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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 trip to Colt Creek State Park, which recently opened and is located in Polk County, about 13 miles from downtown Zephyrhills.



AdventHealth Center Ice hosts Paula O'Neil retirement party



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Bikers make birthday memorable for local 3-year-old boy

Hundreds of bikers help Hunter Burrows celebrate birthday behind Zephyrhills Depot Museum

> By Steve Lee News Reporter

In times of tragic events or in cases of philanthropic efforts to help raise funds for a worthy cause, bikers can often be counted on to show up in unison and lend their support. On Saturday, dozens of motorcycle riders came to the Zephyrhills Depot Museum for a very simple reason.

Hunter Burrows turned 3. An initial wave of a few dozen bikers showing up at the playground behind the museum quickly escalated into hundreds who came from near and far for Saturday's late afternoon celebration. The rain held off and the turnout of about 200 bikers can be attributed, in large part, to the power of social media with Misty Burrows sharing how much her little grandson likes motorcycles. Both are from Zephyrhills. "I happened to share it with bikers in Florida and they just went viral with it," Burrows said. "They're messaging me, telling me 'you have know idea how big this thing is going to be.' That's so sweet. They're just good people.' "It brought tears to my eyes and I said rain or shine we'll be there," said Sherry Ciccone of Zephyr Riders and Eagle Riders. Steve Gartner, a member of Zephyr Riders, showed for two reasons: "It's fun and it's an excuse to ride." Gartner, who resides not far from the depot, said a dozen riders from his group were glad to be a part of Hunter's birthday celebration. He noted that Misty's blast on social media "spread like wildfire to other groups. Hopefully, Hunter has a great birthday." Brandy Lee Grimes, an administrator and rider with Bike Life Family of Lakeland, noted that her group is very family oriented. Celebrating a child's birthday played right into their hearts, evident by the appearance of more than two dozen Bike Life Family riders who came to the party.

Weather

The heat of summer continues for the next week with daily temperatures in the 90s. It does, however, cool off a bit in the evenings with temperatures in the 70s. Showers and thunderstorms can be expected for the next seven days.

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Sports

Special Olympics softball

The Pasco Stars, a Zephyrhills-based softball team, will head to Nashville to compete in its fourth Special Olympics National Tournament. The Stars won the 2016 national title in their last appearance at that level.

Zephyrhills All-Stars are District 25 runners-up

The Zephyrhills All-Star team settled for being the District 25 runner-up following a loss to Land O' Lakes in the Junior Baseball Division. Land O' Lakes won two of three games in that series.

Children enthralled at Wonders of Nature Show

Mark Edmonds presented his Wonders of Nature Show to children in council chambers at City Hall. Last week's show was part of the Zephyrhills Public Library's summer reading program.

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AdventHealth Center Ice owner Gordie Zimmerman presented Paula O'Neil with a commemorative hockey stick for her decades of service to the community.

The long-time clerk/comptroller greeted dozens of well-wishers at her retirement party last Thursday

> By Andy Warrener News Reporter

There was no doubt what the main event at AdventHealth Center Ice was on Thursday. The AcmeOnTheGo electronic billboard truck announced it from the parking lot. Inside the lobby, the mezzanine, a banquet room and even the Olympic skating rink were lined up to honor 32-year Pasco County employee and Clerk of the Circuit Court/Comptroller Paula O'Neil.

Friends, family, co-workers and colleagues greeted O'Neil the moment she entered through the giant revolving door at AdventHealth Center Ice. In the lobby, a small stage was assembled for presentations to O'Neil. Owner Gordie Zimmerman was one of the first to present O'Neil with a token of appreciation, a commemorative hockey stick in honor of her service to the county.

It was fitting that one of the last documents O'Neil signed as Clerk of the Court was the three-year agreement between AdventHealth Center Ice and the 2 Hot 4 Ice National Roller Tournament, which started last Friday and runs through July 7.

PAULA O'NEIL: See Page 8A

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Explore Your World - Dade Battlefield Historic 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

If you're curious about the 2nd Seminole War, the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park is ground zero. On Dec. 28, 1835 a column of 107 US Army regulars under the command of Major Francis Dade was marching north along the Fort King Trail, en route to Fort King in present day Ocala when they were ambushed by a party of Seminole warriors under Chiefs Alligator, Jumper and Micanopy.

Many of the soldiers fell in the opening volley. The survivors hastily felled tress to construct a breastwork under fire, while artillerists fired the unit's only six-pounder cannon into the brush. Eight hours later, only three soldiers survived. That day marked the opening of the 2nd Seminole War, which would wage until 1842.



DADE BATTLEFIELD: See Page 9A Reenactors portraying US Army regulars participate in the annual reenactment.

