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The Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City hosts a Jelly Bean Fling on Saturday with Easter baskets for children under 13.

Tunes in Bloom at Saint Leo
Saint Leo University Black Box Theatre hosts Tunes in Bloom with two performances on April 9. Admission is free.

Book Bazaar at Hugh Embry Library in Dade City
Friends of the Hugh Embry Library host a book bazaar on April 12-13. There is a diverse selection.

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Weather

A mix of sunny and rainy days lie in store for the next several days. Thunderstorms, however, will mostly be in the evenings, except for next Tuesday morning. The chilly weather is pretty much behind us now.

► 3A

Sports

Wildcat softball ace stymies Bulldogs

Jordan Almasy, a Wesley Chapel junior committed to the University of Central Florida, pitched a one-hitter in a 10-0 win over Zephyrhills.

Zephyrhills weightlifters are regional runners-up

After repeating as district champions the Bulldogs are regional runners-up for a second straight year. They also won a conference championship this season.

Coyotes, Pirates compete in middle school track

Cypress Creek and Pasco kick off the middle school track season.

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What's new in Zephyrhills? Actually, a whole lot



Starbucks, at Gall Boulevard and Daughtery Road, is among the city's new businesses with more to come.

STEVE LEE

Restaurants, retail and new communities are springing up in thriving East Pasco city

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

Sure, Zephyrhills has long been a haven for retirees from up north, what with thousands of snowbirds adding to the hustle and bustle of this thriving city. Its small-town charm with a quaint little downtown as well as parades and festivals are cherished by year-round and seasonal residents alike.

Of late, however, there is so much more with demographics changing the landscape. And while the city and outlying areas are growing, Zephyrhills is a long ways away from being anything like the explosive communities in neighboring Wesley Chapel and New Tampa.

Aside from a new city hall and city library in recent years, as well as a renovation to a downtown fire station, much has been accomplished and there is more to come.

"It's been a long time coming," Melonie Monson, executive director of the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, said of a recent growth spurt in this East Pasco city. "It's just amazing how fast it's growing

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Pioneer Florida Museum & Village takes namesake and mission to heart

The Pioneer Florida Museum in Dade City prides itself on preserving Florida's history

BY ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

If you live in the Dade City or Zephyrhills area no doubt you've visited the Pioneer Florida Museum, which hosts Civil War reenactments, horse pulls, quilt shows, rummage sales and seasonally-themed events. You've also likely been to some of the historical buildings there.

The museum does a fine job posting relevant information on the buildings, but if you want to dig really deep into their history you're in for a treat. *The Zephyrhills News* walked the grounds with museum board of trustees member Wayne Sweat to get a detailed account of each building's history.

Lacoochee School House:

The first building you see exiting the museum onto the grounds is the Lacoochee School House, part of a two-building school built in 1926. A photograph of the two adjacent buildings at their original location can be viewed inside. Lacoochee was a sawmill town, seven miles north of Dade City. Not coincidentally, the schoolhouses were built of Heart Pine and Cypress. Some of the Cypress used to make the floor boards was from 600-year-old trees. Old growth timber is a thing of the past now. Modern pine trees are harvested at just 35 years old.

The building on the museum grounds was one of the original schoolhouses, moved to the museum in 1976, rescued from demolition. Since then, the schoolhouse has been dressed with dozens of furnishings, many from the particular era that may have been in the original structure. The wood-burning stove would have been part of the original

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Ukulele classes draw young and old alike

New River Branch Library hosts classes as well as ukulele jam sessions

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

The room to the left of the entrance of the New River Branch Library was packed with aspiring musicians on Tuesday morning. Inside could be heard the repeated strumming of ukuleles, part of a three-week ongoing session at the library off State Road 54 in Wesley Chapel.

"This is an amazing group. It's huge," said branch manager Danielle Lee, alluding to a crowd of more than 30 people that

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Library manager Danielle Lee (left) and class instructor Gail Reynolds strum chords together.

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CLUB NEWS

East Pasco Networking Group

The networking group meeting is April 9, 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 Gary Joiner, Pasco County Property Appraiser. For more information, call (813) 782-9491.

The Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

The plant society meeting is April 9, 7 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. Restoring Our Springs: What Will It Take? Will be presented by Eugene Kelly. Many of Florida's world famous springs have been degraded by reductions in flow and dramatic declines in water quality. Restoration of the springs is regularly cited as a priority and large sums have been expended. But restoration can mean different things for different spring systems. Kelly is a conservation biologist with more than 30 years of experience in Florida, including work with the Southwest Florida Water Management District, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and The Nature Conservancy. 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 Garden Gate Garden Club

The garden club meeting is April 18, 10 a.m. at the Magnuson Hotel, 5734 Gall Blvd. This is the annual decorate your own floral Easter bonnet and tea. Anyone who would like to enjoy some garden fun may join them. For information, call (813) 782-8004 or (813) 782-3798.

