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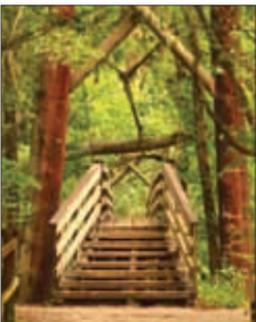
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Explore Your World

The summer series, entitled Explore Your World, continues next week in *The Zephyrhills News*. Next up is a visit by writer Andy Warrenner to Hillsborough State Park, a 3,319-acre park established by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936.



Weather

Even though summer officially begins on Friday the summer time pattern has already begun with scattered thunderstorms throughout the week and temperatures hovering in the low 90s.

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Sports

Bulldogs travel to Fivay in Hudson for 7-on-7 football
Bulldogs compete in three games on Tuesday against River Ridge, Hudson and Wesley Chapel during 7-on-7 football with the Wildcats coming out on top.

Reading program is a huge success

The reading program at the Zephyrhills Public Library out grew the library's meeting room so it has moved to council chambers in city hall. Children from Zephyrhills and surrounding areas enjoy the interactive learning stations at last weeks' Dr. Seuss Cat in the Hat program.

Rec program keeps local children busy during summer break

Children that attend the rec program enjoy swim days on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the East Pasco YMCA. There are plenty of programs scheduled including a movie day and bowling.

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Randy Maggard wins special election for House District 38



Randy Maggard (center) along with his family that endured the last few months through both the primary and special general elections.

ANDY WARRENER

The first-time candidate topped Democrat Kelly Smith with 55 percent to 44 percent of the 17,299 votes cast

BY ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

Randy Maggard is the new state representative for Florida House District 38. The seat, vacated by former Zephyrhills mayor Danny Burgess to take over as executive director of the Department of Veterans' Affairs, was open for Tuesday's special election. Special elections can sneak up on an electorate used to having regular elections in even numbered years and

in November.

It's no wonder that just 17,879 ballots were cast among 117,349 registered voters (15.24 percent). The percentage was just shy of the Republican turnout in the April primary where Maggard defeated David "Mac" McCallister 61 to 38 percent. With the demographics trending conservative in House District 38, Maggard appeared to have already faced his biggest challenge in April. That did not phase Maggard or alter his approach to the June special election.

"We approached this race like we were 10 points down," Maggard said. "We were taking nothing for granted. We knew we needed to get our core group to come out and we were unsure how motivated and how well the other side was going to get their core out."

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Skydive City and local officials work together on runway expansion

Noting that Skydive City is an international attraction, city council agrees to find amicable solution to problems posed by airport work

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

The city council meeting on June 10 proved to be a classic case of "why can't we all get along" as city officials and Skydive City representatives sought an amicable solution to problems posed by an upcoming runway expansion at the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport.

"Skydive City, you're part of us so we're going to watch out for you as best as we can," councilman Lance Smith said.

Added Charlie Proctor, "They are very important to the city and community."

Aside from dealing with the runway issue and how it will affect parachutists on the east side of the airport, council members also were updated about several ongoing growth plans: phase two of the Hidden River subdivision being built out; the draft of a master plan for a Zephyrhills industrial corridor; and extending a financial commitment to the East Pasco YMCA.

"The city that I personally grew up in is changing, but I think the staff is committed to keeping the small-town charm we have here," said Smith, a lifelong city resident and local business owner.

Susan Stark, president of Skydive City, along with owner and founder Joannie Murphy, made the council aware of the impact the business has had on Zephyrhills since the 1970s. It truly has made the small east Pasco city an international destination place.

Extending the runway, they noted, will adversely affect skydivers while construction is going on and they asked the city to work with them on ideas to lessen that impact.

