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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 to the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park in Bushnell. Check out the living history, recreation and historic events.



Weather

As expected for this time of year, the heat of the summer is at its peak with daily temperatures mostly in the 90s. Expect a wet week ahead with rain and thunderstorms forecast every day but Thursday.

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Sports

All-Sunshine Athletic Conference teams selected

Numerous high school athletes from Zephyrhills, Pasco, Cypress Creek, Wiregrass Ranch and Wesley Chapel have been selected to All-Sunshine Athletic Conference teams for nine spring sports. Bulldog triple-jumper Cartrell Strong was a state champion.

Forensics and fingerprints at Saint Leo CSI Camp

For a second straight year Saint Leo University hosted a CSI camp for high school students interested in forensic science and crime scene investigation. The week-long camp took place at the university's San Antonio campus.

Robotics Camp for boys and girls at Saint Leo

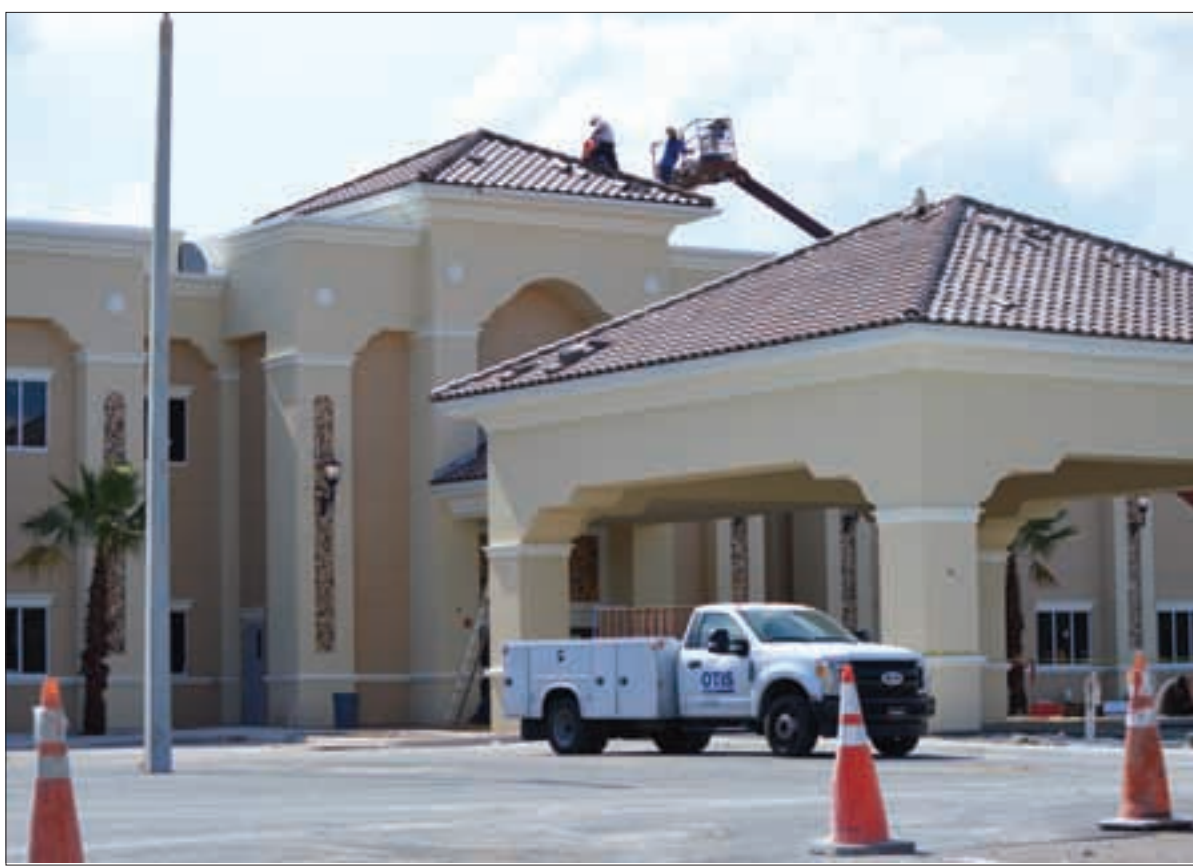
Saint Leo University also continued a five-year tradition by hosting a robotics camp for kids at the main campus.

