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Community News

Independence Day closings throughout Pasco County
Several Pasco County offices have announced closings for the holiday weekend.

Graduations relocated

Delayed graduations for county high school students have been rescheduled.

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Weather

A typical summer weather pattern continues for yet another week. Daily thunderstorms are predicted. As for the daily temperatures, look for daytime highs to mostly be in the lower 90s while nighttime averages drop into the 70s.

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Sports

Sneak peek for new Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center

The public gets a sneak peek for the new Sarah Vande Berg Tennis & Wellness Center, which is set to open next month.

Pin Chasers has reopened, bringing back bowlers

Bowlers, young and old alike, have returned to Pin Chasers, which has reopened with some restrictions and precautionary measures.

Zephyrhills Public Library welcomes back patrons

Library patrons and newcomers have been filtering into the city's library, which has reopened on a limited basis and with various precautions.

➤ 1B

Enter Summer Coloring Contest

The Zephyrhills News presents our annual summer coloring contest with winners slated to receive a prize. The contest is open to children, ages 5-10, except for members of newspaper employees. Entries must be received no later than 5 p.m. on July 27, 2020.

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Girl Scout Troop 148 finally gets bridge ceremony



Girl Scout Troop 148, along with leaders and families, celebrated a bridge ceremony on Sunday afternoon in Shepard Park. The ceremony, which was delayed four times, took place outdoors for the first time.

STEVE LEE

Traditional event, which was rescheduled four times, celebrates girls' accomplishments outdoors at Shepard Park

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

The relentless determination of Girl Scout Troop 148 finally prevailed last Sunday at Shepard Park. Not only was a bridge ceremony for the troop delayed and rescheduled four times, but the venue was changed slightly.

The traditional ceremony, in which local girls celebrate their key accomplishments and advancements to the next level, took place on Sunday afternoon. Like many other events affected by the coronavirus pandemic, it was held outdoors rather than inside the park's building, which is located on the city-owned property.

"This ceremony will be a memory that will definitely be different than any other ceremony the girls have experienced, but it's also important for them to be recognized for their accomplishments," said troop leader Tammy Whitworth, who worked diligently to get the girls recognized. "This is especially valuable in these times that the girls have lost out on traditions, normal schedules and the interaction with their fellow scouts."

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Fireworks at Avalon Park

Fourth of July Celebration has been a community tradition since 2013

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

For Avalon Park residents, a Fourth of July Celebration has been a community tradition since 2013. This year's festivities, like so many other events during these trying times of the coronavirus pandemic, will be somewhat different than in years past.

While local leaders have rolled back some reopening measures and made face masks requirements in certain places as COVID-19 has surged, the show must go on. The eighth annual fireworks show at the Wesley Chapel-based community, which is just east of Zephyrhills city limits, will take place on Saturday with festivities planned from 5-9 p.m.

The celebration, however, will be limited to residents of that community and social distancing measures will be adhered to, according to a spokeswoman for Avalon Park. However, she did say that people will not be turned away. Plus, the fireworks lighting up the night sky and scheduled to begin around 9 p.m. will be able to be seen from nearby vantage points as well.

"We're kind of in this COVID time, so we're definitely thinking of the safety of our residents," said Stephanie Lerret, the company's senior vice president of marketing and community relations.

Melonie Monson, executive director of the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, noted how important the celebration has become for east Pasco residents. Especially considering the longstanding Fourth of July Show that was known as Sparklebration at the Pasco County Fairgrounds in Dade City no longer takes place and that Avalon Park is a chamber member.

"I think they're trying to provide a service for the community," said Monson, who has gone to several Fourth of July Celebrations at

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Apollo Beach: Best kept secret in Tampa Bay

Southern Hillsborough beachfront community offers plenty of camping, fishing and water activities

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

Not far from east Pasco and away from the crowds that flock to beachfront communities and adjacent islands in Pinellas and Manatee counties is what can literally be described as one of the best kept secrets in Tampa Bay.

Actually, Apollo Beach in eastern Hillsborough borders the top of Tampa Bay and its scenic waterfronts provide the unique perspective of being able to see the downtown skylines of Tampa and St. Petersburg from one vantage area.