David K. Lynch graduates from basic training

United States Air Force Airman 1st Class David K. Lynch graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. The airman completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Lynch is the son of Kelly D. Lynch of Zephyrhills. He is a 2017 graduate of Zephyrhills High School.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR



Jelly Bean Fling, April 6, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd. in Dade City. There will be face painting, a petting zoo, bounce house and slide, Touch-A-Truck, train rides and so much more at the Pioneer Florida Museum. Children under 13 will be provided an Easter basket (while supplies last). The Easter egg hunts will be all day long and will be replenished throughout the day. Join Mr. Tommy for an Easter parade with your bonnet. Prizes will be presented to the top three best bonnets. Admission is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, call (352) 567-0262.

Dade City Cruise-In, April 6, 12-7 p.m. Come and enjoy the old cars lined up around the historic courthouse in downtown Dade City. There will be music by Starvin Darwin. For more information, call (352) 437-3059.

Spring into Gardening Series, April 8, 2-3:30 p.m. at the UF/IFAS Pasco Extension One Stop Shop, 15029 14th St. in Dade City. This free UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension teaches you about various vegetable garden and composting theme topics. Classes will take place the second Monday of each month, through May 2019. Register for this series at Eventbrite. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

Tunes in Bloom, April 9, 4 and 7 p.m. performances located at the Saint Leo University Black Box Theatre, 33701 S.R. 52 in St. Leo. Admission is free. For more information about seating or accommodations, contact Jennifer Orendorf at (352) 588-8401 or by email at jennifer.orendorf@saint-leo.edu.



Stringbreak Music Fest, April 11-14 at Sertoma Ranch, 85 Myers Rd. in Brooksville. Live music includes Americana, Bluegrass, Jamgrass, Celtic, Newgrass, Zydeco and more. There are campsites available. For more information, call (352) 754-3082.

Friends of the Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar, April 12-13, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. This book bazaar features a diverse selection of slightly used books, audio and videotapes, magazines and related materials. Many are available for less than \$3. Hugh Embry Library is located at 14215 4th St. in Dade City. For more information, call (352) 567-7449.

Container Gardening, April 13, 10-11 a.m. at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 8th St. Come to this free UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension seminar to learn the "how-to's" of planting flowers, foliage and herbs in containers, and then watch them flourish. Registration is recommended. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

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FRIDAYS	RED Shirt Friday Euchre Fish Fry 4/5, 4/26 Karaoke with Billy Cole 4/12 April Red 4/19 Kris Pierce	Noon 4-7pm 7-10pm 7-11pm 7-11pm	MONDAYS	Hank, the Piano Man Philly Cheesesteak Trivia	2pm 4-7pm 4-7pm 7:30pm-8:30pm
SATURDAYS	Aerie Dual Bingo 4/6 Coin Show with J.T. & Jen 4/13 Perry Murphee 4/20 J.T. & Jen 4/27 Open Juke Box	1pm 8am 7-10pm 7-10pm 7-10pm	TUESDAYS	Open Juke Box 4/9 All Members Join Meeting 4/16 Aerie Meeting & Initiation	7-10pm 7pm 7pm
			WEDNESDAYS	Auxiliary Bar Bingo Wing Wednesday 4/10 Eagle Riders Meeting with Double Shot Band 4/17 Auxiliary Meeting & Initiation with High Noon / Big Bobby 4/24 Eagle Riders Meeting with Karl Sapp	1pm 5-7pm 7pm 7-10pm 7pm 7-10pm

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SUNSET: 7:48pm MOONSET: 8:16pm

SATURDAY
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PM Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:14am MOONRISE: 8:14am
SUNSET: 7:49pm MOONSET: 9:11pm

SUNDAY
88|66



PM Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:13am MOONRISE: 8:50am
SUNSET: 7:49pm MOONSET: 10:08pm

MONDAY
85|66



PM Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:12am MOONRISE: 9:28am
SUNSET: 7:50pm MOONSET: 11:06pm

TUESDAY
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AM Thunderstorms
SUNRISE: 7:11am MOONRISE: 10:11am
SUNSET: 7:50pm MOONSET: NONE