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New developments continue in and around Zephyrhills



Construction is ongoing at the new Florida Medical Center off Eiland Boulevard. The clinic is among the major projects in the city.

STEVE LEE

VA Clinic, Florida Medical Clinic, along with commercial and residential developments are under way

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

While there are numerous commercial and residential projects under way in and around Zephyrhills, not to mention local businesses and eateries that have sprung up or changed hands in recent months and years, there is one project that is near and dear to the hearts of at least two local dignitaries.

The Veteran's Administration Clinic and Florida Medical Clinic, both facilities being built off Eiland Boulevard on the west side of the city, are among the major projects. There are two retail construction projects as well with Dollar General being built off County Road East and a 7-Eleven going up near Shannon's Produce off Eiland Boulevard.

Additionally, several residential developments continue toward a path to becoming homes for future residents, whether they will be year-round or snowbirds like many in the area.

"We've been really busy," said Todd Vande Berg, the city's planner who oversees these and many more developments.

As for the VA Clinic, mayor Gene Whitfield and

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New faces and sentimental goodbyes highlight city council meeting

Monday's council meeting was perhaps the last for Steve Spina and one of the first for new city manager William Poe Jr. and assistant city clerk Jessica Carter

BY ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

There were some fresh faces and watery eyes at Monday's Zephyrhills City Council meeting. Steve Spina's final day prior to retirement is Friday. Monday marked what is likely to be his last city council meeting. A couple of new faces dotted the dais.

After Friday, the interim tag gets removed and William Poe Jr. takes over where Spina's 30-year career with the city ends. Also seated at the dais on Monday was assistant city clerk Jessica Carter. Carter read roll call and transitioned right into a reading of a proclamation dedicated to Spina.

Mayor Gene Whitfield gave some remarks as Spina was presented with a plaque containing the proclamation. Whitfield noted how Spina started in the planning department and worked his way up to city manager. He noted Spina's work to save the Zephyrhills Depot Museum and how Spina is a founding member of Main Street Zephyrhills, among other accomplishments.

Spina had brought in a dry erase board that previously lived in his office. The board contained a list of projects in various phases of completion, some circled, some crossed off. Tackling the remainder of the list will now be up to Poe and his colleagues. Spina's remarks were that the city was still in good hands.

"Billy (Poe) already had plenty of experience being a city manager," Spina said. "Our task over the last few months was really just bringing him up to speed on the projects we are working on."

Next up, owner of A Helping Rock Eddy Reyes gave a report on the progress and 2018 measurables from his temporary homeless shelter in Zephyrhills. Reyes and the shelter face a temporary injunction by Pasco County, but Reyes has plans to bring the

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Explore Your World - Hillsborough River State 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

This gem, crown jewel rather, of historical and natural wonder is right under your nose in east Pasco County. Located just 10 miles south of downtown Zephyrhills, just into Hillsborough County is the Hillsborough River State Park. The Civilian Conservation Corps established the park in 1936 and today it has blossomed into a 3,319-acre park just popping with opportunity. Whether you're into nature or local history, the Hillsborough River State Park has everything you need.

Do yourself a favor and open up a map of the Tampa Bay area. Now, switch to satellite mode, where you can see all the trees. Now look for the biggest cluster of undeveloped natural land in the whole region. That's Hillsborough River State Park and adjacent Lower Hillsborough Flood Detention Area. If you want to get away and you don't want to have

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The hidden gem of Hillsborough River State Park is just a few miles south of downtown Zephyrhills.

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First National donates to local schools

First National Bank of Pasco (FNBP) and the Pasco County School Board have distributed the spring, or third quarter, fine arts classroom grants to six area schools. This public-private collaboration between the board and the bank is a program called ArtsFirst. ArtsFirst grant applications are submitted by Pasco fine arts teachers, and awarded by FNBP based upon the grant's likelihood of improving student achievement and opportunity.

"We have now been able to positively impact arts programs in 18 area schools for their fine arts programs this school year," said Steven D. Hickman, president and CEO of First National Bank of Pasco. "The feedback we're getting from teachers and administrators has been overwhelmingly positive."

The schools who received ArtsFirst grants in the third quarter include Calusa Elementary, Moon Lake Elementary, Denham Oaks, New River Elementary, Pine View Middle and Gulf Middle School.