"We matter to the economy here," said Stark, noting that parachute enthusiasts from about 80 countries have traveled to the local airport to make

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Explore Your World - Withlacoochee River Park

In this summer series, The Zephyrhills News takes you on a tour through the natural and historical treasures in Central Florida

BY ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

The Withlacoochee River Park is a 406-acre Pasco County park maintained in partnership with the Southwest Florida Management District. It's just a few miles east of Dade City backed up to the Green Swamp Wilderness Preserve. The park offers activities for the camper, the day-tripper, even the astronomer. The Saint Petersburg Astronomy Club hosts events at the park as the park contains a massive open field where RV camping with electric and water hookups is available. There is also a picnic pavilion in the field that occasionally doubles as a hub for local cross country meets.

Camping

Summertime can be a challenge for overnight camping in Florida. Once that summer heat and humidity set in, it can be hard to escape. Fortunately, the

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The Withlacoochee River Park is just a few miles northeast of downtown Dade City.

ANDY WARRENER

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Heritage Arts Center Association gives 2019 Nereim Fine Arts Award

The 2019 winner of the Nereim Fine Arts Award was given to Georgia Piersall, who received a \$1,000 check from Heritage Arts Center Association. Piersall is a graduating senior at Pasco High in Dade City, and was presented the certificate at the school's honors ceremony by Michael Roberts, a member of the Visual Arts Committee of the HACA Board of Directors.

reim Visual Arts Award to aspiring artists, in honor of the late Founding Board members Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Nereim.

Piersall is both a talented artist and singer from Dade City, she has always been interested in art and interior design. She attended the Savanna College of Art & Design summer program for two years, and works in watercolor, pen and pencil and sculpture. She has been accepted for this fall's interior design honors class at Florida State University, and will be majoring in interior architecture and design. Her art will be featured at next spring's annual "Moonlight and Ivory" concert and art showing at the Dade City Women's Club. Piersall is also a gifted singer, and was named a solo finalist in the "Spotlight on Talent" performing arts competition in March. She also sang with the "Showstoppers" choral group which won first place in the group category.

Heritage Arts Center Association is a local non-profit volunteer organization dedicated to promoting and supporting the performing and visual arts in our community. They produce the "Spotlight on Talent" regional performing arts competition for young people through high school seniors, where they award \$4,000 in cash prizes and trophies in addition to the \$1,000 Pasco Heritage Scholarship. This year that award went to singer Zachary D'Onofrio. For many years HACA has also given the Ne-

Pasco Tax Collector's Staff Raises \$7,700 for CARES Senior Services Programs

Tax collector Mike Fasano announces that \$7,700.00 was raised to benefit CARES (Community Aging & Retirement Services), which was the featured charity of the month in May. CARES is a Pasco County-based organization that provides services to seniors so they can stay in their homes and be as independent as possible.

The funds this year were meant to ensure that senior citizens have access to health care, are able to keep food on their tables and ensure that their caregiver(s) will receive whatever support they may need.

"We are so very grateful to Mike Fasano, the Pasco County Tax Collectors Office and his staff at the five county locations who commit their time and efforts for the charity of the month program," said Jemith Rosa, president and CEO of CARES. "The money they raised for CARES will help frail elderly people in Pasco County who are facing illness, hunger and isolation."

"Ensuring that CARES receives the funds it needs to help our seniors has always been important to me," said Fasano. "CARES, and more importantly the people they serve, hold a special place in our hearts. The health care professionals who volunteer their time at the senior health clinic to help this aging

and medically fragile population are to be applauded for their work. The people who make sure food is delivered on a daily basis to homebound seniors, and the caregivers who often give up other aspects of their life to care for their frail loved one, all make this organization unique in our community. Many thanks to the generous customers who stopped by our offices to donate \$7,700 to assist in the provision of these important services. From a very grateful tax collector's office and staff I thank every person who made this charitable promotion a success."

For more information about CARES and the various programs their dedicated staff proves, contact Rosa at (727) 863-6868 or visit the website www.CARESFL.org. For more information about the promotional and charitable giving programs at the tax collector's office, contact assistant tax collector / communications and special projects Greg Giordano at 727-847-8179 or visit www.pascotax.com.

Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano and Tim Couet, assistant tax collector for external services present Jemith Rosa, CARES president and CEO, with a \$7,700 check.