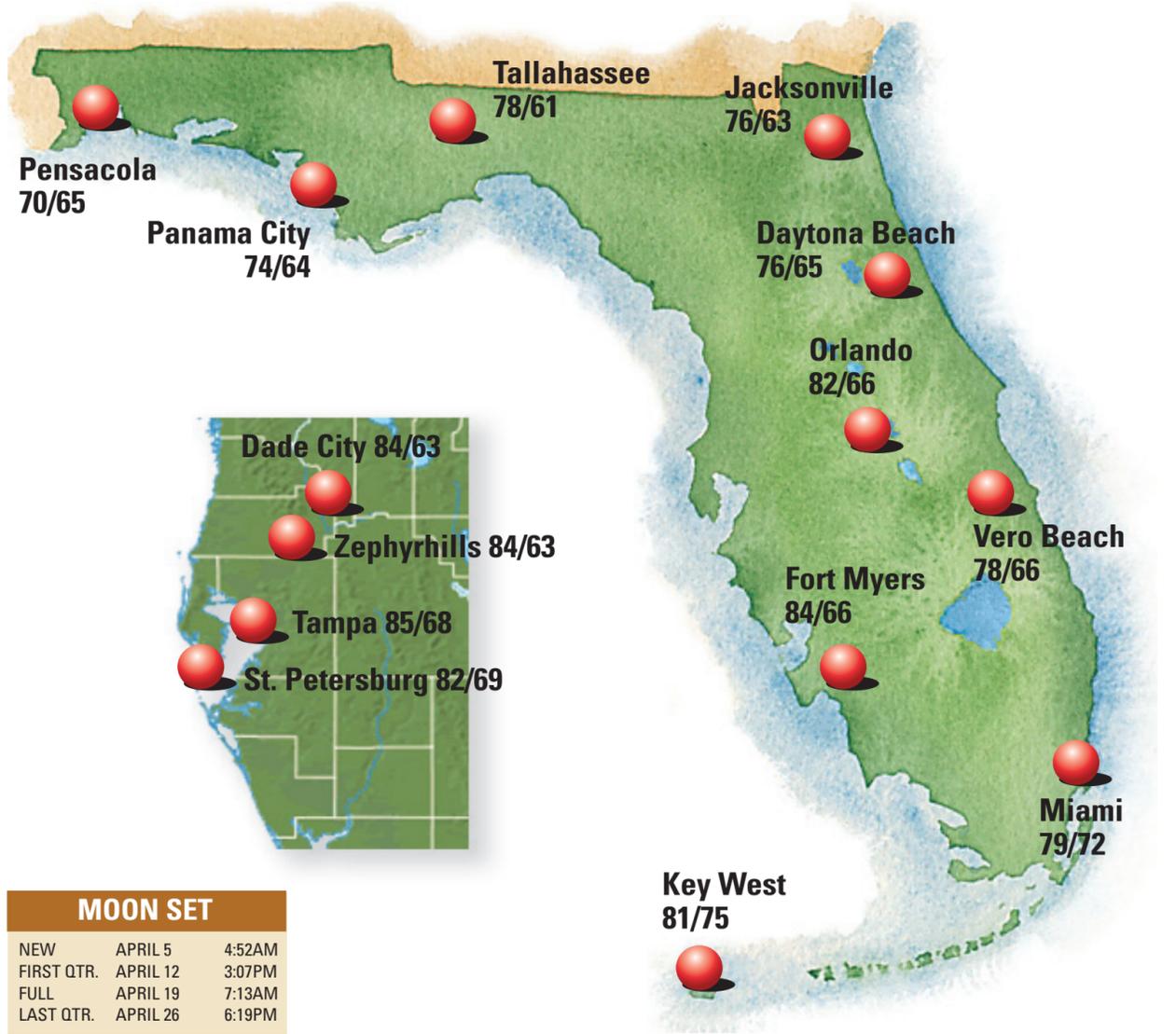
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Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:10am MOONRISE: 10:59am
SUNSET: 7:51pm MOONSET: 12:06am

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EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

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Right: The Overstreet House is possibly the oldest wooden structure in Pasco County.

ANDY WARRENER



Above: The second of the main rooms on the first floor of the Overstreet House, this one decorated as a family room.



Left: The interior of the one-room Lacoochee School House complete with desks and ink wells from the time period.

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structure and the desks with ink wells are specific to the time period. "We still get people in here that went to this school," Sweat said.

Enterprise Methodist Church:

Making a counter-clockwise loop around the museum grounds, the next historical building you'll encounter is the Enterprise Church.

The Enterprise Community was first settled in the late 1800s and was located about three miles southeast of Dade City, between Dade City. It is local lore that many of the community's first settlers arrived in Conestoga wagons.

The community didn't have a church building until 1878. They had what were called Brush Arbor Services, mostly outdoors but sometimes in peoples' homes.

A traveling preacher called a "circuit rider" would conduct worship services. After the structure was built, the congregation hired Reverend W.H. Parker at a salary of \$100 per year, plus the use of horses to travel and visit.

The original structure was built with Cypress and Pine, but burned to the ground in 1904. The current building was constructed in 1905 at a cost of \$500 and the original floor, walls, ceiling, pews, pulpit and heating stove were brought over to the museum in 1977.

The building had been unoccupied for 50 years prior. A list of some of the original members of the church is displayed inside. Many families still live in the area. One can almost hear the Sacred Harp and Shape Note Singing of the era.

Overstreet House:

Very much the crown jewel of the museum, the Overstreet House is the oldest building on the museum grounds.