Grant funds can be used to purchase anything from instruments to technology to arts supplies. Heather Fultz, band director for Pine View Middle School, is using the funds to purchase a subscription to a Musicworks magazine, which is a quarterly magazine that will help her beginning and intermediary band and music students learn to sight-read music.

"This publication is perfect for middle school students, and will help

them become more proficient musicians," said Fultz.

In the second quarter round of grants Latarsha Harris, an art teacher and yearbook advisor with Wesley Chapel Elementary School was able to purchase an iPad that students are now using to learn how to do animation.

"The students love it so much," said Harris. "They learned how to sketch their ideas and then put them in motion."

This is the third and final grant cycle for the 2018-2019 school year. First National Bank of Pasco intends to resume Arts-First grant funding when school resumes in the Fall.

"First National Bank of Pasco has been a great partner of the Pasco County School District," said Tom Viking, fine arts program coordinator for Pasco County Schools. "With every grant cycle, we've seen more grants submitted and a positive boost in public-private funding of more fine arts programs throughout the district."



Heather Fultz, band director for Pine View Middle School, accepts a check from Kathy Balthazard, area sales manager for First National Bank of Pasco, to purchase a source of new music for her band and music students. The publications will help teach sight reading to beginning and intermediary student musicians.

Elks donate afghans to nursing home

Zephyrhills Elks Lodge 2731 donates beautiful crocheted afghans to Baldemoro-Lopez State Veterans Nursing Home in Land O' Lakes. The yarn was donated to the lodge from the generous members and the afghans were lovingly made by

Happy Hookers, a group of women from the Highlands of Scotland Yard who are members of the lodge.

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Madalyn Alston named to Dean's List at Anderson University

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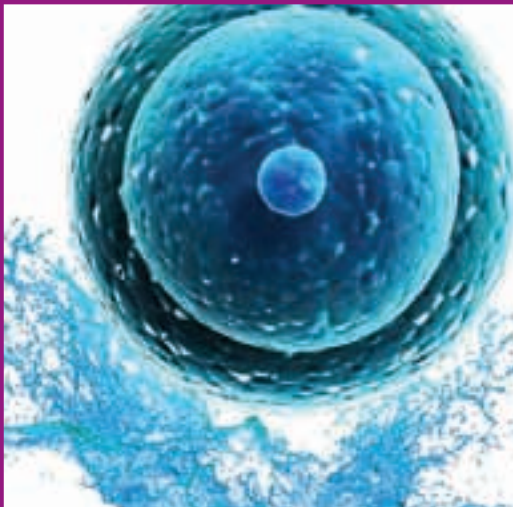
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Above: The entire city council gave Steve Spina a standing ovation and posed for this group photo that could be one of Spina's last in the new council chambers.



Left: A couple of new faces at the dais, deputy city manager William Poe Jr. (left) and assistant city clerk Jessica Carter (right).

Below: Eddy Reyes, owner of A Helping Hand homeless shelter, made a presentation to the council on Monday.

ANDY WARRENER



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facility into compliance and re-open it in October. Reyes did state that in 2018, A Helping Rock assisted 52 people in becoming, "graduates," as in they now have a stable job and adequate housing. The effort and results were praised universally by council members. It is the only facility of its kind in East Pasco County. Consent agenda items went relatively quickly. The first three, which dealt with

approving minutes from prior workshops and meeting were approved together and unanimously.

Item 2.4, which amended section of the employee policy and procedure manual was approved unanimously. The changes were approved by all city department heads.

Item 2.5 appointed Dan Evans to Seat 1 of the airport authority, replacing Rachel Nash, who recently stepped down from the post.

Item 2.6 approved conducting a site assessment of Fire Station 2. It was noted that there are some fire retardant chemicals that could be

hazardous in the station and the unanimously-approved item allowed Jones Edmunds to conduct a study and collaborate with the DEP.

Item 2.7 approved the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center membership fees discussed at a previous workshop.

In the Deputy City Manager's Report, Jensen Hackett, a former USF student currently employed by the DOT reviewed some of the details from both the 2014 and 2018 citizen satisfaction survey. Jensen made several improvements to increase participation from the 2014 to the 2018 survey, even adding an electronic survey that could be completed online, as well as gift cards that were given away as incentives to participate.

