be upset at having your objectivity questioned in the handling of a dispute. But it would be wise to re-examine your feelings to make sure you're being fair with both sides.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A family dispute creates mixed feelings about how you hope it will be ultimately resolved. Best advice: Stay out of it and let the involved parties work it through by themselves.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Making an effort to smooth over even the smallest obstacles now will go a long way to assuring that things run smoothly once you're set to move on with your plans.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A challenge to your authority can be upsetting, but your longtime supporters want you to defend your position so you can win over even your most adamant detractors.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Being unable to get involved in a friend's problem calls for an honest approach. Provide explanations, not excuses. Another friend might be able to offer support for your decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You find yourself swimming in circles, looking for some way to get back on a straight course. But things get easier once you're able to refocus your energies.

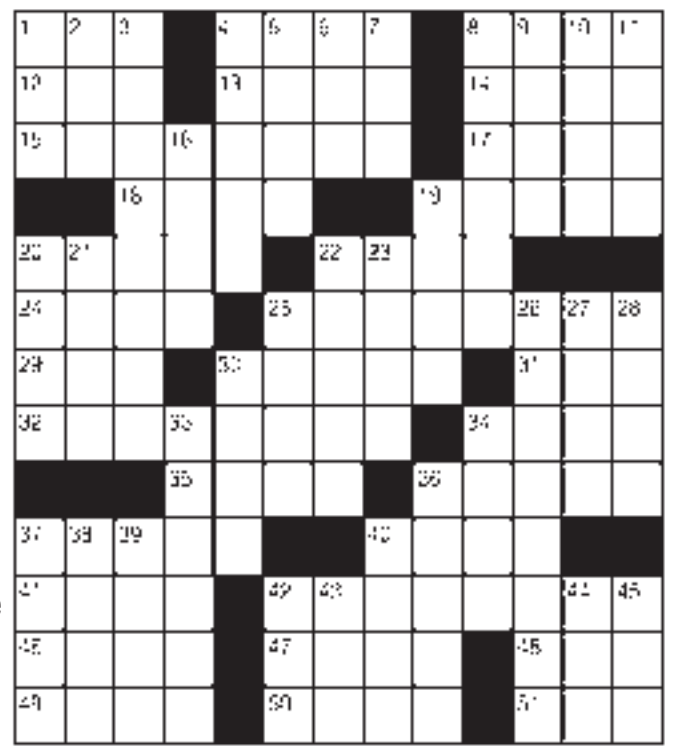
BORN THIS WEEK: You're known for your charm and your wisdom, and there's no one who wouldn't want you to be part of his or her life.

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KING CROSSWORD - FEB. 21

ACROSS

- 1 Beavers' structure
- 4 Second letter
- 8 Wild and crazy
- 12 Indivisible
- 13 Mideast airline
- 14 Sheltered
- 15 Gin, e.g.
- 17 Grad rags?
- 18 First murderer
- 19 Iron
- 20 Suitor
- 22 Paddock parent
- 24 Long-running Broadway musical
- 25 Pheasant or grouse
- 29 Fuss
- 30 Dental filling
- 31 Ultramodern (Pref.)
- 32 Backyard attraction
- 34 Somewhere out there
- 35 Feedbag fodder
- 36 Surprise big-time
- 37 Engine
- 40 Unwanted email
- 41 On in years
- 42 Morning garb
- 46 Entreaty
- 47 "Super-food" berry
- 48 Grecian vessel
- 49 Transmit
- 50 Group of cattle
- 51 Despondent



- 7 Brewery product
- 8 Capital of Croatia
- 9 Shaving cream additive
- 10 Information
- 11 Longings
- 16 Speaker's spot
- 19 Quarry
- 20 Wound cover
- 21 Gully
- 22 Soda shop orders
- 23 Asian nurse
- 25 Summertime pest
- 26 Notorious
- 27 Caboose's place
- 28 Collegian quarters
- 30 Construction piece
- 33 Gizmo
- 34 Winged
- 36 Garden intruder
- 37 3-Down's creations
- 38 Leering look
- 39 Adolescent
- 40 Luminary
- 42 "Humbug!"
- 43 Expert
- 44 Lingerie item
- 45 Conclusion

DOWN

- 1 "What's up, --?"
- 2 Literary collection
- 3 16th-century cartographer
- 4 Start
- 5 Verve
- 6 Highland hat

ANSWERS TO KING CROSSWORDS FEBRUARY 14



HOCUS-FOCUS

Find at least six differences in details between panels.