There, you will find the crown jewel of the town in the E.G. Simmons Conservation Park, which was developed from 258 acres of native mangrove shores and intercoastal waterways. The options are many — boating and other water crafts including canoeing and kayaking, fishing, hiking, picnics and even playgrounds for the little ones. The park also has 103 campsites with electricity, potable water and fire rings.

"We never went back up north this year. It's better to stay down here and be outdoors near the water," said Evelyn Pennett, who along with her

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The boat dock, which is part of Land's End Marina and adjacent to Circles Restaurant, is always a busy spot.

STEVE LEE

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Pasco County offices to close for Independence Day

Pasco County Government offices, including the constitutional offices and the courts, will be closed July 3, in observance of Independence Day. All government offices and the courts that are maintaining limited services as a result of the coronavirus pandemic will reopen July 6.

The Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources' Offices, Recreation Complexes and Community Centers will be closed July 3 and 4; however, the parks and beaches will stay open to the public from dawn to dusk.

Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) will be open July 3, providing limited bus service. See a list of available routes at: bit.ly/PCPTRiderAlerts. PCPT administrative offices will be closed to walk-in customers July 3; however, phone lines will be open. PCPT will be closed, and bus services will not run July 4. PCPT will resume all regular routes July 6.

All Pasco County libraries will be open July 3; however, they will be closed July 4.

The Pasco County Animal Services Administration Office, Adoption Center, Intake/Reclaim Shelter and Field Services will be closed July 3. An Animal Control Officer will be available for emergencies only. The Adoption Center & Intake/Reclaim will be open July 4, with reduced hours from 12-5 p.m.

The Pasco County Resource Recovery Facility, West Pasco Class III, and the East Pasco Transfer Station will be open to the public July 3. Both facilities will be closed to the public July 4; however, they will be open to Pasco County licensed commercial haulers.

The Pasco County Tax Collector's Office will be closed July 3 and 4.

The Florida Department of Health in Pasco County will be closed July 3.

Pasco announces new plans for graduation



After learning that the Yuengling Center at USF is unable to hold the delayed graduations planned in August for Pasco County's graduating seniors, an alternative plan has been developed to celebrate the Class of 2020.

In-person graduation ceremonies have been scheduled from July 17 through 31, with most of the ceremonies taking place outdoors in the schools' stadiums.

At each ceremony, the graduates will be allowed to bring two guests, and each group of three (graduate and two guests) will be seated together on the field at a safe distance from other graduates and their guests.

The plan makes it possible for graduating seniors to experience the ceremony surrounded by classmates and family, and to be individually recognized while receiving their diploma.

After the regularly scheduled graduations at the Yuengling Center in June were cancelled

due to health and safety concerns, graduates were honored with a virtual graduation in June on the same date and time that their graduation would have occurred. The virtual ceremonies included prerecorded speeches by their principals and selected classmates. After a rendition of Pomp and Circumstance recorded individually on Zoom by musicians from around the school district, the graduates were individually honored; their pictures were shown as their names were called.

In an effort to provide an in-person graduation, the school district rescheduled graduations at the Yuengling Center at a later date in August. However, due to health and safety concerns, the Yuengling Center is unable to accommodate those events.

The new graduation dates, times, and locations are listed below.

Friday, July 17	Fivay High School	7:30 p.m.	FHS Stadium
	Zephyrhills High School	7:30 p.m.	ZHS Stadium
	Wesley Chapel High School	7:30 p.m.	WCHS Stadium
Saturday, July 18	Land O'Lakes High School	8:00 p.m.	LOLHS Stadium
Monday, July 20	Pasco eSchool	7:30 p.m.	Crews Lake MS Cafeteria
Wednesday, July 22	Sun Lake High School	8:30 a.m.	SLHS Stadium
	Wendell Krinn Technical High School	6:00 p.m.	WKTHS Gymnasium
Friday, July 24	Cypress Creek High School	7:30 p.m.	CCHS Stadium
	JW Mitchell High School	7:30 p.m.	JWMHS Stadium
	Pasco High School	7:30 p.m.	PHS Stadium
Saturday, July 25	Gulf High School	9:00 a.m.	JW Mitchell Stadium
Wednesday, July 29	Marchman Technical College	7:30 p.m.	WKTHS Stadium
Friday, July 31	River Ridge High School	7:30 p.m.	RRHS Stadium
	Anclote High School	7:30 p.m.	AHS Stadium
	Hudson High School	7:30 p.m.	HHS Stadium
	Wiregrass Ranch High School	7:30 p.m.	WRHS Stadium