Items 3.2 and 3.3 in the report dealt specifically with the new tennis center. Item 3.2 pertained to the city receiving the full grant as provided by a state appropriation. Item 3.3 dealt with what was termed as the GMP or guaranteed maximum price of the project. All three items were recommended for approval by city staff and all were approved unanimously.

In the city attorney's report, three first readings were made and approved unanimously by the council. Item 4.1 authorizes the city to support, adopt and implement Pasco County's 2019 5-year update to the local mitigation strategy. Item 4.2 amends the city's code of ordinances regarding mobile food vending or

food trucks to allow for more opportunities where and for how long food trucks operate within city limits. Item 4.3 modifies the boundaries of the Community Redevelopment Agency District.

In the citizen comments section, District 1 County Commissioner Ron Oakley spoke in favor of consolidating Zephyrhills Fire Rescue into the county department. A meeting with county officials was held on Tuesday regarding the consolidation, where Poe and other city officials were present.

In the announcements section, every council member spoke favorably if not nostalgically about Spina. Councilman Alan Knight praised Reyes' efforts at A Helping Rock and expressed excitement over the new tennis center. Whitfield commended all of the volunteers that worked to help the shelter in its first year as well as their efforts to get it back into compliance. The meeting ended with a standing ovation for Spina.

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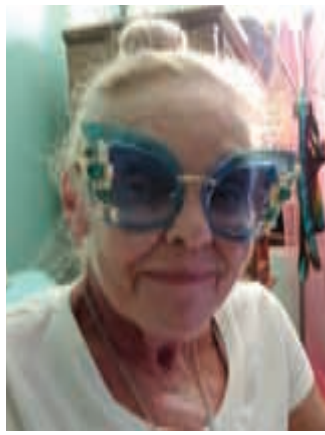
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OBITUARIES



Jennie A. St. Clair Phillips
PHILLIPS, Jennie A. St. Clair, 65, passed away June 17, 2019 at AdventHospital Zephyrhills. Jennie was born Aug. 5, 1953 in Prince George's County Md. She was predeceased by her father, John William St. Clair Sr. She is survived by her mother, Thelma E. St. Clair of Zephyrhills; siblings, Leslie St. Clair, Erin St. Clair, John St. Clair and Daniel St. Clair; her children, Cara White and Christopher Phillips; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. There will be a Celebration of Life Memorial Service for Jennie Phillips Aug. 5, 10 a.m. at Alliance Church, 6251 Fort King Blvd., Zephyrhills. Lunch to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Michael A. Barber
BARBER, Michael A., 66, of Zephyrhills passed away June 11, 2019. He was born Sept. 19, 1952 in Dade City to Alan and Ruth (Neely) Barber. Mr. Barber was of Christian faith, enjoyed doing floral design, and was a local hairdresser for many years. He will be missed by his friends and clients. He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Larry "Pat," Robert "Bobby" and David; and his partner, George Lang. He is survived by his loving family.

Bernetta J. Bureau
BUREAU, Bernetta J., 95, of Zephyrhills passed away June 18, 2019. She was born Nov. 18, 1923 in Whitehouse, Ohio, to Howard and Opal (Stover) Lehman. Mrs. Bureau was of Protestant faith, was a member of the Tropical Ares Estates Associations (TAE), and enjoyed being a homemaker. She is survived by her sons, Barry Bureau of Baytown, Texas, William Bureau of Zephyrhills and Bradley Bureau of Zephyrhills; three grandchildren, Brooke, Christina and Paige; and two great-grandchildren, Sophie and Gracie.

Mrs. Bureau was preceded in death by her husband, Robert W. Bureau.