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Elks present local student with a scholarship

Miss Mallory McCann, graduating senior at Pasco High School was named the recipient of the 2019/2020 Zephyrhills Elks Lodge 2731 college scholarship at a recent awards ceremony. She will be attending University of Florida this fall. Pictured with Miss McCann is David Moyer, Elks Exalted Ruler.



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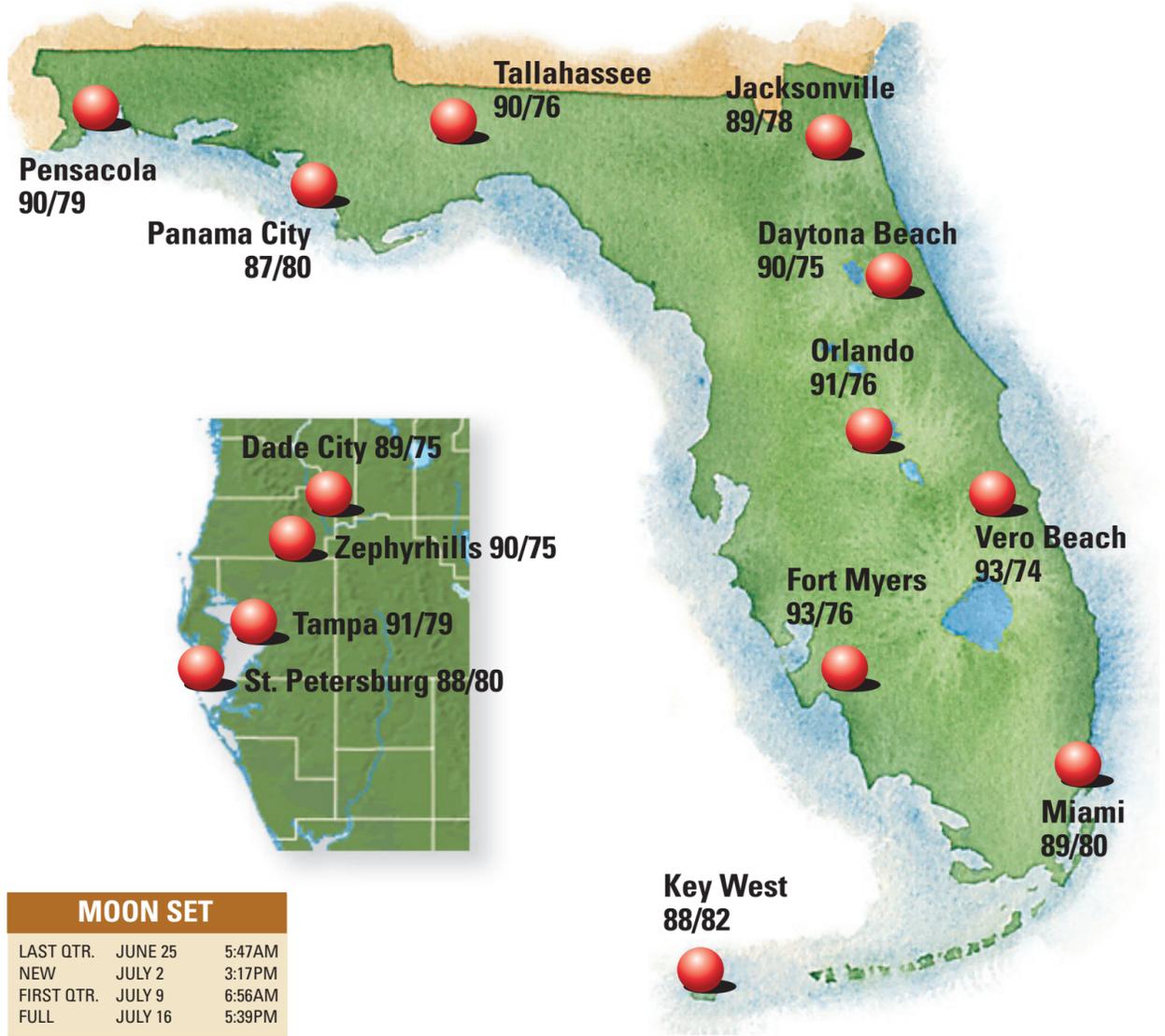
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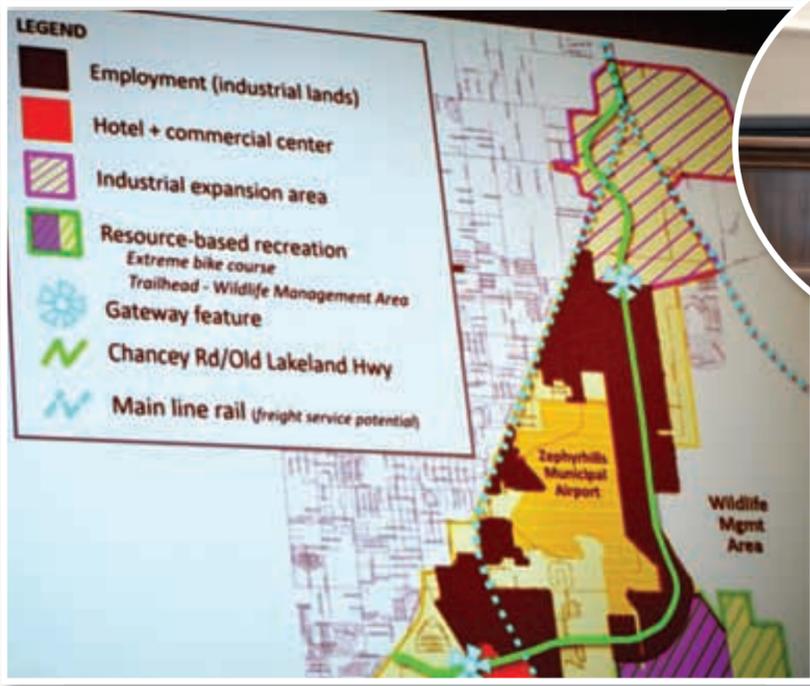
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Above: A map of the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport and the surrounding area is shown on a screen during last week's council meeting.