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Saint Leo University named 2019-20 **Military Spouse Friendly School**

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Saint Leo University has earned the 2019-2020 Military Spouse Friendly School designation for providing exceptional education opportunities and support for the spouses and families of

those serving in the armed forces. "The Military Spouse Friendly Schools designation helps military spous-POUSE SCH es select schools that will support them in their education journey by meeting their unique needs as a part of a military family," said Brian Hucik, national program manager for Military Friendly. "Schools that are selected for the list are at

the forefront of supporting the goals of military spouses." In January, Saint Leo University was named a Top 10 Goldlevel Military Friendly School Award recipient for 2019-2020 in the category of private institutions offering doctoral degrees. Saint Leo is ranked seventh in the nation as a Military Friendly School.

'Saint Leo University is humbled to be recognized for not only educating those who have served and continue to serve our country, but also for providing educational opportunities for their spouses and other family members," said Dr. Jeffrey D. Senese, university president. "Being designated as a Military Spouse Friendly School is an honor for Saint Leo because we value the sacrifice of our military families. The university supports the many military spouses who are completing their Saint Leo degrees while raising a family, dealing with deployments, and working outside of the home."

The university will be included in the 2019-2020 Military Spouse Friendly Schools list to be published in the September issue of Military Spouse magazine. The list can also be found at www.militaryfriendly.com.

Methodology, criteria, and weight-ings for the listing were established by VIQTORY, a service-disabled, veteranowned small business (SDVOSB) that connects the military community to civilian employment, educational, and entrepreneurial opportunities through its G.I. Jobs, Military Spouse, and Military Friendly brands. Input also was received from the Military Friendly Advisory Council of inde-pendent leaders in the higher education and military recruitment community. Final ratings

were determined by combining the institution's survey scores with an assessment of student retention, graduation rate, job placement, loan repayment, persistence (degree advancement or transfer) and loan default rates for all students

and, specifically, for student-veterans. The university has a history of being supportive of military. When the U.S. Air Force approached Saint Leo about educating its personnel, the university opened an education center in 1973 at Avon Park Bombing Range in Highlands County, as well Mac-Dill Air Force Base in Tampa. Now, Saint Leo educates students on 13 military bases in seven states as well as online throughout the world.

Saint Leo also has Military Resource Centers at three locations-at its main campus north of Tampa, at the Newport News (VA) Education Center, and at the Savannah Education Center. The centers are places where the university's military-affiliated students may study, hold meetings, get training, and relax.

Citizens donate toys and books to Feed the Kids Program

The Feed the Kids Programs is in its fourth year at Elks Lodge 2731, where children and their caregivers can come for a hot nutritious meal - Monday thru Friday at the lodge. The goal is to reach out and feed the less fortunate children of Zephyrhills and the local area.

After school recesses for the summer break many of the

youth may not have the resources for eating. The lodge also provides games and crafts for the children, books they borrow or keep.

The Elk members and volunteers read to the children or help them to read the books we obtain through donations.

The first year of the program Elks members fed 500 and last year it was over 4,000, this year the goal is 5,000. The toys have been provided by the Veterans Services Committee, under the direction of the Elks Past Exalted Ruler, Ken Fabiani. The toys accomplished the goal by putting smiles on the children's faces.



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Donna Moyer, past exalted ruler and coordinator for the Feed the Kids program, and Ken Fabiani, past exalted ruler for the Elks and chairperson for the Veterans Services Program, with some of the toys donated for the program.