Pauline Adeline Fawkes
FAWKES, Pauline Adeline, 95, of Zephyrhills, passed away peacefully to our Heavenly Father on June 13, 2019. Pauline, with her husband, Jack, raised their children in the horse business in Illinois. In 1980, they moved to Florida, and continued in the horse business. They also had an interest in dogs, and were one of the founders of the Gold Coast Terrier Network. They traveled for many years with their Jack Russell racing and hunting dogs. Pauline also loved to bake and work in her flower garden. More than anything, she was a very devout Catholic. Pauline loved spending time with her church family and the Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, and at St. Anthony Catholic School. Pauline is preceded in death by her loving parents, James and Gizella Pappas; her loving husband of 56 years, John "Jack" Fawkes, Sr.; her daughter, Pauline Atkinson; son-in-law, Monte Brower; and grandson, Zachary Brower. She is survived by her children, Margaret Brower, John Fawkes (Tracey), Dolores Fawkes (Dieter Kretschy), Mary Ann Jacobsen (Kenneth), David Fawkes, Frances Shiver (Daren), Guy Fawkes (Cindy); grandchildren, Katie Gaddis (Matthew), Jack Behring (Rachel), Erin Brower, Cailen Brower, Morgan Ott (Kyle), Madison Fawkes, Nicholas Jacobsen, Natalie Fawkes, Adeline Shiver, Sarah Fawkes, Anna Fawkes, and Allison Fawkes; great-grandchildren, Lily and Spencer Gaddis, and Ryland and Nevvin Ott. Pauline's funeral mass and visitation were June 22 at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 38710 5th Ave., Zephyrhills. In lieu of flowers, please carefully consider sending donations to: The Franciscan Sisters of St. Elizabeth, PO Box 524,

San Antonio, Fla. 33576 or The NORD Foundation, 747 Milan Ave., Amherst, Ohio 44001

Jeffery Kenneth Travis
TRAVIS, Jeffery Kenneth, 63, of Zephyrhills passed away May 31, 2019 at his home. He was born April 12, 1956 in Elmira, N.Y. to Robert Kenneth and Lillian June (Bloomer) Travis. Jeffery was a lifelong resident of Zephyrhills, a 1974 graduate of University of South Florida. He was an eagle scout and a lifelong NRA member. He served as a Range Officer at the Rod and Gun Club and taught Hunters Education Classes. Mr. Travis is survived by a sister, Cynthia Watkins; niece, Lillian Watkins; nephews, Travis (Jessica) Watkins and Spencer Travis of Durham, N.C. He was predeceased by his significant other, Sharon Maniscalco; his parents; and a brother, Clifford M. Travis. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Greater Tampa Area Council of Boy Scouts, Tampa, Fla. A Memorial Service was June 14 at the Dade City Rod and Gun Club.



Gary Garth Yanson
YANSON, Gary Garth, 76, of Hudson passed away June 9, 2019. He was a member of the Land O' Lakes Moose Lodge. Gary enjoyed playing golf and building flying Gyrocopters. He is survived by three sons, Roger Yanson and Donnie Yanson both of Zephyrhills and Eddie Yanson of Spring Hill; and two brothers, Terry Yanson of Tampa and Timmy Yanson of Old Town. Gary was preceded in death by two sisters, Doreen and Damaris. A memorial service is June 29, 11 a.m. at Whitfield Funeral Home.



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FRIDAYS	RED Shirt Friday Fish Fry 4-7pm Karaoke with Billy Cole 7-10pm	SUNDAYS	Pool 2pm Every Sunday Trustees Meeting 9am
SATURDAYS	Aerie Dual Bingo 1pm Darts 7pm	MONDAYS	Hank, the Piano Man 4-7pm Philly Cheesesteak 4-7pm Trivia 7:30-8:30pm
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 Friday
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 Worship..... 10 a.m.
 Sunday School
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 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.
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 (in fellowship hall)..... 9 a.m.
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 Wednesday..... 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.
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 Tuesday
 Ladies Bible Study..... 9:30 a.m.
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 Evening Service..... 6:30 p.m.
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 Evening Worship..... 6 p.m.
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 Kids Club..... 7 p.m.

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 Wednesday Service..... 6 p.m.