Above: Deputy city manager Billy Poe discusses an issue with council members during a recent meeting.



Above: Susan Stark, a co-owner and co-founder of Skydive City, addresses council members at the podium during a recent meeting. Stark and the city plan to work together to resolve an issue arising from a runway expansion at the city's airport.

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jumps and compete in various aerial events over the years. "We are an anchor tenant for the city."

"There are 24 drop zones in Florida and we are in the top three," she continued. "A large open area is essential and you have provided this to us for 30 years. We are not opposed to the runway. We are concerned about the effect on Skydive City."

"We know what the concerns are," Proctor said, adding that "we do have a long-term relationship with (Skydive City) and I would hate to lose that. It's a difficult situation and I think we can work it out where everybody is happy."

Councilman Alan Knight noted that "there are going to have to be concessions on both sides."

A draft for an industrial park would be a 20-year plan and entail 9.76 square miles on 6,248 acres, 2,082 of which would be in Zephyrhills and the rest in unincorporated Pasco County.

Zephyrhills is in the last of a 25-year lease agreement to help fund the YMCA's center. A new 30-year lease will begin next March with the YMCA obligated to provide two annual constituency reports. The city will contribute \$40,000 per year for five years then \$50,000 annually thereafter.

Council president Ken Burgess wanted to ensure that "the money stays here in Zephyrhills at our YMCA."

Added Smith, whose family has utilized the way like numerous other city officials, "I think it's probably one of the best public-private partnerships the city has ever been in."

As for the Hidden River property, located south of Emerald Pointe RV Park, council gave the go-ahead to finish the final plat, which will include 213 homes.

"I've driven out there a couple of times and that place is just exploding," Burgess said.

The city also is planning to relocate a classic signal on U.S. 301 to the intersection of Pretty Pond and the shopping centers. There also was a first public hearing to move forward on applying for a community development block grant up to \$750,000.