"It could be the oldest framed structure left in Pasco County," Sweat said.

The wood-frame structure was built around 1864 and named after John Overstreet, a member of the Saint Augustine Blues, a Floridian militia unit that was mustered into the

Confederate Army in 1861 and designated as Company B in the 3rd Florida Infantry. Overstreet was a coronet player in the regimental band.

Originally, it was a 1,200-acre plantation house just less than two miles southwest of the museum.

In 1917, the Pasco County school district acquired the house and an additional 80 acres where they planned to build the Dade City Grammar School, which later became the Rodney B. Cox Elementary School. The Overstreet House was situated where the district wanted to build the school and was moved to a corner of the property.

After the school was completed, whoever was employed as custodial staff was allowed to live in the house. Finally, by the early 1970s, the museum started raising funds to bring the house to the museum grounds.

"We knew the historical value of the house," Sweat said. "Sam Pasco was said to have stayed there."

In 1977, the process of moving the front part of the house, which included the up and downstairs eating, living and sleeping quarters was initiated.

The house was designed for hot weather. High ceilings at the entrance encouraged hot air to rise up and out the top story windows while drawing in cooler air from the downstairs windows. The upstairs bedrooms are furnished with rope string trundle beds, standard bedding of the day.

The phrase, "sleep tight" comes from the tendency of the trundle bed ropes to sag over time. A wooden rope bed wrench was used to tighten the ropes.

The kitchen part of the house was added later and across what is called a dog trot, a wood plank walkway between the two buildings.

"Kitchens were often built separate from the house in those days in case of fire," Sweat said.

The kitchen part of the Overstreet House is magnificently decorated with period implements and accouterments.

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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.

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. The Song and Devotional Bible Thought for the Week begins at 10 a.m. along with Pastor Willard L. Sessoms preaching the morning Grace Bible Study message. Youth Bible study lesson, for ages 6-10 years old, is during the morning Message Hour.

Youth and teens are invited to spend a full week of fun at Camp Horizon in Leesburg, June 9-15 at the Annual Florida Grace Camp. Families may register along with their children. The Bible theme is Children of Light. There will be plenty of activities. To register, visit www.FloridaGraceCamp.com.

The church provides a Tract and Literature Ministry at the Webster Flea Market on Mondays during the season.

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 the community to Godify Worship Service on Saturday at 5 p.m.; a Sunday Rise and Shine Service with communion, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday traditional worship service 10 a.m.; and Child of God Family Service, 11:30 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.

Awake at Zephyrhills a Wesleyan Church, 38924 C Ave., invites the community to a contemporary service on Saturday evenings, 7 p.m. and a traditional service Sunday morning, 10:45 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. and Nursery and pre-k under 5 years old is offered at each service.

For more information, call (813) 782-7510 or visit AwakeWesleyan.org.

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.



First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills offers several programs including health information and Biblical counseling.

OBITUARIES

Roger Joseph Simoneau

SIMONEAU, Roger Joseph, 73, of Zephyrhills, passed away suddenly on Monday afternoon, March 25, 2019. He was born March 15, 1946 in Waterbury, Conn. Roger was raised from birth by his loving parents, Joseph Simoneau and Lumina (Gagne) Simoneau. Attending and graduating from Bristol Eastern High School in 1965, he married Janice Marie McDonald in January 1968. Working as plant manager of Semco Printing in Latham, N.Y., he ultimately purchased Target Media Graphics in the early 1990s, serving as its owner and president for several years. In 2002 after retiring to Syracuse, N.Y., he married Constance Bryan Dewitt, and together they moved to Zephyrhills, where they have resided these past 15 years. Roger loved the Boston Red Sox, the New York Giants, Syracuse University Basketball, Boxer puppies and golf in some order. He is survived by Connie, his wife of 17 years; his two children, Danielle (Brian) Machand and Adam Simoneau; siblings, Joseph (Cheryl) Simoneau and Loretta (John) Deden; stepdaughters, Suzanne (Matt) Aiken and Jennifer (Jeff) Milton; and six grandchildren, Connor, Paige, Conner, Caitlyn, Carly and Madelyn. His surviving family asks that any donations be made in his memory to Gulfside Hos-

pice & Pasco Palliative Care, 2061 Collier Parkway, Land O' Lakes, Fla. 34639-9978, or to Adopt a Boxer rescue, PO Box 154, Olyphant, Pa., 18447. Donations can also be made to either organization via their websites.



Doris Marie Owens

OWENS, Doris Marie, 84, of Lady Lake and Zephyrhills passed away March 24, 2019. Doris Marie is survived by her loving family.



Alice Dorothy Poupard

POUPARD, Alice Dorothy, 96, of Zephyrhills and LaSalle, Mich., passed away March 26, 2019. Mrs. Poupard is survived by her loving family.