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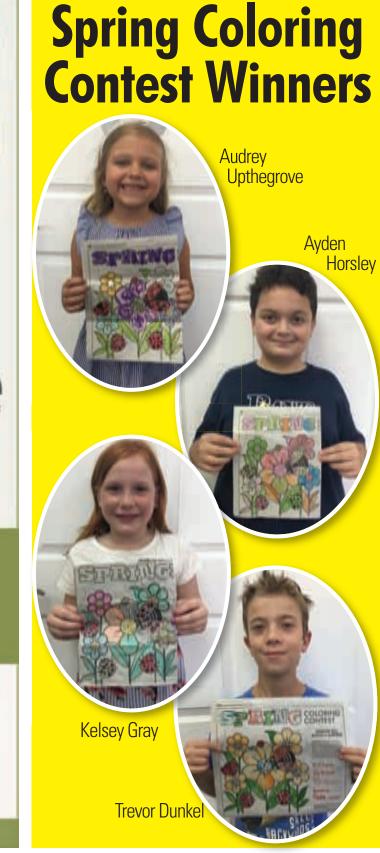
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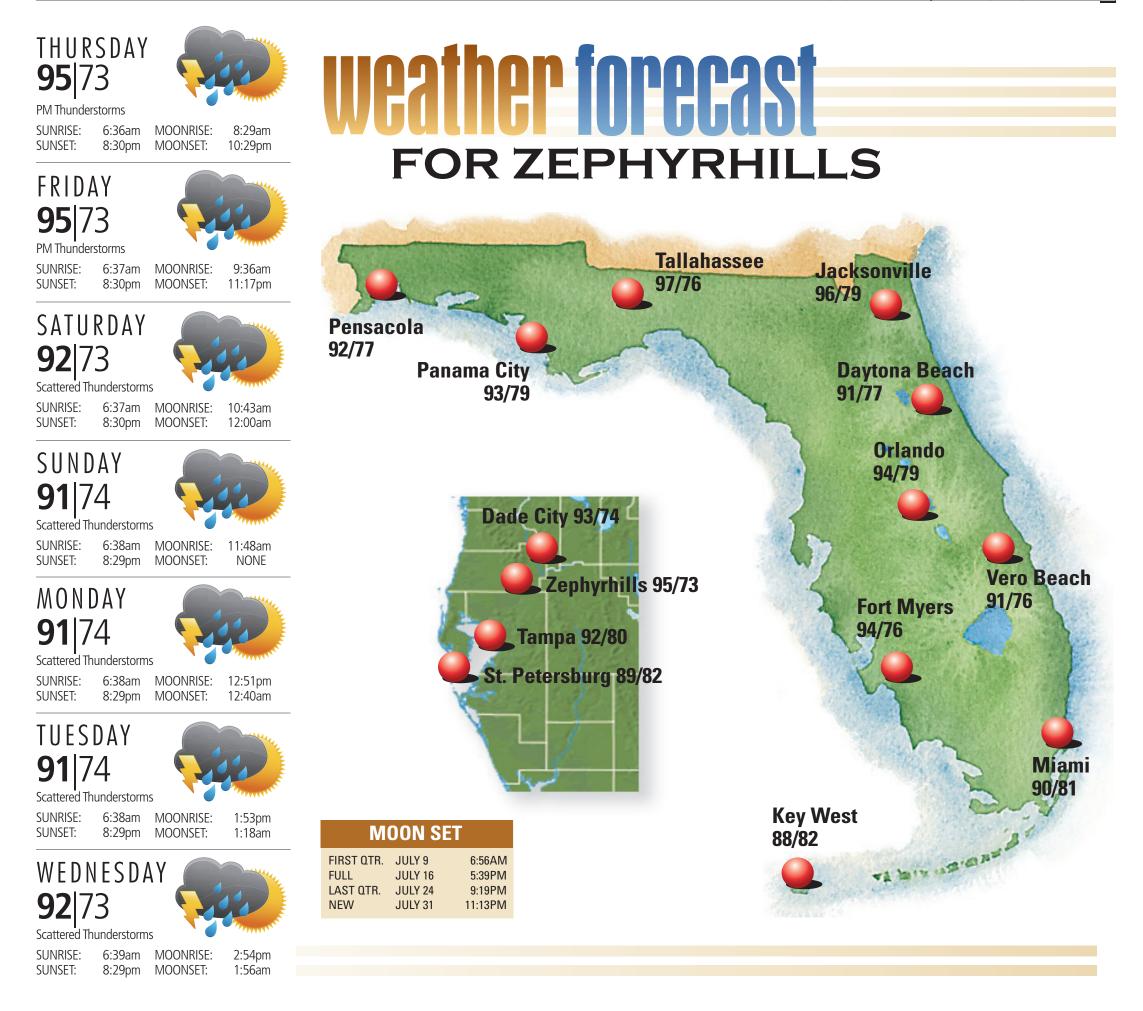
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Above: Grandmother Misty Burrows and Hunter, being held by his father Brandon Burrows, are shown with Gary Scott of Heaven Saints Motorcyle Ministry.

Below: Held by his mother Callie Burrows, Hunter received numerous gifts from various biker groups.





Above and below: Bikers came from near and far to join in a birthday celebration at the Zephyrhills Depot Museum playfround for a 3-year-old Zephyrhills boy.

Left: Hunter sits on a Kawasaki motorcycle while his father keeps him steady.

STEVE LEE



BIKERS: From Page 1A

"We post up rides and do different events, and we like to do charity things," she said. "We were like, 'we could totally do this.' We all have children. We try to do everything family oriented."

Among the other groups to arrive on Saturday were Sons of Sinners, Eagle Riders, Brothers 'n Iron, Christian Motorcycle Association and the Tampa chapter of the Heaven Saints Motorcycle Ministry.

Jason Whiddon, of Winter Haven, brought a gift bag from Lakeland Harley-Davidson. Other bikers brought presents that included caps, key chains and t-shirts; even a motorcycle lamp.

cle lamp. "We figured we'd try to make his birthday special," Whiddon said. "It turned into something very special for them." Hunter glowed while sitting on a motor-

Hunter glowed while sitting on a motorcycle and the family encouraged bikers to venture over to the picnic tables under a shelter for a bite to eat. There was plenty of food, Misty noted.

"Ready to ride?" a strapping biker identified only as Weasel asked of Hunter.

Hunter's parents, Brandon and Callie Burrows, have had motorcycles in the past but neither currently owns one. They will ride again one day, as likely will Hunter, his father said.