How many differences can you find between panels?

Weekly SUDOKU
 by Linda Thistle

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Place numbers in the empty boxes so that each row, column, and 3x3 sub-grid contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ◆◆◆
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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the grid.


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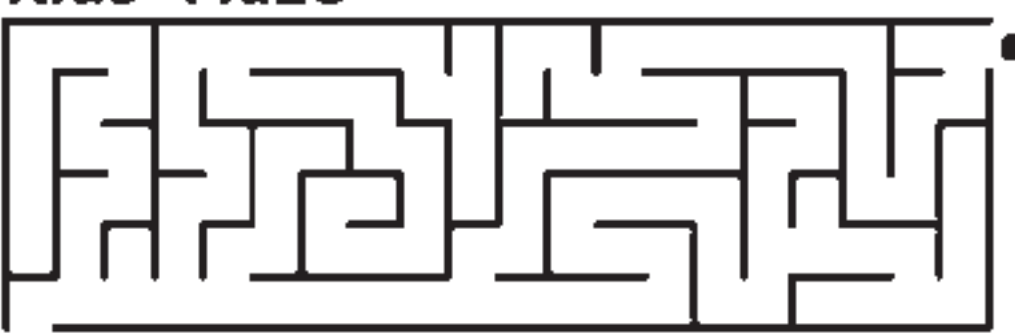
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TODAY'S WORD



"Better get a size larger—don't forget, you haven't had yet!"

Kids' Maze



Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

RIDDLE SEARCH – HISTORY LESSON

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle. **What do history teachers talk about when they meet?**

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ARTICLE	H E R I T A G E C E
DAYBOOK	T E E E V E N T E T
DEED	N L L D P D K T I T
DETAIL	E C M E M O R Y P E
DOCUMENT	M I A J O U R N A L
EVENT	U T P B I F M T P I
FACT	C R Y E A N O T E S
HERITAGE	O A C C O U N T R T
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Riddle answer: _____

Even Exchange

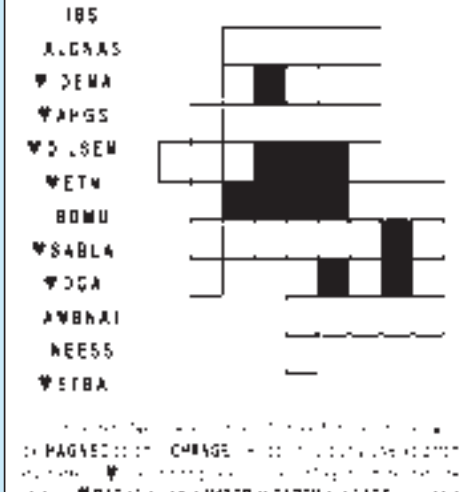
by Donna Pettman

Each number and row contains two, three, and two letter words. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which is already boxed. To examine other even exchanges for a free e-MINISTER for an e-MINISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Like a leaver	C	Place a bet	W
2. Teeth we use	L	Spiral bound	R
3. Be of opinion	A	Mantle and words	T
4. Graceful dance	Z	Wilevar and Disney	S
5. Prince Harry's wife	W	Taylor Brad	A
6. Hair care accessory	R	Colored in the face	L
7. Shrink	G	Tubular part	T
8. Buffalo's short hair	H	Fractal's disaster	K
9. Texas capital	A	Actor Hoffman	D
10. Haphazard	D	Ketchup's demand	S

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Below: An aerial shot of the New River Bridge as part of the SR 56 extension.



Above: Workers install a silt fence during construction of the SR 56 extension.