Norris Menard

MENARD, Norris, 81, of Wesley Chapel passed away March 26, 2019. Family received friends April 3 at Whit-

field Funeral Home. Service immediately followed.



William "Olen" Fraser

FRASER, William "Olen", 90, of Zephyrhills, passed away March 26, 2019. Mr. Fraser was born on March 30, 1928 in Arabi, Ga. to John Wesley and Lizzie Ruth (Collins) Fraser. He was a member of New Hope Baptist Church. He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force and served during the Korean conflict. Mr. Fraser is survived by his wife, Ineva of Zephyrhills; two children, Glen Lee Fraser of Morrow, Ga. and Joyce F. (Mike) Reuss of Fairben, Ga.; two grandchildren, Jessica Brownlow and Brooke (John) Wood; three great-grandchildren, Gavin, Olivia and Ellie; and two siblings, Oscar Carton Shealy of Mesa, Ariz. and Caroline Sears if Waycross, Ga. Services were March 29, at the funeral home, the family received friends prior to the service. Interment followed at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.



Ruby M. Griffin

GRIFFIN, Ruby M., 83, of Zephyrhills passed away March 29, 2019. She was born Jan. 29, 1936. She was a wife, mother and a farmer. She is survived by her husband of 62 years, Gerald Griffin Sr.; brother, David Harnage; sister, Mary Kelly; her four son's, Gerald (June) Griffin Jr., Thomas Griffin, Harold Griffin and Timmy (Karen) Griffin; along with 21 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. The viewing will be April 10, 11:30 a.m.-1:30

p.m. at the Zephyrhills Alliance Church and then her final resting place at Geiger's Cemetery for graveside service.



Larry Franklin Miller

MILLER, Larry Franklin, 70, of Tampa, joined his mother, Virginia Hubbard in Heaven March 25, 2019. He was born Aug. 22, 1948 in Tifton, Ga. Larry was of the Baptist faith and a Veteran of the United States Navy; and served during the Vietnam Era and he was a member of the VFW Post 4321. Larry is survived by his partner, Charlie Dycus of Tampa; sister, Gege (Ronnie) Pattie of Plant City; two nieces, Brandi Pattie (John) Bryan of North Carolina and Brit-

ney Pattie of Plant City; nephew, Brian Pattie of Plant City; and six great nieces and nephews. A celebration of life will be April 6, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 1810 Front Street, Valrico, Fla. 33595.



Winifred Saxe-Castle

SAXE-CASTLE, Winifred, 76, of Zephyrhills passed away March 31, 2019. She is survived by her children, Herbert, Robert, Sheryl and Beth.



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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.
www.eastpascoadventist.com

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.

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

AWAKE AT ZEPHYRHILLS A WESLEYAN CHURCH

38924 C Ave. (813) 782-7510
Pastor Dennis Harneson
Saturday
Contemporary Service.....7 p.m.
Sunday
Sunday School.....9:30 a.m.
Traditional Service.....10:45 a.m.
Adult Bible Study.....4 p.m.
Kid Ministry (1st-5th grade).....4 p.m.
Teens (6th-12th grade).....4 p.m.
www.AwakeWesleyan.org

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38710 5th Ave. (813) 782-2813
Reverend Allan Tupa
Sunday
Mass.....7, 9, 11 a.m.
Saturday
Mass.....4 and 6 p.m.
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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.

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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.
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Communion.....10 a.m.
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Family Service.....11:30 a.m.
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OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Reverend Tod A. Shouse
Sunday
Worship service.....10 a.m.
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6950 Forbes Rd. (813) 783-8300
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Sunday School.....10 a.m.
Morning Worship.....11 a.m.
Evening Worship.....6 p.m.
Wednesday
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Wednesdays
Worship.....6:30 p.m.
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Morning Worship.....10:45 a.m.
Evening Service.....6 p.m.
Wednesday Service.....6 p.m.

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34921 Chancey Rd. (813) 317-4975
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Sunday
Worship.....10:15 a.m.
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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

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

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

FIRST UNITED METHODIST

38635 5th Ave. (813) 782-5645
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Contemporary Worship...9:30 a.m.
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Sunday Youth.....5 p.m.
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SCRAMBLERS

Use the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!

Sudden: PUBRAT
Light: LINKED
Above: GLEINS
Wide: RABOD

TODAY'S WORD

"The only thing a salad I just discovered that my bathroom scale is..."

Kids' Maze

Maze by Franklin Sponberg

Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHAT KIND OF BEANS DO NOT GROW IN GARDENS?