Cody Miller, who grew up in Zephyrhills and recently returned after spending a few years in Pennsylvania, was among many bikers who simply wanted to lend their support.

"I think it's a good thing" he said. "I'll do anything to make a kid smile."

Brandon, taking a moment to look around the grounds to see many bikes and riders, was amazed at the turnout for his son's birthday.

"It's crazy," he said. "I didn't think people would come together like this. It's kind of amazing."

Callie added that she likes "dealing with the biker community."



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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; secondfifth grade; F.R.E.S.H. Youth Group; and adult Bible class at 6 p.m.

Choir practice is Wednesdays, 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. For more information, call (813) 782-7412 or visit www. firstpcz.org.

First Christian Church, 6040 8th St., invites you to Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Communion is available to everyone.

There is an active women's group

For more information, call (813) 782-1071 or visit www.firstchristianzhills.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.Bible-TruthForToday.com or call (352) 567-3955.

First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills, 38231 Fifth Ave., invites you to Sunday services with Pastor Rob McKinney.

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

The teen TRUTH ministries, is Wed-nesdays at 6 p.m., with director Jason Hicks and vouth leaders, Barbara Hicks, Carla Berger and Paul Warner. Bus transportation is available.

The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet week-9 a.m. in the church conterence room

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 $\hat{6}$ 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 invit-ed 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.thechurchatchanceyroad.com.

First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills, 38635 5th Ave., along with Pastor Jim Thomas invites the community to traditional Sunday worship services, 8 and 11 a.m.; contemporary service, 9:30 a.m.; coffee and fellowship, in Cooper Hall, 9-10:30 a.m.; adult Sunday school, 9:30 and 10:30 a.m.; and children's church, 10:45 a.m.

There are many programs available at the church. The Parish Nurses provide free screenings and health information and referrals for those concerned about their health.

There is a 12-step program for people to come and find healing and wholeness in life. Biblical counseling to those needing guidance and direction in some phase of their lives is available.

For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5645.

Zephyrhills Church of Christ, 5444 4th St. welcomes you to visit with them for Sunday Bible study, 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is a midweek 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.wordinformation, visit www.vbczhills.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. For more information, call (813) 782-2000 or visit eastpascoadventist.com.

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OBITUARIES

Tommy D. Creech, Jr.

Creech, Tommy D. Jr., "Chuck", 56, of Zephyrhills passed away June 25, 2019. He was born April 21, 1963 in Marion, IN to Tommy and Wanda (Scott) Creech. Mr. Creech was a Navy Veteran. He is survived by his mother, Wanda Perry; brother, Michael Creech; sister, Cindy Henderson and several nieces and nephews survive him. Whitfield Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.



Jason Owen Faust

Faust, Jason Owen, of Zephyr-(Formerly of Pearishills burg, Virginia) passed away June 26, 2019 in a traffic accident. His sister, Lori Faust Hughes, preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife Rachael Faust, son, Gavin Faust and son Shane Wilson all of Zephyrhills, FL. He is also survived by his parents Winston and Kathy Faust of Pearisburg, Virginia. He at-tended the Giles County Public Schools, Hargrave Military Academy in Chatham, Virgin-

ia and graduated from Vorhees High School in Vorhees, New Jersey. Jason and his son Shane were members of the FarrOut Observatory. Jason will be cremated and a service held at a later date.

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Dorothy Meier Meier, Dorothy, 92, of Zephyr-

hills, passed away June 26, 2019. She is survived by her loving family.

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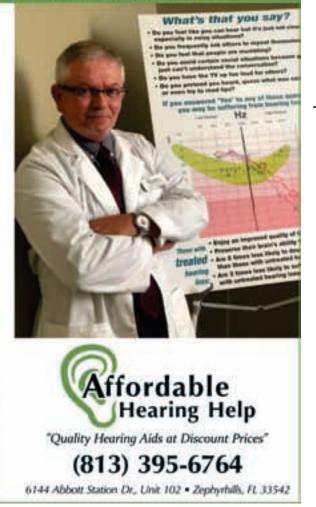
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Victory Baptist Church, 6950 Forbes Rd., invites you to join them for their services on Sunday at 10 a.m.; Sunday school, 11 a.m.; and worship service, 6 p.m. There is a mid-week service on Wednesday, 7 p.m. Nursery and children's programs are available. For more



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Your Aries leadership qualities can help bring order out of all that confusion, whether it's on the job or in the home. But be careful to guide, not goad, others into following you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Applying a more personal view to a job-linked issue could help provide better insight into those persistent problems. Use your keen Taurean logic to cut through the doubletalk.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Taking some time off could be the best way to get through that seemingly endless round of demands. You'll return refreshed and ready to tackle things from a new perspective.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Restoring a ions heard because of all the noise being sagging professional relationship takes a lot of effort. By all means, state your position. But also make sure you pay close attention to the other person's point of view.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) A hot prospect intrigues the Big Cat, who is always on the prowl for a promising investment. But be careful that this "promise" has a chance of being kept. Check it out more carefully.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) A friend could use some of your compassion and concern. If he or she doesn't ask for help, be sure you step up and make the first move. Also, check out a new career possibility.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might have difficulty getting your opinmade by the other side. But hang in there. Others should line up with you once they learn the facts.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Offering to help a colleague is commendable. But before you commit your time and effort, check to see if that person's situation is all that he or she has led you to believe it is.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You soon should be seeing positive results from your recent efforts on behalf of a family member. On another matter, check that you have all the facts regarding a job assignment.