Statement from Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley

Our office has received numerous calls and emails from voters who received what appears to be handwritten postcards encouraging voting by mail. Some of the mailers have included political statements endorsing the Democratic Party and include our office phone number and e-mail address.

Please know that these postcards are not from our office or any of its' employees. Official mail from the elections' office will have our return address clearly listed, and most mail will include the United States Postal Service's official election mail logo. We will never send mail or other communications endorsing one

candidate or party over another.

As a matter of public record, voter lists can be requested by anyone, including people who do not live in Florida. Many of the mail pieces we have seen have out-of-state postmarks. Pasco County is not the only Florida county with voters who have received similar postcards.

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SUNSET: 8:30pm MOONSET: 5:02am

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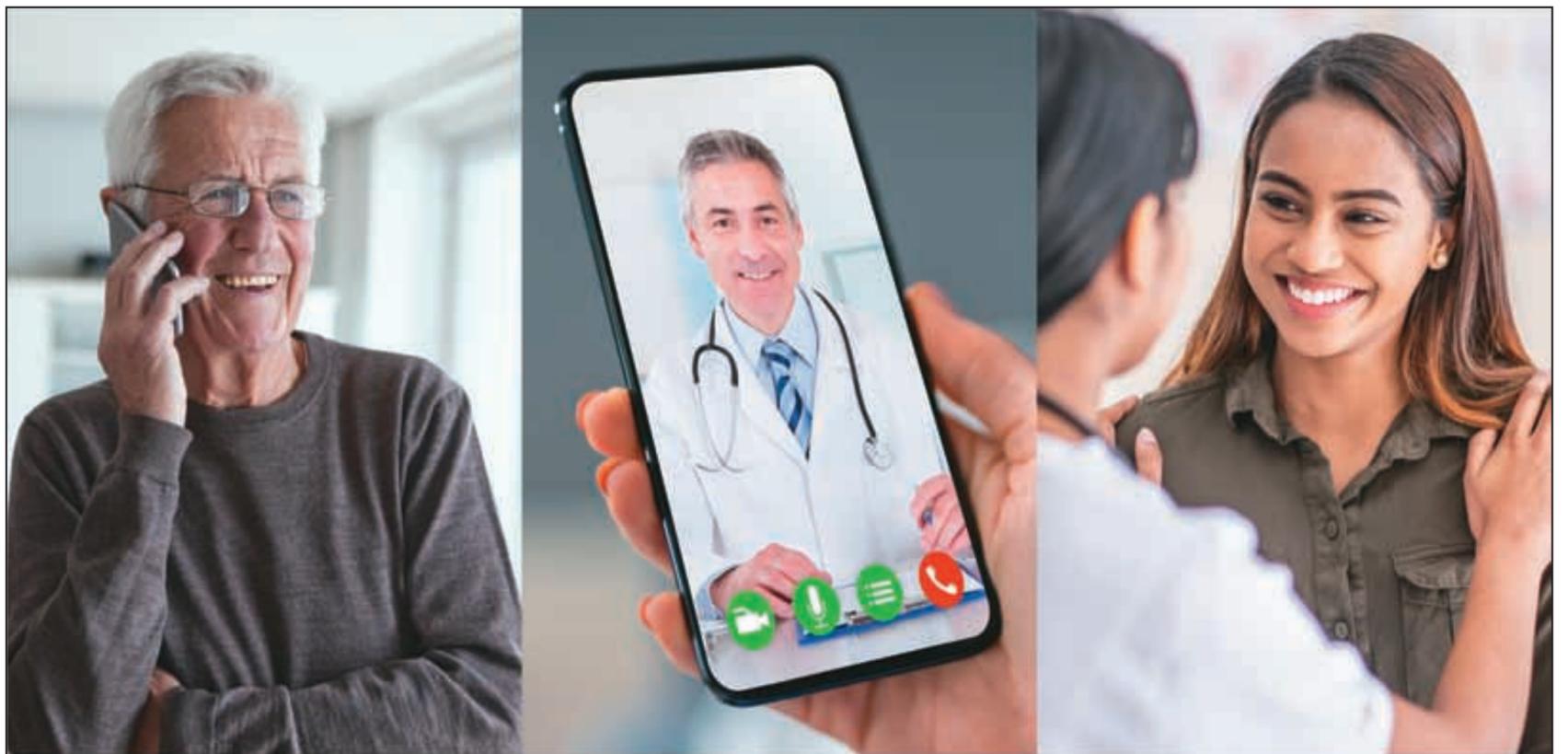
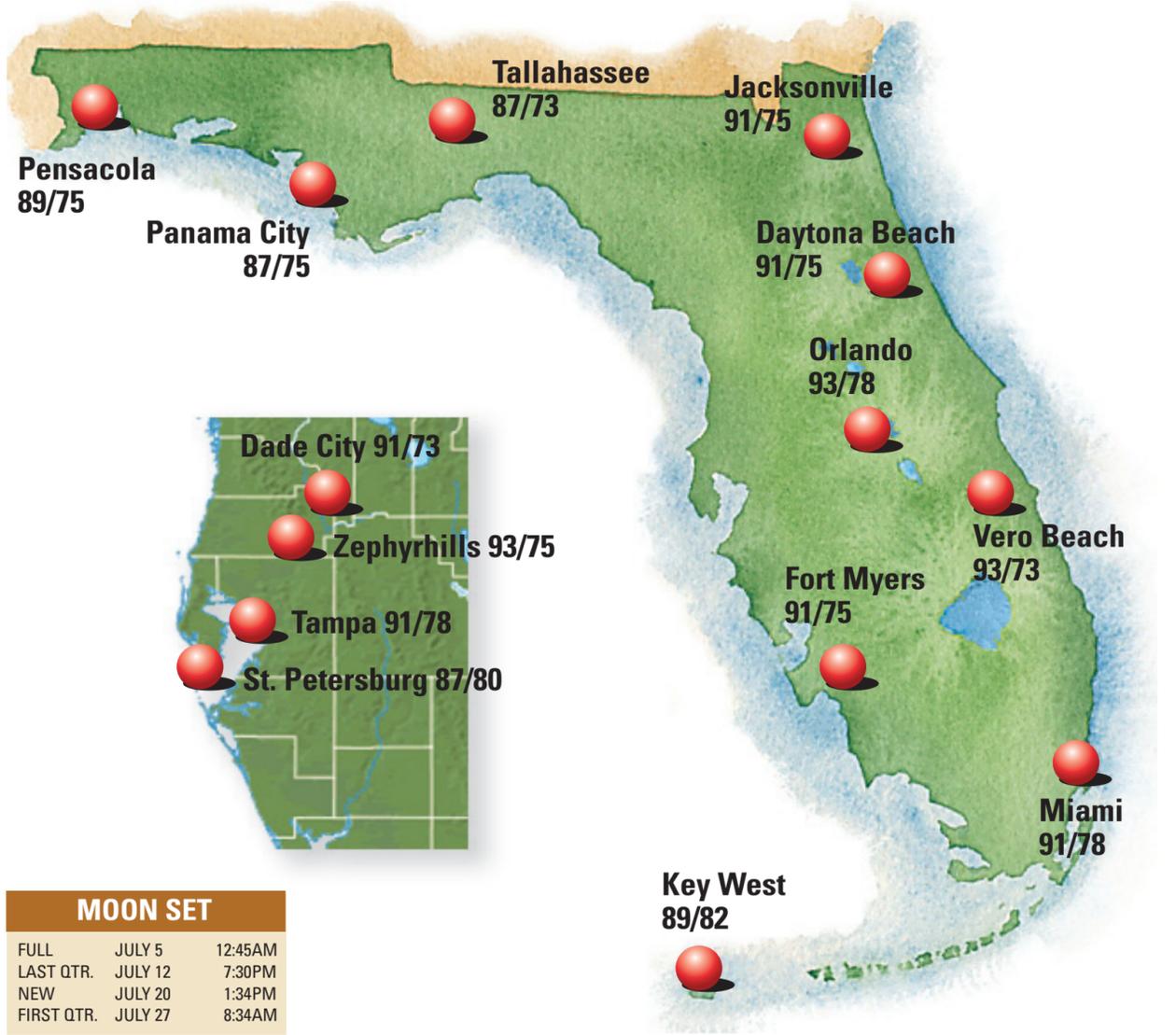
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Above and left: A bike parade for kids has become an annual tradition during Avalon Park's Fourth of July Celebration.