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Crystal Springs Worship Center, 2155 Paul Buchman Hwy. is an Assembly of God Church. Adult Sunday school starts at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship at 10:30 a.m. with children's church meeting at the same time. The middle and high school students meet with the Authentic Small Group after the praise and worship time.

The Ladies of Light Ministry bible study meets on Tuesdays 9:30 a.m. Wednesday night service starts at 6:30 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 788-1612.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 5626 20th St., invites you to Sunday school at 8:45 a.m. and worship service at 10 a.m. There is a Saturday service at 5:30 p.m.

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

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. 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.firstchristianzephyrhills.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.

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 teen TRUTH ministries, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m., with director Jason Hicks and youth leaders, Barbara Hicks, Carla Berger and Paul Warner. 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.

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.

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 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.vbczephyrhills.com or call (813) 783-8300.

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 a church service at 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.

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Denver Huffstutler

HUFFSTUTLER, Denver, 99, of Zephyrhills passed away June 10, 2019. Service and viewing were June 15 at Land O' Lakes Church of God.



Wilma E. Burch

BURCH, Wilma E., 84, of Zephyrhills passed away June 8, 2019. She is survived by her husband, Maynard; and children, Michael, Denise and Kimberly.



James Dennis Murray

MURRAY, James Dennis, 88, of Zephyrhills went to be with the Lord on June 10, 2019, at Willow Point Nursing Home, Vestal, N.Y. He is predeceased by his parents, Michael and Adel (Copp) Murray; a brother, Richard; and a daughter, Jill. He was a carpenter by trade and built several houses on the North side of Endicott and in Union Center, N.Y. He also worked for Robert Relyea, and built fireplaces and finished hardwood floors in several houses in Mr. Relyea's subdivision just outside Owego, N.Y. He moved to Zephyrhills with his family in 1973. He worked for the First Baptist Church in Dade City for nine years, and then he worked for the District School Board

of Pasco County for over 10 years. He retired in 1993. Jim is survived by his wife, Jeannette (Chandler) Murray; children, Dennis (Lois), Gerald, Kathleen (Patrick) Fitzpatrick, Marguerite (Jeff) Kistler, James, Jr. and Jason (Rosa) Murray; his stepdaughters, Lorraine Bound and Joanne (Jim) Haus; 18 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. Calling hours were June 18 at Hodges Family Funeral Home. Grave-side services were at Oakside Cemetery in Zephyrhills with Pastor Michael Jayne officiating. Arrangements courtesy of Allen Memorial Home, Endicott, N.Y. and Hodges Family Funeral Home.



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TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) New information might warrant changing your mind about a recently made decision. Never mind the temporary confusion it might cause. Acting on the truth is always preferable.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Creating a loving atmosphere for those you care for could pay off in many ways. Expect to hear some unexpected but very welcome news that can make a big difference in your life.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Stepping away from an old and seemingly insoluble problem might be helpful. Use the time to take a new look at the situation and perhaps work out a new method of dealing with it.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) You're still in a favorable goal-setting mode. However, you might need to be a little more realistic about some of your aims. Best to reach for what is currently doable. The rest will follow.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A setback is never easy to deal with. But it could be a boon in disguise. Recheck your proposal and strengthen the weak spots. Seek advice from someone who has "been there and done that."

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Coming up with a new way of handling a tedious job-regu-

lated chore could lead to more than just a congratulatory memo once the word reaches the "right people." Good luck.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) What you might call determination, someone else might regard as stubbornness. Look for ways to reach a compromise that won't require a major shift of views on your part.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're still in a vulnerable mode vis-a-vis "offers" that sound too good to be true. So continue to be skeptical about anything that can't be backed up with provable facts.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Thrift is still dominant this week. What you don't spend on what you don't need will be available for you to draw on should a possible (albeit temporary) money crunch hit.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Staying close to home early in the week allows for some introspection about your social life. Sort out your feelings before rejoining your fun-time fellows on the weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) It can be a bit daunting as well as exciting to find yourself finally taking action on a long-delayed move for a change. It helps to stay with it when others rally to support you.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of home and family provide you with the emotional support you need to find success in the outside world.