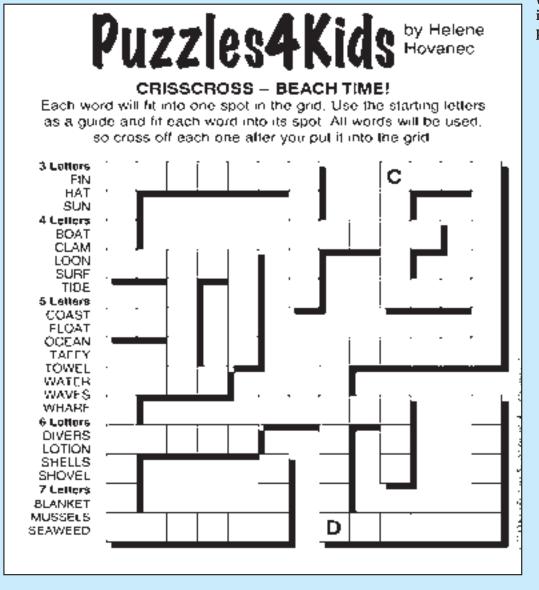
CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Your aspects favor closer family relationships this week. Take time for visits, whether in person, by phone, by mail or in cyberspace. Let them know how important they are to you.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A missed opportunity isn't always a negative. Maybe your instincts are telling you not to rush into something you "thought" was worthwhile. Make time for family this weekend.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Your sense of humor helps you get through a tricky situation. But some stick-in-themuds might not be so willing to make the changes that you and others agree are necessary.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for making everyone you know -- or even just met -- feel important and welcome in your life.

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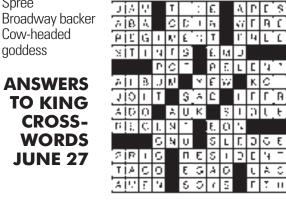
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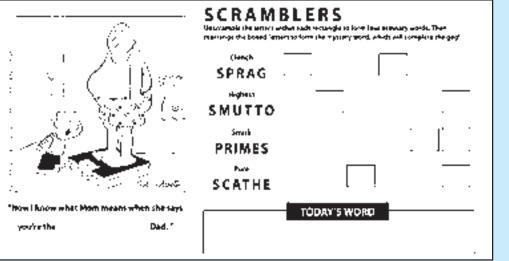
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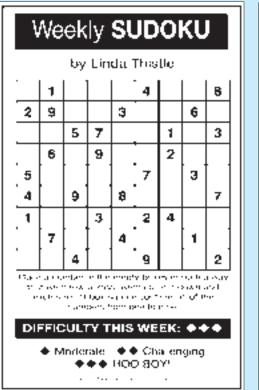
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STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver

•It was noted 20th-century American poet e.e. cummings who made the following sage observation: "The most wasted of all days is one without laughter."

• Those who study such things claim that a single teaspoon of ordinary soil contains more living creatures than all the humans on the planet.