Below: A crowd gathers round to witness musical and entertainment acts. This year's celebration will be different with social distancing guidelines enforced. **PHOTOS PROVIDED**

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Above: Fireworks will light up the night sky and begin around 9 p.m. on Saturday.

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Avalon Park. "With all that's going on right now any kind of glimmer of hope is wonderful, so we're glad that Avalon Park is putting this on."

Lerret noted that under normal circumstances the public is welcome to Avalon Park events. In addition to an Avalon Park community in Orlando also putting on a fireworks show this Saturday night that area as well as the development in Wesley Chapel also hosts various community events at Halloween and Christmas times.

The Fourth of July Celebration has included such events as apple pie bakeoff contests, bike parades and porch decorating. There also have been food trucks and various vendors in the past.

Those spinoffs, as well as the annual celebrations, Lerret noted, "stem from our CEO (Beat Kahli) not doing traditional subdivisions."

By that she means not just developing land and building homes but promoting community involvement with organized activities such as the aforementioned events.

"There's a sense of belonging and the Fourth of July is one of those events that promotes that," Lerret said.

Having been raised in a small town in Kansas, Lerret noted that she could relate to that small-town identity and sense of belonging.

"I've had the privilege of growing this event," said Lerret, who has been with the company for 17 years.



Above: A fireworks display from previous years is shown here.

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The children ministry, TeamKid, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with director, Lorraine McKinney, and teachers, Carol Arnold and Sarah Lutz.

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m. and worship service, 10:45 a.m. The evening service is cancelled until further notice. Wednesday mid-week service, 6 p.m. and choir practice is at 6 p.m.

For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5574.

Crystal Springs Worship Center, 2155 Paul Buchman Hwy. is an Assembly of God Church. Adult Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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.

Dade City Grace Bible Church, 15000 U.S. Hwy. 301, Dade City Business Center, Suite 403, will begin meeting June 14, 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.Bible-TruthForToday.com or call (352) 567-3955.

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 at all services.

The Abundant Blessings Food Pantry is open, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. For those in attendance at either the Sunday 10:15 a.m. or Wednesday 6:45 p.m. services the Food Pantry

will be open after each service.

For more information on the ministries of the church visit: www.thechurchatchanceyroad.com and you can also watch live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tim.mitchell every Sunday and Wednesday.

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 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. There is a mid-week service on Wednesday, 7 p.m. Nursery and children's programs are available.

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Our Hope in the Perfect Blood

"On February 11, 2020, the World Health Organization announced an official name for the disease that is causing the 2019 novel coronavirus outbreak, first identified in Wuhan, China. The new name is coronavirus disease 2019. Abbreviated COVID-19." [cdc.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

HOWEVER, the Most-High God of heaven and earth, and the creator of man and all things that were made, identifies another "Real Virus" in His Word which affects man. It is named "SIN." This virus sends all men (the people of all the nations) straight to hell at one's death. Sin is anything that is wrong or unrighteousness toward God. God's justice demands that the penalty for sin be paid because "He [GOD] is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he" (Deuteronomy 32:4).