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KING CROSSWORD - JUNE 20

ACROSS

- Church section
- Gangster's girlfriend
- GPS forerunner?
- Contemptible
- Met melody
- Expert
- Grand
- Scouted
- Baltimore athlete
- Luxurious fabric
- Rocky Balboa's greeting
- Native New Zealander
- Lowers the lights
- Proscription
- Make a sweater
- Historic time
- Table scrap
- Id counterpart
- Zinger
- Anat. or biol.
- Fermi's bit
- Nothing
- My group
- Money under the table
- Star-related
- Knock
- Bread spread
- Greek H
- Reed instrument
- Lotion additive
- Lair
- Collars
- Longings
- Cow catcher
- Strict disciplinarian
- "Super-food" berry
- Teller's partner
- "Xanadu" band, for short
- Clumsy craft
- Parade
- Opposed
- Society newbie
- 401(k) alternative
- Almond confection
- Variety of 2-Down
- "Where did -- wrong?"
- Huck's pal
- Baby's cover-up
- Off
- Lousy car
- "Born in the --"
- Raised
- Assess
- Census statistics
- Anger
- Unsigned (Abbr.)
- Dregs
- Lawyers' org.
- Burgle

DOWN

- Magazine contents
- Orchard fruit
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- Representatives
- Guy
- Plata partner
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Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Answers:
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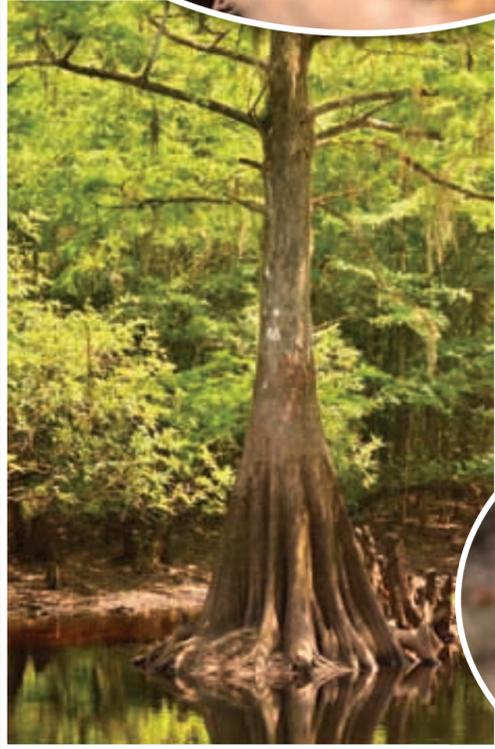
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Left: Banded water snakes (non-poisonous) congregate in the hollow of a fallen tree, near the riverside.



Above: The cypress trees and still water make for a picturesque setting.



Above: It's always wise to check weather conditions before heading out to your campsite.

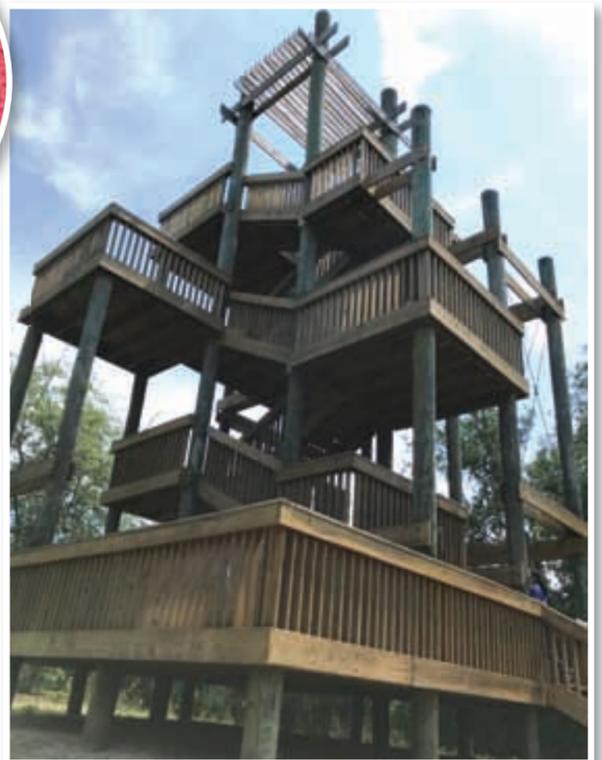
Left: The park also has some buildings, including this church, that were built to mimic 19th Century architecture.