JOSTLE	___	STOLE	EBBING	___	BINGE
ESTEEM	___	MEETS	ECHOER	___	CHORE
BLAZER	___	ZEBRA	SEATER	___	STEER
LITERS	___	TRIES	FINDER	___	FRIED
PASTRY	___	PARTS	HASSLE	___	SHALE

Even Exchange

by Conna Pettman

Each row and column contains two pairs of letters. The first row starts with the first letter of the first word, and the second row starts with the second letter of the first word. For example, in the first row, M and A are the first letters of MASTER and MAN. In the second row, A and S are the second letters of MASTER and MAN. In the third row, M and A are the first letters of MASTER and MAN. In the fourth row, A and S are the second letters of MASTER and MAN. In the fifth row, M and A are the first letters of MASTER and MAN. In the sixth row, A and S are the second letters of MASTER and MAN. In the seventh row, M and A are the first letters of MASTER and MAN. In the eighth row, A and S are the second letters of MASTER and MAN. In the ninth row, M and A are the first letters of MASTER and MAN. In the tenth row, A and S are the second letters of MASTER and MAN.

1. Food closet	N	Green butter spread	S
2. Term Suzy's author	Y	Antique white car	R
3. Of the sun	L	Underwater facility	N
4. With a sun spout	F	Spring for day	F
5. Peace prize winner	B	Work of heaven	V
6. Lightly - super	M	Soupe	
7. Coffee equivalent	T	No. 10 gun (abbr.)	D
8. Timber board	L	Jocular trick	R
9. King's standard	G	Up-to-date	C
10. Betty's name	H	Take pen to hand	R

SALOME'S STARS ★★★★★

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Professional relationships grow stronger. But you might still need to ease some problems with someone in your personal life. One way could be to try to be less rigid in your views.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) You might be too close to that perplexing personal situation to even attempt to make a rational decision about it right now. Stepping back could help you gain a wider perspective.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Being asked to choose between the positions of two friends is an unfair imposition on you. It's best to reject the "demands" and insist they try harder to work things out on their own.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A change of mind about a workplace decision might be called for once you hear more arguments, pro and con. A personal event suddenly takes an unexpected (but pleasant!) turn.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Romance once again looms large for single Leos and Leonas, with Cupid favoring Taurus and Libra to inspire those warm and fuzzy Leonine feelings. Expect another workplace change.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A surprise gift -- and, happily, with no strings attached -- could come just when you need it to avoid a delay in getting your project done. Expect education to dominate the week.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone close to you might ask for your support as she or he faces a demanding personal challenge.

Offer it, by all means. But be careful you don't neglect your own needs at this time.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) An unexpected development could put your relationship with a partner or spouse to an emotionally demanding test. But your determination to get to the truth should save the day.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A recent agreement appears to be coming apart over the surfacing of unexpected complications. You might need to have expert advice on how to resolve the situation.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your keen business sense helps you get to the truth about a suspicious business deal. Expect to have many colleagues rally to support your efforts in this important matter.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Someone who once moved in and out of your life through the years might now want to come back in on a more permanent basis. Give yourself a lot of time to weigh your decision.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Showing frustration over a delayed workplace decision might get someone's attention, but not necessarily make him or her move any sooner. Best advice would be to be patient and wait it out.

BORN THIS WEEK: You are drawn to excitement and enjoy fast-tempo music, with the more brass, the better.

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KING CROSSWORD - APRIL 4

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ACROSS

- \$ dispenser
- "-- Miserables"
- Trounce
- Commonest English word
- Matterhorn
- Worn unevenly
- 2012 movie bear
- Savage
- Mid-afternoon, in a way
- Long-legged shorebird
- Pull an all-nighter
- Freudian concept
- Use a keyboard
- Moreover
- Rodeo outcries
- Strong adhesive
- Meal for Oliver Twist
- Moral principles
- Larry's pal
- Runs from the fuzz
- Shooter ammo
- Sharpen
- Tureen accessory
- Inseparable
- Marian, in "The Music Man"
- "Monty Python" opener
- Wanted-poster datum
- Hi-tech SFX
- Prepared
- Thick-soled shoes
- Slight amount
- Attempt

DOWN

- Storage story
- "-- Finest Hour"
- TV, radio, etc.
- Chemistry classrooms
- On cloud nine
- Parsley serving
- Vegan's no-no
- Bobby of hockey
- Luau side dish
- "Born in the --"
- Corral
- Huff and puff
- Long skirts
- Pitched
- Second person
- "Ulalume" writer
- Immigrant's study (Abbr.)
- Big Apple letters
- Past
- Moray or conger
- Sch. org.
- Resistance measure
- Practice pugilism
- Sweet Spanish wine
- Proclamation
- Jack
- Go in
- Irritable
- Glaswegian girl
- Novelist Bagnold
- Varnish ingredient
- Under the weather
- Life story, for short
- Tatter

ANSWERS TO KING CROSSWORDS MARCH 28

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By HEWRY BOLTINGOFF

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STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century American writer, publisher, artist and philosopher Elbert Hubbard who made the following sage observation: "Genius may have its limitations, but stupidity is not thus handicapped."

• According to historical reports, in 1877 snakes fell from the sky in Memphis, Tennessee.