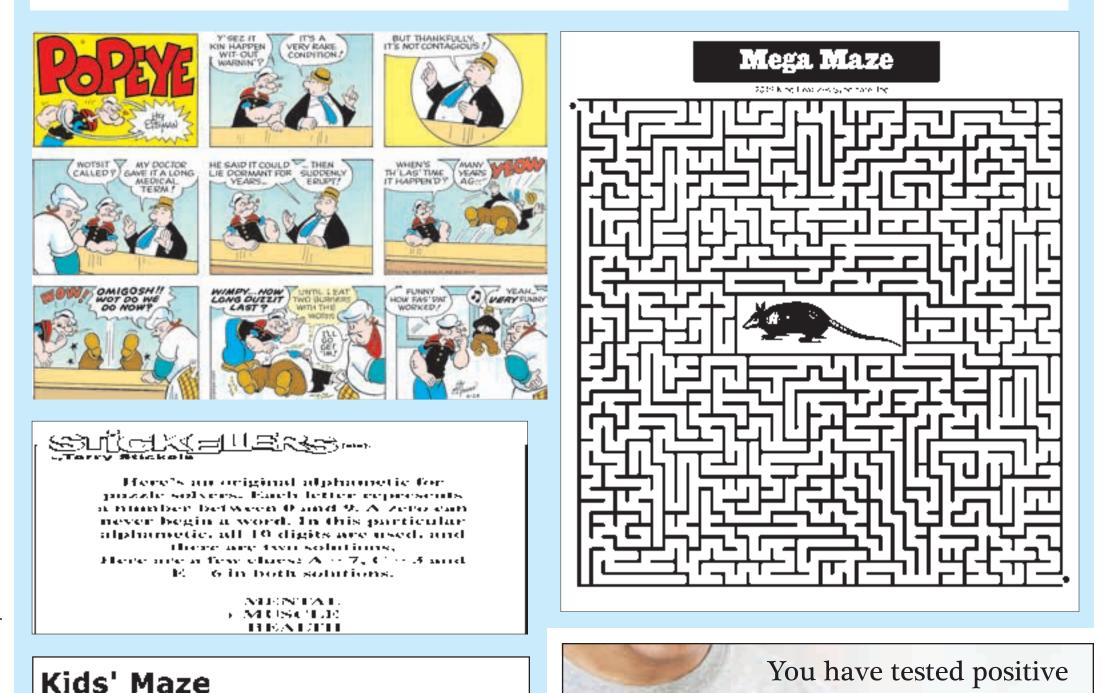
•Albert Einstein's final words are lost to history. He spoke his last words in his birth tongue, German, and it seems that the nurse who was attending him during his last moments spoke only English.

•Other than the fact that they were all famous writers, what did Charles Dickens, Edgar Allen Poe, Mark Twain, Louisa May Alcott, James A. Michener and Leo Tolstoy have in common? They all were adopted.

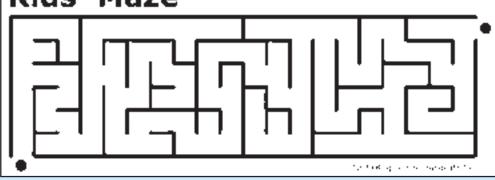
•The monkfish, a species of anglerfish found primarily in the northwestern Atlantic Ocean, has an enormous head. Really, really enormous. The monkfish's head is so large, in fact, that it makes up threequarters of its body.

•It's been reported that country singer-songwriter Willie Nelson believes he's had numerous previous lives, including at least one as a Native American.

•In an anthropological study once conducted in Papua New Guinea, it was found that one in three adult deaths was the result of homicide. And it seems that those murdered were often targeted because they were suspected of practicing sorcery.



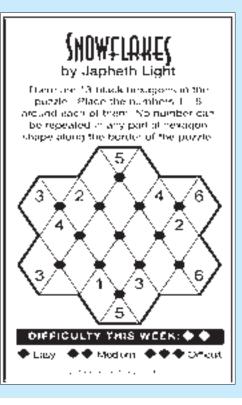
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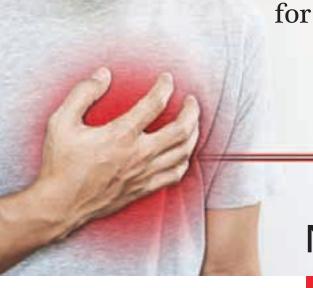
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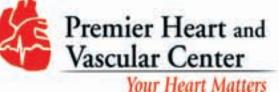
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Above: Throngs of friends, family and well-wishers clamor for a word and a selfie with Paula O'Neil on Thursday.



Above: Paula O'Neil arrives to a boisterous reception for her retirement event.

> Right: A raffle for donated prizes helped raise money for several local charities.

PAULA O'NEIL: From Page 1A





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"This is one of our biggest events (roller tournament)," Zimmerman said. "I just happened to get the contract from the county today and it has Paula's signature on it. It might be the last thing she signed in office."

O'Neil's last day was Friday and that last day coincided with former Zephyrhills City Manager

Dr. Steve Spina, who was in attendance Thurs-day at AdventHealth Center Ice. "I remember that Ms. O'Neil was in the parks department with the county when I started with the city in the planning department," Spina said. "We kept in touch ever since and how interesting is

it that we're leaving the same day?" Zimmerman's were popular well-wishers on Thursday, albeit unrelated. John Zimmerman, unrelated to Gordie but very much a fixture at the rink, is a Hall of Fame figure skater that trains skaters, particularly the French national team of Vanessa James and Morgan Cipres, also presented O'Neil with a retirement gift, two vouchers for Learn to Skate sessions.

It was also fitting that some of the events at the retirement ceremony were aimed at raising charitable funds, one of the hallmarks of O'Neil's career with the county. Donated and purchased items in front of the Olympic Rink were presented as raffle items set to raise funds for charitable organizations Clerks for a Cure, the American Cancer Society, Thomas Promise and Pasco County Animal Shelter. A free skate session offered during the ceremony for \$2 sent all the proceeds to Clerks for a Cure. "What started as a cancer foundation fundraiser expanded into more organizations like the Rays, Bucs, Lightning. AdventHealth Center Ice do-nated some items," Pasco County Supervisor in Official Records Lisa Sagastume said.