Above: A west-facing aerial shot of the SR 56 extension at the Meadow Pointe intersection, during early construction.

ROAD PROJECTS: From Page 1A

The widening will continue on to another problematic intersection, that of SR 54 and Eiland/Morris Bridge. Have you been stuck behind traffic turning north onto Eiland while you just want to go straight through? Good news. Now there will be two left turn lanes to allow drivers to go north on Eiland, as well as an independent right turn lane. There will even be two through lanes on SR 54.

D.A.B. Constructors have been around since 1987 and had already completed multiple projects in Pasco County and in 21 other counties across the state. Projects like the Suncoast Parkway and the widening of US 41 in Land O' Lakes are some recent examples.

SR 56 new roadway extension from Meadow Pointe Blvd. to US 301

This project, which broke ground in February 2017, will go even further to alleviating eastbound traffic jams in the evening and westbound ones in the morning. If you drive by it, it looks complete. The current completion estimate is late 2019, according to the FDOT website.

FDOT contracted Cone & Graham for the six-mile, \$59.1-million project. The Tampa-based bridge and road construction company has been working in central Florida for 35 years and has performed 90 percent of their work for FDOT, according to the company website. They worked on several phases of the Suncoast Parkway in Pasco County and have also completed several projects in adjacent Hillsborough County.

The company, which specializes in bridges is also installing a bridge over New River. The extension also crosses the Basset Branch.

"Reinforced concrete pipes (drainage structures) have been built and are being used to convey the water under the roadway," FDOT District 7 PIO Kris Carson said.

When complete, the new four-lane road will provide a much-needed connection between Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel. The same format for the SR 54 extension will be installed on the shoulders. A five-foot sidewalk will be on the north side and 10-foot wide multi-use trail will be on the south side. Seven-foot wide bike lanes will be available in both directions.

Additionally, the traffic signals at both

intersections: SR 56 and Morris Bridge as well as where SR 56 connects with US 301 will be put in.

"The new traffic signal at the intersection of SR 56 and US 301 will be active when the roadway improvements are complete and the new road is open to traffic, which is anticipated for later this coming fall," Carson said.

I-75/SR 56 Diverging Diamond Interchange (DDI):

If you've followed traffic projects in the county, you've no doubt heard about these DDIs. Well, construction has finally begun on Jan. 7 of this year. Unfortunately, it's slated to take approximately three years to complete. The existing diamond interchange will be modified and converted to a DDI.

The idea is to improve safety and mobility at the interchanges by shifting the cross-road traffic to the left side of the roadway. All traffic on SR 54 wanting to access the interstate, will be able to do so without waiting at a left turn signal. Signalized crossovers will occur before the bridge or interchange and make for more efficient signaling and be able to handle higher volumes of traffic. Here's two examples:

If you're travelling eastbound on SR 54, once the DDIs are in, instead of driving all the way up onto the bridge to wait in the left turn lane to go north on I-75, you'll get a signalized crossover prior to the bridge that will put you on the left side of the road and allow unimpeded access to the interstate.

If you're travelling north on I-75 and wanting to take SR 56 west, you'll no longer have

to wait at the light. First, there will be an additional left turn lane. The shared left and right turn lane will be eliminated and there will be two right turn lanes. If you're in that left lane, you won't see a traffic signal until after the interchange, where you'll be moved back to the right side after a crossover light.

If you're looking for more information, you're in luck. The FDOT is holding a public open house on Feb. 26 at the Conference Center at Pasco-Hernando State College, located at 2727 Mansfield Blvd. in Wesley Chapel. The meeting will be from 4-7 p.m. and both of the aforementioned projects will be represented. Also the project at the interchange of SR 56 and I-75 to Cypress Ridge Boulevard will be represented.

The conversion from a standard diamond interchange to a Divergent Diamond Interchange is still ongoing. The latest information on that project and the other two will be presented at this event. FDOT encourages residents unable to attend the meeting to email roadwork@dot.state.fl.us for more information.

Left: A representation of the Divergent Diamond Intersection under construction at I-75 and SR 56.