Below Left: Wildlife friends come right up and say, "hi" on some of the trails in the park.

Below: The observation tower provides a bird's eye view of the park and surrounding area.



ANDY WARRENER



► **WITHLACOOCHEE RIVER PARK:** *From Page 1A*

park's camping sites are well-shaded. The park offers group camping, RV sites, cabins, tent camping and even has some primitive camping sites located in the southeast corner of the park. Group camping rates vary by season and by the size of the group and range from \$25 to \$40 per night. There is a separate entrance for group camping located off of Auton Road but the site is situated along both the roughly two-mile multipurpose trail and the three-mile Perimeter Trail.

RVs can choose from 15 different sites supplied with 20, 30 and 50 amp electric and water. Many of the RV sites are tucked into a wooded canopy and offer relief from the summer heat. RV sites run \$25 per night and have an on-site sanitary dump station. Tucked into the shaded area are the cabins both large and small. The large cabin books for \$35 per night, accommodates up to six people and has electricity, even a fan. The small cabin rents for \$25 per night and does not have electricity.

Also tucked into that area is an 1840's replica of a church that will eventually be converted

into a nature center. The tent camping sites ring the large open field and are tucked away under a primarily oak canopy. The sites are provided with a fire ring and picnic table and run \$15 per night. All of the aforementioned sites provide access to a flush toilet restroom and shower building.

If you're really feeling adventurous, you can hike out to the primitive tent sites. You'll have to pack in all of your supplies but a compost toilet is nearby. The primitive sites cost \$5 per night. You'll want to bring bug spray or some method to deal with the daytime flies and the night time mosquitos. They didn't seem to be much of a problem while out on the trails or in the recreation areas but they were a nuisance in the tent camping area.

Amenities

Hiking trails run the perimeter of the park and shade is ample. The three-mile Perimeter Trail runs parallel with a paved multi-purpose trail for just shy of two miles. The multi-purpose trail is perfect for bicycles or strollers, even rollerblades. The hiking trail takes the grand tour of the park, past camping areas but also over boardwalks and even to a grand

observation tower that offers a panoramic view of the park and well beyond it.

The park claims to host bald eagles, swallow tail hawk, red tail and red shoulder hawk, turkey, great blue heron, red and gray fox, Florida panther, bob cat, alligators, gopher tortoise, black bear, river otter, snakes, owls, raccoons and wild hogs. With the park being adjacent to the Green Swamp, there is certainly a chance to encounter these creatures.

On a recent trip with my family we spotted three swallow tail hawks fighting over a captured snake from the observation tower. We also encountered gopher tortoises, hawks, ibis, even a den of banded water snakes (non-poisonous). Watch out for those raccoons. With their opposable little thumbs they will get into anything edible that you don't lock up in your vehicle. We also spotted deer tracks and what certainly looked like black bear tracks.

If you're just coming out for the day, there is both a large and a small playground, accessible just steps away from a parking area. Also near the playgrounds are rentable pavilions. Small shelters without electricity are available for \$25 and have six picnic tables. A large pavilion with a huge charcoal grill and electricity, complete with 18 picnic tables is also available for \$45. It is located adjacent to the large playground. Perfect for a birthday party or other special event.

Fishing is allowed off the dock that overlooks a stretch of the Withlacoochee River. Swimming however, is not allowed. The park offers canoe and kayak access but does not rent them. Additionally, water levels on that stretch of the Withlacoochee can be so low that the river isn't navigable. Nearby Withlacoochee River RV Park & Canoe Rental

offers a few different day trips but check with them first to make sure water levels are high enough and that no obstructions like fallen trees will block your way.