• When the bubonic plague, more commonly known as the Black Death, was at its peak in Europe in the 14th century, a wide variety of remedies was prescribed, including smoking tobacco, bringing spiders into the household, inhaling

stench from a latrine, sitting between two large fires, drinking red wine in which new steel had been cooled, and bathing in goat urine.

• Successful inventor and businessman Thomas Alva Edison received only three months of formal education, at a public school in Michigan.

• The first photograph of a United States citizen was taken in 1839. The subject was Samuel F.B. Morse, a painter who also happened to be the inventor of a single-wire telegraph system and developer of the Morse Code.

• You probably are aware of the fact that slugger Babe Ruth held the record for the most home runs; you might not know, though, that he also held the record for the most strike-outs.

• Those who speak English call it a French kiss, but those who speak French call it an English kiss.

• It was once the custom among the Danakil tribe of Ethiopia to mark a man's grave with one stone for each man he had killed during his lifetime.

CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
is **LONGFELLOW**

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 hints. Each week the code letters are different.

KLT YHWDK DKTO KBVGWQ
FTKHHMF DBRTVLTWT HD KB
QTUHQ T KLGK CBJ GWT MBK
FBHMF KB DKG C VLTWT CBJ
GWT. — DBJWUT BXDUJWU

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Mega Maze

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CryptoQuip

This is a non-substitution cipher in which each letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, that equals O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accepted when you find and enter.

Cue: Jesus's R

UYGS EJPFRQCRSD URKY T
UGFF-EGH UGI-EPPKGH IRJH.
R BVNNPBG MPV'JG NFTMRSD
URKY T EVFF HVOC.

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STRANGE BUNDLES

There are five books side-by-side on a shelf. Their colors are gold, blue, purple, brown and blue. The following information is known about the order of the books:

- The blue book is between the blue and the brown.
- The gold book is not first and the brown is not the last.
- The purple book is separated from the brown book by two books.

A. What is the position of the gold book?
B. If the gold book is not next to the purple book, what is the order from first to last of the five books?

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Find the word in the maze. The word is all letters and ends with a vowel.

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WVAPSL
CSMO
PLEBDO
PGA
MBZU
VESGRA
WIGS
MORCEP
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WEPGA

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOT BOY!

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Above: Instructor Gail Reynolds (at right) led a class of aspiring ukulele players at the New River Branch Library.

Right: Russ Perlowski, who assisted Reynolds, helps out some young children during Tuesday's class at the library.

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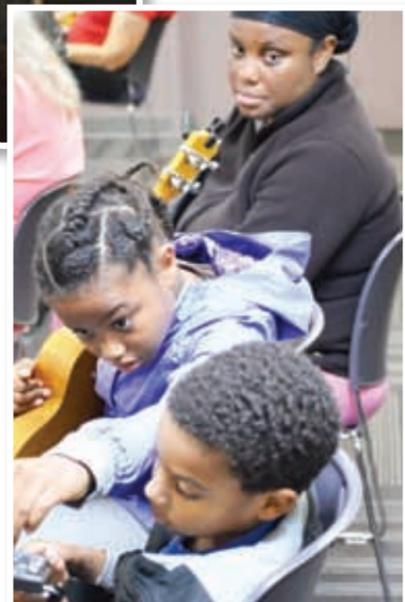
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Left: Gail Reynolds told the group that they would be playing a song on the ukulele before the class was over. She was right, they played two songs: "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and "Skip to my Lou."

Right: Devon Bruce, of Wesley Chapel, brought her children to the ukulele class. Kennedy, 8, and 6-year-old Sebastian are home-schooled.



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ranged from retirees to home-schooled young children.

Asked if she played, as she carried a ukulele around the room, Lee responded, "A little bit, not much."

Conducting the weekly sessions were co-instructors Gail Reynolds and Russ Perlowski. Reynolds previously led ukulele classes at the Hugh Embry Library in Dade City while Perlowski joined her at the New River Branch for the first time.

"I just heard something that's music to my ears. 'Ow!'" said Reynolds, who paused in the middle of teaching the class to strum a C chord. "Your fingers are going to hurt for a while. You need to play around with what's comfortable."

Among those in attendance were two mothers with home-schooled children as well as a retired teacher from Pennsylvania.

Devon Bruce of Wesley Chapel brought her daughter Kennedy, 8, and 6-year-old son Sebastian. They paid attention to Reynolds, who gave clear, concise instructions while teaching people the ukulele with the visual aid of a screen and computer.

"(Kennedy) takes piano, but she always wanted to do the ukulele," the mother said of her daughter. "They're home-schooled so we come here all the time. We're here 3-4 times a week."

Joyce Oben, also of Wesley Chapel, brought her three home-schooled children — Landis, 7, 5-year-old Leo and Lindsay, 4.

"The kids were actually fairly interested in it," Joyce said. "They like music. They like anything that makes noise."