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Above: The Pasco High Band marches in downtown Dade City.

Left: Paula O'Neil, granddaughter, Jeanie Germain and Greg First pose for a photo before the parade.

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Above: The Pasco Middle Band marches and plays their instruments.

Left: Grand marshal Danny Burgess waves to the crowd.

Below: Habitat for Humanity volunteers march in the parade.



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said she and her sister came to watch the parade. "I love the floats."

Lexi had a one-word answer for what she liked the best: "Candy."

As for Waters, he said, "This is my first one."

The theme for the 72nd annual fair is "Thrills, Squeals and Ferris Wheels" with many of the colorful floats adhering to that slogan. Among the other favorites of people lining the streets were the school marching bands, Egypt Shriner's in their revved up go-karts and tricycles; and traditional clowns to name a few.

Among the crowd were two teachers who came with their children. Pasco County schools were closed on Monday in recognition of Presidents Day. Dade City's Michelle Carter brought her 9-year-old twins Mason and Colton; while Chrissy Brando of New Port Richey brought her daughters Kaylee, 10, and 8-year-old Alyssa.

"I thought it was cool and something to do," said Carter, a Pasco E-school teacher.

While Carter and Brando were first-timers at the parade, San Antonio's Joani Riley, who brought her granddaughter Cheyenne Register and Cheyenne's cousin Luca Noury, has been to several parades.

So too have Ida and Carl Marner, snowbirds from Ohio who winter in Zephyrhills.

"This is the third year we came down for the parade and the fair," Ida said. "We've been

to the parades in Zephyrhills too. We love the small-town atmosphere."

Added Carl, "We'll head over to the fair tomorrow. It's so nice down here this time of year."

One of the parade's prime attractions was a yellow Camaro that literally was reconfigured into a transformer and extended higher than the street lights.

"Whoa," exclaimed 16-year-old Miquel Andujar, of Land O' Lakes. "I'd like to have one of those."

There were plenty of pageant contestants and politicians walking or riding in the parade as well. Count Danny Burgess, once the youngest city councilman in Zephyrhills who now is the executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs after serving three terms as a state representative in District 38, among those politicians.

"We were very proud to have Danny Burgess as our grand marshal," said Tracy Thompson, the fair's chairman and director. "He was very personable with the crowd."

Although there were no numbers available from organizers regarding those who watched the parade, Thompson spoke glowingly of the turnout, not doubt beefed up due to a nice afternoon of nearly 80-degree weather.

"We were very happy with the crowd that was there. It was well-attended," Thompson said. "We want to say a special thanks to Jeanie Germain and her crew, and all their hard work."



Above: As usual, the Egypt Shriner's had several floats, go-karts and motorized tricycles in the parade.

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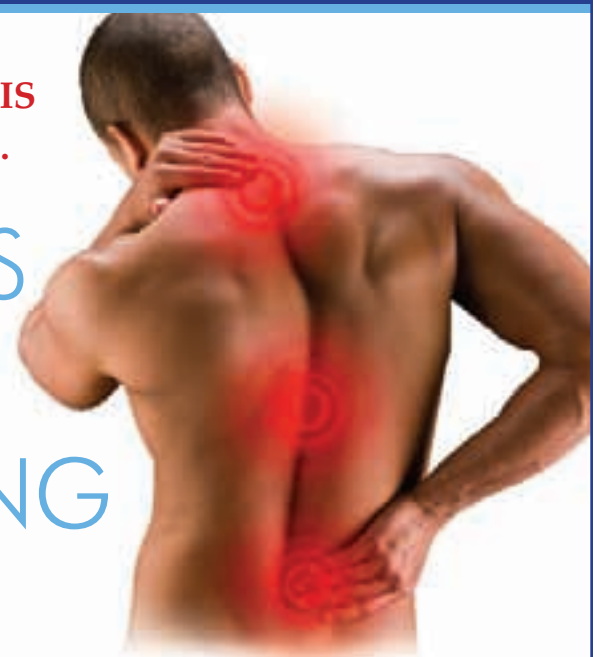
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