The park lists "open space" as one of their amenities and while this might appear insignificant at first, there's a good reason why the St. Pete Astronomy Club meets there and even has a permanent structure there. Lights from the city diminish the view of the night sky. On a clear night, stargazers can lay out in the "open field" and marvel at the cosmos.

Booking details

Camping reservations and pavilion/shelter rentals can be made online through the Pasco County website or can be made at the park or at one of the three recreation complexes in the county; the closest to Zephyrhills being the Land O' Lakes Recreation Complex at 3033 Collier Parkway. The park is open seven days a week from dawn to dusk. Overnight campers are given a code that opens the front gate and the shower facility. The park is located at 12449 Withlacoochee Blvd. and the phone number is (352) 567-0264. The park can be found on the county website at: <https://www.pascocountyfl.net/303/Withlacoochee-River-Park>.

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Above: A pretty formidable playground, one of two in the park, awaits day trippers and campers alike.

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Right: The room at Kafe Kokopelli still buzzing even hours after Randy Maggard was declared the winner.



Right: Randy Maggard (center) and campaign volunteers Joshua Barton (left) and Jeff Hawes (right).



ANDY WARRENER

ELECTION: From Page 1A

Maggard and his team were wise to take such a vigorous approach. Democrats turned out just over 20 percent (7,684 of 38,045) of their registered voters in the district while Republicans turned out just better than 21 percent (9,615 of 45,225). The margin was just 1,931 votes. Indeed, Maggard and his staff were taking nothing for granted.

"We were out at Alice Hall first thing in the morning," Maggard said. "Jeff (Hawes) was out there at 6:30 a.m. and we opened up the day there. We got rained on three times, chased inside by lightning but the people kept coming."

Alice Hall was by far the busiest precinct of the day, with more than twice the number of votes cast there as with any of the other precincts. Maggard drew 1,004 votes from the Alice Hall precinct, 264 of them in-person on Election Day.

In conversation with Maggard after he was called the winner, he could finally take a deep breath and answer the 72 text messages and 21 phone voicemails he'd received in the last few hours. It had been a busy few months but Maggard looked back on it with a smile.

"I can't really say there was a bad point," Maggard said. "I got to meet a lot of great people and learn what concerns they have. Sometimes you have a preconceived notion about what someone's concerns are but you can find out when you talk with them they might have some different ones."

Maggard is no stranger to campaigning. He was chair of the Republican Party for 14 years and worked on numerous campaigns. This one was the first time, it was him as the candidate.

"It's totally different when you're asking for votes or raising funds for yourself," Maggard said.

Maggard was impressed with his campaign workers and strived to meet their dogged efforts.

"I really enjoyed working with the young group," Maggard said. "Watching them do what they do best, really inspired me. I had to make sure and match their efforts to hold up my end of the deal."

Maggard won't have too much time to rest as he'll be called up to Tallahassee in September for committee meetings. The 2020 legislative session will actually start in January next year thanks to a bill that just passed this last legislative session.

Maggard has some priorities he'd like to work on.

"Transportation is one of the biggest issues we face as a state," Maggard said. "Not just commuter traffic but the cost of transporting goods around the state."

Maggard supports the recent toll road expansion bill that came out of the last legislative session and would like to see more public-private partnerships going forward.

"Water is also going to be one of the biggest topics going forward," Maggard said. "Tourism is one of our biggest industries in Florida - springs, fishing, boating. If we lose that, we lose a big part of our income as a state."

Maggard would also like to see more of an effort by the state to foster vocational tech schools.

"How deep are our benches for skilled trades?" Maggard said. "What do we have here in terms of labor that can attract some of these companies to come and do business here?"

Maggard would also like to see a reduction in prescription drug costs, especially for seniors but for now he's already looking into hiring staff and setting up offices.

"There's not much down time," Maggard said.

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