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 Monday
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 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.
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 Morning prayer..... 7:45 a.m.
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 Morning Prayer..... 5 a.m.
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 Bible Study..... 7:30 p.m.
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Don't be surprised if, in spite of your well-made plans, something goes awry. But don't worry. Your knowledge of the facts plus your Arian charm will help you work it out.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A personal relationship seems to be demanding more than you feel you're able to give. Best advice: Confront the issue. You could find the situation surprisingly easy to work through.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Resist being pressured into meeting your self-imposed deadline. This is important if you really feel that taking more time to finish a project could save time in the long run.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A vacation choice seems less interesting than when you first made it. Could it be a matter of the place or the people going with you? Find out before you consider a change of plans.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Someone might be overriding your Leonine logic to get you to agree to "favors" that you would normally avoid. Take a new look at what you've been asked to do and see if you've been misled.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Try to keep that emerging "judgmental" aspect in check this week. Too many critiques on relatively unimportant issues could create a lot of negative bounce-back reactions.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Facing unpleasant facts about an associate isn't easy. But

ignoring them isn't wise. Ask a trusted (and neutral) friend to help guide you on what to do and how you might do it.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A shift in opinion regarding a workplace situation could go a long way in vindicating the stand you've taken. But be aware that a satisfactory resolution could still be a long way off.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) It's not like you to choose the easy way rather than the right way to do things. So, follow your instincts and feel assured they will lead you to the right decision. Good luck.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Hold off on making a personal commitment until you find out what it really entails and whose interests are actually involved. There could be hidden facts you need to know.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A new friend offers an unexpected opportunity that could lead to a career change. Check it out carefully and consider getting an assessment from someone familiar with this field.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) A surprising discovery leads to mixed reactions from those involved in the "revelation." But as you come to appreciate the truth, you'll be able to come to terms with your feelings.

BORN THIS WEEK: Your love of travel helps you appreciate the wonders of the world. You would find a satisfying career in any travel-related industry.

KING CROSSWORD - JUNE 27

ACROSS

- 1 Fruity spread
- 4 Scrabble piece
- 8 Tarzan's clique
- 12 "The -- Daba Honeymoon"
- 13 Valhalla VIP
- 14 Existed
- 15 Troop group
- 17 Release
- 18 Is frugal
- 19 Ostrich's cousin
- 21 Cauldron
- 22 Let up
- 26 Photo book
- 29 Evergreen type
- 30 Pond carp
- 31 Sudden shock
- 32 Blue
- 33 Desirous look
- 34 Fuss
- 35 Arctic diver
- 36 Move laterally
- 37 New
- 39 A billion years
- 40 Bearded beast
- 41 Heavy hammer
- 45 Overly proper one
- 48 Dweller
- 50 Mexican entree
- 51 "Zounds!"
- 52 Varnish ingredient
- 53 "So be it"
- 54 Sources for sauces
- 55 Ordinal suffix

DOWN

- 1 Supermarket lineup
- 2 Help on the sly
- 3 Creche trio
- 4 Long, narrow drum
- 5 That is (Lat.)
- 6 Jeremy of basketball
- 7 Went in
- 8 Terrible

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9 For one

10 Preceding

11 Diocese

16 Suggestions

20 Kitten's comment

23 -- out (supplemented)