This "Sin Virus" was caused by the first man, Adam, whom God made. In fact, we can safely say this virus was man-made due to Satan's influence upon Adam and Eve. Adam brought sin and death into the world when he disobeyed God's one commandment in Genesis 2:16-17, and now death hath past upon all men for that all have sinned and come short of God's glory (Romans 5:12). Sin is inherited from Adam, and that not because we sin, but because we are born with sin. Sin is in all men's blood. If one does not get rid of their sin, "THE WAGES OF SIN IS DEATH..." (Romans 6:23). This is eternal punishment in the lake of fire which is the second death. But this does not have to be true. GOD HAS SOME GOOD NEWS FOR US IF WE BELIEVE THE REST OF THE VERSE: "BUT THE GIFT OF GOD IS ETERNAL LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD" (Romans 6:23).

GOD'S ANSWER IS PERFECT BLOOD. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7). GOD HAS PROVIDED HIMSELF AN OFFERING FOR SIN IN THE PERSON OF HIS PERFECT AND RIGHTEOUS SON, THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, FROM HEAVEN. GOD WAS IN CHRIST AT CALVARY RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF, NOT IMPUTING OR CHARGING THEIR TRESPASSES UNTO THEM (2 Corinthians 5:19). [Note: the CHURCH is to beseech all to believe God's Word and be reconciled to Him.]

"...There is none righteous, no, not one." (Romans 3:10). "But God commendeth [proved] his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him" (2 Corinthians 5:21).

The apostle Paul delivers unto us the gospel we must believe in order to be saved from the debt and penalty of our sins: **Christ died for our sins; he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:** (1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

"Now to him that worketh is the reward not reckoned of grace, but of debt. 5 BUT TO HIM THAT WORKETH NOT, but believeth on him that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness" (Romans 4:4-5) "Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood..." (Romans 3:24-25).

WHEN YOU TRUST IN THE FINISHED WORK OF CHRIST ON HIS CROSS AS PAYMENT FOR YOUR SINS, then GOD delivers YOU from the power of darkness and translates YOU into the kingdom of His Dear Son (Colossians 1:13). YOU no longer are a child of Satan. YOU NOW belong to God. **YOU have a new I.D.** YOU are sealed and baptized by God's Holy Spirit and placed into Christ's body, his church, for whom he loved and died for. **YOU AND I have the perfect blood of Christ and His righteousness. WE TRULY HAVE A BLESSED HOPE, ONE THAT WE CAN SHARE WITH OTHERS: FREEDOM FROM SIN AND PEACE WITH GOD!**

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OBITUARIES



Dale O. Bacon

BACON, Dale O., 89, former Zephyrhills resident and prominent businessman passed away June 26, 2020 at his home in Bushnell, with his wife Nancy and children, Debby and James at his side. Dale was born Dec. 12, 1930 in Salem, Ohio to George and Estella Burrows Bacon and was the last survivor of nine hard working boys on the family farm. He was a straightforward and honest man with a strong opinion, which helped him accomplish anything he set his mind to do. He served in the United States Army and specialized in radar. Following his Army discharge, he moved to Zephyrhills and began working at Miller Electronics. As the story is told, the first time he saw the boss's daughter Nancy, he backed the company work truck into a tree. He married Nancy Miller in 1957 and together they built several successful businesses in Zephyrhills including Dale's Radio & TV, Dale's Firestone Center, Palm Estates Mobile Home Park, Southern Charm RV Resort and Black Shadow Angus Farm. Their two children, Debby and James were adopted and they consider themselves lucky to have been chosen the daughter and son of Dale and Nancy. Dale was a highly

generous civic leader. Zephyrhills could always count on him to support and donate to their fundraisers, programs, shows, team sponsorships and any cause that needed help. In recognition of his community dedication and service, he was awarded the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Business Leader award for 1987-88. He and Nancy moved their residence to a quiet farm in Bushnell in 1990 and commuted to work each day until his retirement in 2007. Dale treasured life on the farm and took great pleasure in watching his Black Angus cattle and the plentiful deer, turkeys, and hogs that roamed freely. Dale was a devoted husband to his wife, of 62 years, Nancy. Loving dad to daughter, Debby Bacon and husband, Ron Ernest and son, James Bacon and wife, Nancy Achillich; proud grandpa of five grandchildren, Keathel Chauncey, Jr. (wife, Samantha), Cassidy Chauncey, Dakota Chauncey, Kylie Sowers (husband, Ricky), Lexie Rinnert (husband, Travis); and caring great-grandpa to Mason and Cooper Sowers. Honoring his request for simplicity, Dale's remains will be placed in the Florida National Veterans Cemetery in Bushnell with no service being held.