Bonnie Beers, who taught special education in Pennsylvania and spends her winters in Zephyrhills, plays a fiddle in a band up north. She mentioned that some of the band members have taken up the ukulele, which spawned her interest.

"Learning something new especially when you get older, it's harder," said Beers, who plans to take two more classes at the library before heading back home later this month. "But it's

good for your self. It's good for your ego. This is a really nice program. We don't have anything like this at home."

Aside from the three sessions in March as well as the three in April, the latter two of which will take place the next two Tuesdays at 11 a.m., the library hosts a ukulele jam session on Saturdays at 1 p.m. Lee explained that this provides ample opportunity for those learning the instrument to jam with others as well as more accomplished players.

At the beginning of Tuesday's session Reynolds went over the four types of ukulele — soprano, concert, tenor and baritone — with the necks on each one getting progressively longer. She also showed how to tune the ukuleles and various ways to strum the instruments.

"There are some people that this is not their first rodeo," she said of the more accomplished people in the group.

Reynolds then taught two chords, C and G7, informing the class participants that they would be playing a song before they left. Indeed they did, strumming along to "Row, Row, Row Your Boat" and "Skip to My Lou."

When some in the audience were slow to make their movements or change chords, Reynolds harkened back to old episodes of the television series "Friends" in which Phoebe paused to change chords while playing in public.

"That's how it is when you're starting out," Reynolds said. "You want to be painfully slow."

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Left: Construction is under way at Zephyr Lakes, a planned 550-home community.



Right: A Wawa went up this past year as one of the city's new businesses.



Above: Construction equipment is visible at the end of Kossick Road beside Zephyr Commons.

Above: Culver's, located next to the new Wawa, has been a popular destination since it opened last year.

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and it's not going to stop. A lot of it is Wesley Chapel springing up so fast."

New and expanded roadways — the continuation of State Road 56 from Meadow Pointe Boulevard to U.S. 301, a six-mile, \$59 million project, as well as the widening of SR 54 from Wesley Chapel into Zephyrhills — surely will help alleviate traffic congestion. That's good since there are several projects either completed or on the books.

Among those are Zephyr Lakes, a 550-home community behind Zephyr Commons off of Pretty Pond and Kossick roads. Additionally, traffic signs are planned for that busy Pretty Pond intersection, which will get a whole lot busier once those homes begin selling.

City planner Todd Vande Berg said the first phase is under way and could take 2-3 years to build out.

Not to be overlooked on the housing market, Silverado has plans for an additional 100 homes. Plus, the golf course is expected to be augmented by a clubhouse and pool.

In the past year, Wawa and Culver's opened their doors with the city-owned Hercules property, slated to become a passive park to begin being developed this year, right behind those businesses. A Starbuck's recently opened near AdventHealth Zephyrhills.

A bit closer to the city, Sunrise Eatery relocated to a new building in Zephyr Plaza. Plans also are in the works for a Chick-fil-A, but Vande Berg noted that permits have not been pulled yet.

Those businesses are not only geared to seniors, but for families and younger folks as well. That goes for the new residential areas as well.

"It tells you those places don't come without rooftops," Monson said. "It just tells you we have so many young people coming into our community."

Monson also noted that new homes in Zephyrhills surely will cost less than similar residences in Wesley Chapel. Perhaps that will encourage people who work in Zephyrhills but live elsewhere to consider relocating, she added.

"We would like a majority of people working at the hospital to live here," Monson said.

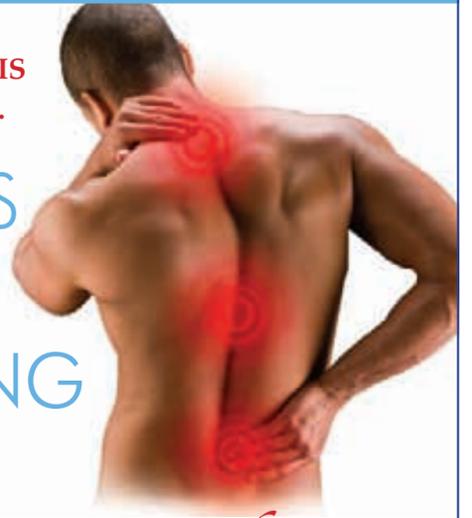
Known as the city of pure water as well as an international destination for skydivers at the Zephyrhills Airport, Zephyrhills is on the verge of major expansion. Another part of that, which like Skydive City could attract international visitors is the Sarah Vande Berg Memorial Tennis Center, a tribute to Todd's daughter who was a standout tennis player for Zephyrhills High and perished in an automobile accident.

"It's been overwhelming," Todd said of being part of the team behind the 7,300-square-foot facility north of Dean Dairy Road that will include a nine clay courts, two hardcourts, areas for pickleball and paddle, a racquet sport known widely as paddle tennis.

"We're able to build a facility that's going to draw a lot of people into the city," he added.

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