Sagastume remembers working under O'Neil. "When your family is in need, she is



there by your side," Sagastume said. Pasco County Director of Budgets for the Clerk & Comptroller's Office Chris Mettler had known O'Neil since 1993 and had some memories to share about working with her. "I got to know her over the years and just how special she is," Mettler said. "She is kind, brilliant and just one of those people who care - you don't find a lot of people like that."

For O'Neil, the feeling of respect and admi-ration was mutual toward her co-workers. "We have such wonderful employees (at the County), I don't think you'll see any difference in services," O'Neil said. "Nikki Alvarez-Sowles starts on Monday. She has been our Chief Operating Officer for several years and has the same vision."

O'Neil never lost sight of the approval from voters in the county and worked hard to

earn their trust and respect. "Just to be elected by the public, that they trusted me with the responsibility," O'Neil said. "It's been an honor, a blessing and a privilege to served Pasco County."

With 32 years in Pasco County as well as seven in Charleston, O'Neil is looking forward to retirement. "I won't miss getting up at 6am every day or checking emails while I'm on va-cation," O'Neil said. "But I am looking forward to spending some time with my granddaughter, take some swimming lessons with her and I see a spa day in the near future."



Above: The upper mezzanine at AdventHealth Center Ice was decked out with memorabilia from over 30 years of service by O'Neil to Pasco County.



yesteryear. Right: This cannon is used by the army reenactors during the annual battles. It is very much like what they

teach skills and history of

DADE BATTLEFIELD: From Page 1A

Living History

The headlining event for the park is their annual reenact-ment of that battle, which is often referred to as a massacre. It

would have used in 1835.

WHEN THEY WERE ATTACKED AND DEFEATED BY SEMINOLE WARRIORS AT THIS LOCATION ON DECEMBER 28, 1835

Right: History events aren't limited to the Seminole Wars, either. Vorld War II events also populate the calendar.

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Land, These Men."

Recreation

Even if you're not a history buff, the park has something for you. Tucked into a rural cor-ner near Bushnell, just off I-75, the park is also a



runs on the first weekend in January and will take place on the 4th and 5th in 2020. This is a tremendous opportunity to see the battle unfold, very much the way it might have gone in 1835. great place to spend the day. A small playground is buttressed by a host of picnic pavilions avail-able for rent. There is also a large, indoor facil-

Period reenactors don their sky blue US Army uniforms from the era and Seminole reenactors put together their colorful ensembles. Each group sets up an authentic camp where attendees can explore and learn even more about the time period and the conflict. Each reenactor is a wealth of information just waiting to be accessed.

The park was recognized as a National Historic Landmark in 1974. Much of that had to do with the interpretive trail that starts just across the main road from the visitor center. The trail tells a step-by-step account of the action during that fateful day with concrete markers denoting exactly where particular officers were killed or wounded during the battle.

If you can't make the annual reenactment, that's okay. The park hosts several smaller events that introduce the public to not just the mid-19th Century but also to the World War II era

The park's modest visitor center is choked full of information. A giant mural depicts the Dade Battle, while other displays and presentations bring that chapter in Florida history to life, including a 12-minute video presen-tation about the battle entitled, "This

ity called, the Dade Lodge, that can be rented for weddings, reunions or other events. Facilities can be reserved up to 11 months in advance in person or by calling the park at (352) 793-

4781 A half-mile nature trail winds through longleaf pines and twisted, gnarled live oaks in the very spot where the reenactors portray the battle. Wildlife sightings are common and a sign depicting the variety of butterflies native to the area awaits at the trailhead. Bicycling is welcomed on all of the paved surfaces of the park but is prohibited on the nature trail. Ranger-led tours of both the battlefield and visitor center can be arranged by contacting the park office.

Events

What really makes the Dade Battlefield Historic State Park is their events. Of course there's the annual reenactment but the park has a wealth of events open to the public. If you're looking for a

summer camp option for your young ones, you're in luck. The park's Nature Days run from July 8 to July 12 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and are designed for children ages eight to 12. The camp includes a different nature theme each day that includes reptiles,

amphibians, birds, mammals and insects. On July 5 there will be a free event, the Patriotic Fun Day which will feature games contests, a hand-cranked ice cream maker as well as a pet parade. Other events include a Wild Foods Foraging Class, an Ice Cream Music Jam and into September, an Inter-Tribal Holiday Pow-Wow.

For more information about upcoming events, call the park or visit them on the web at: www.floridastateparks.org.

Dade Battlefield Historic State Park 7200 Battlefield Parkway Bushnell, Fla. 33513 Phone: (352) 793-4781 Hours: 8 a.m. until sunset 365 days per year Visitors Center: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. every day Cost: \$3 per vehicle for up to eight people, additional persons pay \$2 extra, bicyclists pay \$2 per person Additional fees may apply for special events



Above: The uniform, complete with hat, overcoat and musket of an 1830s era U.S. soldier.