24 Yuletide refrain

25 Grow weary

26 Open slightly

27 Source of riches

28 United nations

29 Talk on and on

32 Surgical stitching

33 Queued (up)

35 Curry or Coulter

36 Cubes, spheres, et al.

38 Incite

39 English composition

42 Take out of context?

43 Summertime pest

44 Leave a lasting impression

45 Bake sale org.

46 Aries

47 Lemieux milieu

49 Swelled head

ANSWERS TO KING CROSSWORDS JUNE 20

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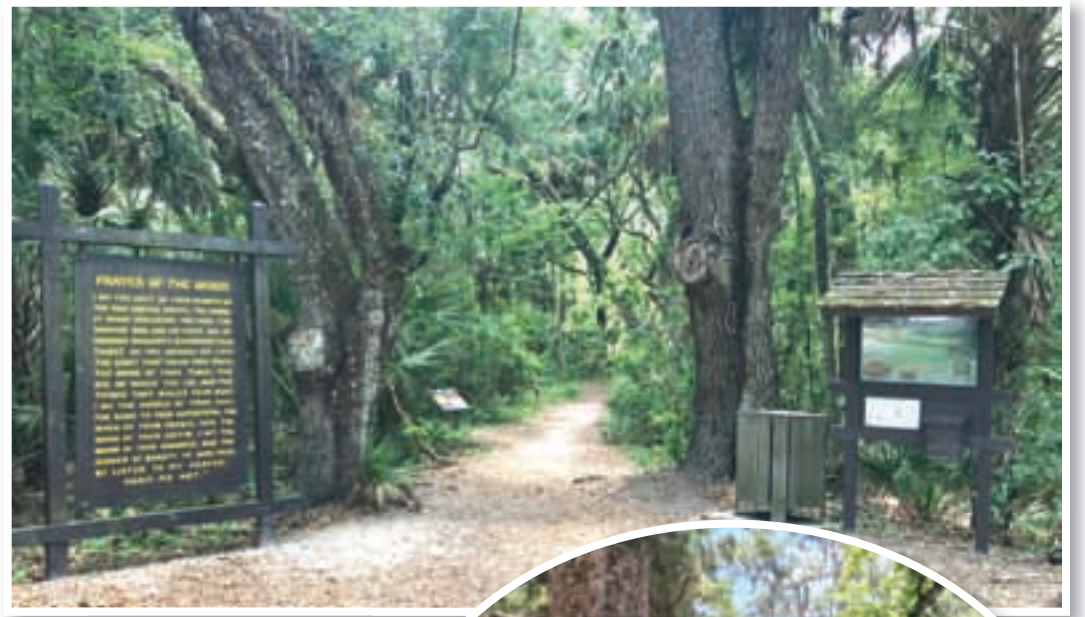
Above: The 1/2-acre swimming pool is one of the park's features.

PHOTO COURTESY OF HILLSBOROUGH RIVER STATE PARK



Left: Canoes and kayaks are available for rental and guests are permitted to bring their own.

Below: The entrance to one of the many trails the park has to offer.



Above: A view from the suspension bridge looking upriver.

Left: Seminole reenactors pose for a photo during an event at Fort Foster.



ANDY WARRENER

Above: Picnic pavilions with wood or charcoal burning grills are available to rent for events.



Above: A playground sits in the center of one of the recreation areas with nearby picnic tables and pavilions.

► **HILLSBOROUGH STATE PARK:** From Page 1A

to drive to Ocala or south Florida, Hillsborough River State Park is your destination.

Camping

The park has 112 campsites available. There are three different loops to choose from and some sites require backing in with an RV, while a few are pull-through. All allow for leashed pets and all have electric access. The sites all have water source, fire ring, picnic table. Each of the three loops have bathrooms with flush toilets, hot showers and laundry facilities. For RVers the campground even has a dump station.

If you're looking for something more secluded, the park has primitive camping sites located across the river. Primitive campers are required to check in and out at the ranger station. The primitive sites are a 1.5-mile hike and at least one person 18 years or older must accompany the party. Remember with primitive camping, you bring in an bring out everything. There is no water source nor restroom facilities. The park also offers primitive group camping

for groups of six or more affiliated with a non-profit or community organization.

It's not easy to get a campsite. Even in the summer, campsites book out early. You'll have to plan ahead of time in order to reserve a camping spot. Reservations through Reserve America can be made up to 11 months in advance. The park does sometimes have walk up campsite options. You'll have to call ahead to the ranger station to find out.

It's important to remember that it's Florida. The mosquitos will be out at night and night's can be hot and muggy. You'll want to bring your bug repellent, your screen rooms, anything you might want or need to protect from the thirsty blood suckers. However, throwing anchor at one of the campsites is your best way to access all of the other activities the park offers.

Hiking

The park has seven miles of hiking trails and even ties into the Fort King Trail. The Fort King Trail historically was a rough-cut army trail that connected a string of military forts from Fort Brooke in Tampa Bay, all the way to Fort King in Ocala. It was cut in the 1830s as the string of

forts, which includes the marvelous Fort Foster, were all designed to be within a day's march of each other. More on that later. Today, the Fort King Trail is a 13.3-mile multi-purpose trail that runs generally along US 301 but it's not even considered part of the seven miles of trails in the park.

The trails in the park take hikers through a dense hammock, thus nearly all of the trails have ample shade. It is bearable, even in the pitch of summer, to hike these trails. You'll want to bring along plenty of water, though, and maybe try and schedule your hike for the morning or evening hours. The Wetlands Trail (1.6 miles), the Baynard Trail (1.1 miles) and the Seminole Trail (3.4 miles) all offer ample amounts of shade but be careful because heavy rains can make them impassable. It's a good idea to check in with the park office ahead of time if there have been recent rains.