Patricia K. Bremberg

BREMBERG, Patricia K., 77, of Zephyrhills, passed away June 18, 2020. Mrs. Bremberg is survived by her sons, Richard and Michael Orze; and loving family.



Arthur G.O. Dean

DEAN, Arthur G.O., 80, of Zephyrhills passed away June 22, 2020. He is survived by his five children, Deanna, Artie, Jeff, Mark and Erik.



Jimmie L. Paul

PAUL, Jimmie L., 84, of Zephyrhills, passed away June 23, 2020. He was born Feb. 2, 1936 in Ambrose, Ga. to Jerry and Maddie (Powell) Paul. Jimmie was a member of Crossroad Pentecostal Church and he enjoyed fishing and gardening. Mr. Paul is survived by his wife, Mary W Paul of Zephyrhills; three children, Pamela S. Capallia of Zephyrhills, Brenda L. Buchanan of Zephyrhills and Jimmie L. Paul Jr. of Zephyrhills; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a sister. He was preceded in death by his parents. The funeral service was June 29 at Oakside Cemetery.



Robert Francis Galbraith, Jr.

GALBRAITH, JR., Robert Francis, 68, of Zephyrhills passed away June 24, 2020. He is survived by his daughter, Nina; and brothers, Don, Randy and Scott.



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Above: The natural habitat of the Apollo Beach Nature Preserve serves as a bird and wildlife sanctuary with plenty of mangroves and beachfront.



Above: There are 103 campsites at various locations throughout E.G. Simmons Park. The east and west campgrounds offer the most sites for campers who stay for various lengths.



Right: Boaters keep the boat ramp busy at E.G. Simmons Park.



Left: A popular spot for fishing along the Alafia River, which empties into upper Tampa Bay, is the Williams Boat Ramp off U.S. 41.



Above: The Ruskin Drive-In, an outdoor theatre that opened in the 1950s, is still the place to go for movies.

Below: A large sign welcomes visitors to E.G. Simmons Park.

Right: A canoe launch, where people also put in their kayaks, takes paddlers through the inner waterways of the park.



► **APOLLO BEACH:** From Page 1A

husband Donald usually go back to Michigan in the spring but stayed this year due, in part, to the coronavirus outbreak.

Oh, and if it's scenery you want, don't miss the spectacular sunsets across the width of the Tampa Bay waters. Although the tranquility of Manatee Bay, which meanders through the park, affords visitors and campers alike with plenty of scenic views as well.

Another popular fishing and boating area is the Williams Boat Ramp off U.S. 41. Boats and fisherman congregate in that area of the Alafia River, which empties out into Tampa Bay.

"We like to put in the boat here because the river's wide and you're out in the bay pretty quick," said Roman Barbieri, who takes his family out fishing in the open waters on weekends.

Just south of that popular spot on the Alafia is the TECO Power Plant, with its three smoke stacks that are visible for miles from various parts of the bay as well as all three bridges — the Gandy, Howard Franklin and Courtney Campbell Causeway.

In an inlet near that plant is the Manatee Viewing Center, a hot spot for tourists and local residents alike during season. Manatees only float into that area during the colder months to take advantage of the warmer waters near the plant, so the

viewing center is only open from November through April.

Even a little further south is the Apollo Beach Nature Preserve, which is run by the county's conservation and environmental lands management division. Once there you'll see several species in the bird and wildlife sanctuary that also features mangroves and beach areas.