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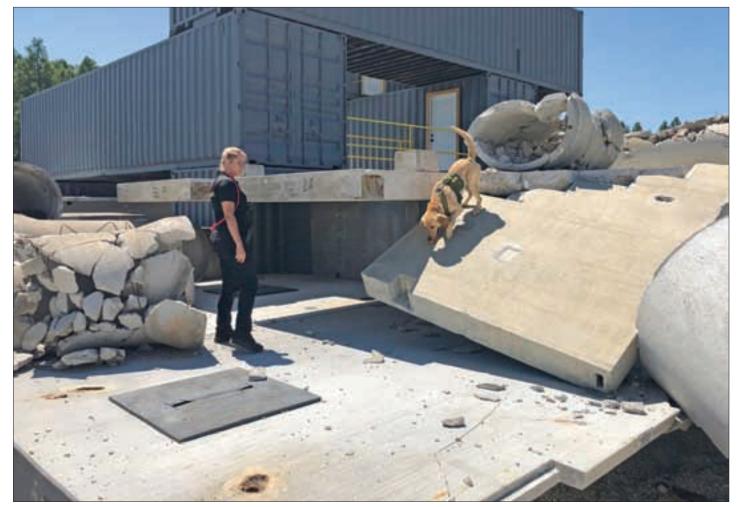
The Pasco Sheriff's Office is rapidly becoming a leader in law enforcement training in not only the Tampa Bay area, but the entire state. As any viewer of television over the last 20 years can see from fictional shows such as CSI and NCIS, science and technology have transformed law enforcement and criminal investigations.

However, against a backdrop of an ever-changing world filled with increasingly complex threats, our modern society has placed demands on law enforcement and the criminal justice system that mandates that we continue to advance in unprecedented ways.

The solution requires collaboration and continuing research to develop new and improved methods, fill gaps in industry knowledge, skills, and capabilities, and revolutionize training for practitioners in forensics, security, and tactics.

Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security, and Tactics (FIRST) represents such a collaboration – a partnership between academia and practitioners to develop a state-of-the-art research enterprise that will inform, innovate, and offer cuttingedge training. Through FIRST, we hope to empower leaders around the world with the knowledge necessary to ensure safer communities by transforming public safety through research, education, and innovation.

To accomplish this, we are creating a network of sites, which will contain both indoor and outdoor research and training facilities. The first site, located in Land O' Lakes, will contain the Thomas Varnadoe Forensics Center for Research and Education, two outdoor forensic anthropology fields for research and mock training, a training facility, and an intelligence center that will be the hub for the innovation, evaluation, and promotion of new methods to assist with impacting crime, enhancing response to manmade and natural disasters, and ensuring safer communities.



Human Remains Detection K9 Phi is paired with Forensic Investigator Heidi Sievers as they search at the FIRST rubble pile in Land O' Lakes. The team will assist the Pasco Sheriff's Office in finding human remains and other forensic endeavors. K9 Phi is the only human remains detection/forensics K9 employed by a law enforcement agency in the Tampa Bay area.

The Land O' Lakes site will also be home to the Helen A. Rich K9 Training and Research Campus; a cybersecurity, unmanned systems (drones) and robotics training facility; and a leadership training center to focus on refining and revolutionizing the skills, tactics, and capabilities of first responders and private-sector security across the country. Lastly, the site will support a cyber research and education facility to continue to prepare leaders for responding to threats in a digital world.

A second site is located nearby in the Pasco County area of Spring Hill and will contain an outdoor shooting range, sniper tower, shoot house, leadership reaction course (LRC) and obstacle course.

We have agreements with several prestigious educational institutions in Florida to collaborate with the research elements of the FIRST complex. These institutions include the Florida Gulf Coast University, the University of Florida, the University of Central Florida, and Pasco-Hernando State College, among others. This underscores our commitment to expand the institutional and educational knowledge of law enforcement science among academia so that our future law enforcement officers and support personnel have the most up-to-date facts and procedures as they learn the trade.

There are currently two active facilities that are in use at the FIRST complex in Land O' Lakes and others are under construction with completion scheduled over the next two years. The Adam Kennedy Memorial Forensics Field is an active forensics research field where the decomposition of donated corpses that have been placed in a field are studied. The second is a "rubble pile" that is a simulated earthquake or other natural or manmade demolition zone where first-responders and K9 officers can search for survivors or recover bodies.

Florida's Forensic Institute for Research, Security, and Tactics embodies a collaborative approach between academia and practitioners, together under one institute in pursuit of a common goal – shaping the future of public safety. FIRST will revolutionize training and invoke change in our communities through innovation in the fields of applied forensic science, forensic anthropology, public/private sector security, and tactics.