Day Tripping

The list of options for visiting the park for a day trip is exhaustive. Bicycling on the 1.6-mile Wetlands Restoration Nature Trail is an option, bicycling on the 2.2-mile park loop is another. Bicycles are even available for rent at the park's concession. Fitness gurus can take advantage of a fitness trail that winds through the park, studded by exercise stations that target specific muscle groups.

Canoes and kayaks are available for rent at the concession. Park guests are also welcome to bring their own. Fishing is a popular activity as well as Geo-Seeking. If you need to cool off, take a plunge in the park's 1/2-acre swimming pool. The pool has hours and there is an additional fee, per person to gain access. The pool is located at the new concierge where food and drinks as well as souvenirs and last-minute camping items are available for purchase.

The park has two children's playgrounds as well as a host of picnic tables and pavilions. There are seven rentable pavilions that can be booked by calling the ranger station. There is even a 100-person hall available to rent for events like weddings.

Living History

Originally named Fort Alabama after the militia troops that manned the fort in its early years. Fort Foster was built in March 1836 by the US Army as the first stop on the Fort King Trail north of Fort Brooke in Tampa Bay. Its purpose was to defend one of the few crossings over the Hillsborough River. Seminole Indians attempted to burn the bridge during a skirmish and the park recreates that event annually.

There are several other historical events the park puts on at the fort but most are scheduled for the drier, cooler months. Tours of the fort, reconstructed by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, can be arranged but you'll want to check with the ranger station as summer weather oftentimes makes excursions to the fort prohibitive. The fort is fully-dressed with accouterments and supplied indicative of mid-19th Century military life and has two working cannon used during events.

Even if weather prohibits a visit to Fort Foster the Interpretive Center is located at Parking Lot 1 right where you would catch the tram to go over to the fort. The Interpretive Center is modest but it has artifacts and information surrounding the time period of the Seminole Wars, particularly the 2nd Seminole War.

Overview

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Above: A cannon firing demonstration at Fort Foster during a living history event.

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Left: Construction work continues on a new 7-Eleven going up at Eiland Boulevard and the end of Dean Dairy Road.

Below: A sign announces another subdivision planned for Zephyrhills.

STEVE LEE



Left: A crane digs up the earth during the construction phase for a new Dollar General Store near Oak View Plaza.

► **NEW TO ZEPHYRHILLS:** From Page 1A

former politician Danny Burgess, who now is the executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, are among the people eager to see the clinic open up in the near future.

"It's fantastic," said Burgess, who once was the youngest mayor of the city and later served as a member of the Florida House of Representatives before being appointed to his new post by Governor Ron DeSantis. "It's wonderful that the VA has recognized the need in our area. It's good that that need will be met."

Another plus for Burgess is that his family resides close to the planned clinic at 37827 Eiland Blvd., not far from his family's home, in Wesley Chapel.

Count Whitfield, an avid patriot, as another person who is thrilled that the outpatient clinic will soon be a reality in Zephyrhills. Especially, he noted, considering the area was founded by Capt. Harold Jeffries, a Civil War Union veteran who established the area initially known as Abbott Station.

"It is going to be a great facility for our veterans," Whitfield said. "We have a large veterans population in this area and I think this will provide good local services to the vets and be an asset to our community; a community that was founded by veterans after the Civil War."

The new clinic will combine the current Zephyrhills Community Based Outpatient Clinic and the Zephyrhills Mental Health leases. The 14,000-square-acre facility at 37827 Eiland Blvd. will have a 20-year lease.

"That's just begun, so that's probably several months out from being completed," Vande Berg said of the VA project.

As for the other medical-based facility, the Florida Medical Clinic is a two-story building consisting of 27,731 square feet that sits on six acres, according to Vande Berg. It is located off Eiland Road, not far east of the Silver Oaks community and Silverado Golf Course.

"They're not 100 percent, but they're getting close," Vande Berg said of the Florida Medical Clinic, noting that there are two more out-parcels behind that project.

The Dollar General building is taking shape as crews work on the site daily. It is at the corner of County Road East and 20th Street on the eastern side of Oak View Plaza. There are several vacancies in that shopping center, which already has a Family Dollar among empty storefronts for lease.

The 7-Eleven is being constructed adjacent to Shannon's Produce at the intersection of Eiland Boulevard and Dean Dairy Road.

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