Driving back from the shoreline, along the way you'll find Circles, which ranks among the finer waterfront restaurants in the Tampa Bay area. There also are two outdoor café and bar areas as well as a stage for live music. At the end of the restaurant property are several boat docks, some of which are part of the Land's End Marina.

"This is the best restaurant around," said Angela Martinez, who came from Riverview with her friend Michelle Burrows. "The café is right on the water and the food is great."

"I just come to see the people come in off their boats," Burrows said with a chuckle.

Nearby is the Tampa Fishing Academy, a prime charter company geared toward promoting the sport to children and families. Plus, Pine Key Island, known to the locals as Beer Can Island, is just a couple of miles north of Apollo Beach.

Before heading back home if you go just past the Apollo Beach border you'll find an option for nighttime entertainment from a bygone era in the Ruskin Drive-In. That outdoor theatre in the small town next to Apollo Beach has been open since the 1950s.



Left: On weekends, the fishing pier at the Williams Boat Ramp gets quite crowded.



Right: The Manatee Viewing Center near the TECO Power Plant lures visitors from near and far during the season.

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Above: Troop leader Tammy Whitworth hands an award plaque to ambassador Kealy Hunter.



Right: Girls come up to the front table in the park to receive their awards from Whitworth.

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STEVE LEE

Above: Parents pin awards on the three new ambassadors during Sunday afternoon's ceremony in Shepard Park.

Below: LeeAnn Wallace, the troop's lone scout to receive a Gold Award on Sunday, receives a pin from her mother, Nancy.

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Above: Mandolyn Rupp, one of three ambassadors to be recognized, walks over a wooden ramp during the symbolic bridge ceremony.

► GIRL SCOUTS: From Page 1A

Social distancing resulted in families sitting in lawn chairs in clusters spread throughout the park. That precautionary measure did nothing to spoil the fun had by the people in attendance.

"At least we got to do this," said Mandolyn Rupp, one of three ambassadors who capped their career in Girl Scouts. "I kept doing this because I always took on a sport or hobby and never kept with it. Girl Scouts kept teaching me things."

Kealy Hunter, another outgoing ambassador, felt the ceremony was special as well. More important, however, are the lifelong friends she made along the way.

"You learn a lot of life skills," she said, noting that she relished a leadership role as a counselor at Camp Wildwood.

LeeAnn Wallace, the other ambassador, received the most prestigious honor when Whitworth gave her the Gold Award. That award, Whitworth noted, is for the dreamers and the doers who "make the world a better place." Wallace researched, planned, and developed a presentation for elementary school students to teach them the benefits of reading.

"I'm going to have friends forever," said Wallace, adding, "I'll remember the camping trips the most."

Whitworth gave a heartfelt tribute to all three ambassadors, saying, "They're all goal-oriented and they'll all be missed. As they say, once a Girl Scout always a Girl Scout."

The ceremony, typically held in the spring,

had been scheduled on three dates (April 26, May 17 and June 21) prior to last Sunday. That determination and innovative approach for an outdoor event was not lost on Whitworth.

"This ceremony is in true Girl Scout fashion," she said. "Our troop is using innovative solutions to adapt to this new normal and I'm very proud of them. Honestly, they are making history by doing this ceremony while following the current health and safety guidelines."

Whitworth added the missing out on some of the late-season activities did not deter the girls from having a fun and productive year.

"Although we have been able to meet by videoconferencing, it's not the same as seeing each other in person," she said. "In my 23 years as a leader, I've yet to do a ceremony that implemented social distancing while ensuring the girls are recognized for all of their badges, patches, bridging and graduations. They've all worked incredibly hard and should be honored for their dedication. These are accomplishments that will pave the path of their success."

Other girls in the troop included: Cadettes — Elizabeth Nielsen, Gracie Sullivan, Samantha Spivey, Valerie Roberts and Myah Stevens; Seniors — Holly Roberts, Jocelyn Grohocki, Sairea Levenson and Shelby Mills. Some of those girls bridged to next levels.



Above: Myah Stevens, who earned the status of Cadette, receives her awards and a gift bag from troop leader Tammy Whitworth.

