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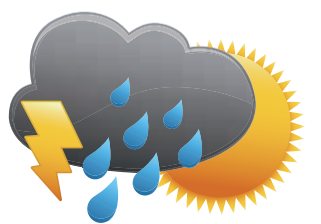
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Community Calendar

Touch a Truck
Saturday in the Square with Touch a Truck scheduled for Aug. 31, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Zephyrhills. A variety of trucks will be on display.

9/11 Memorial Service
The Veteran's Walkway in Zephyr Park will be the site for what has become a traditional 9/11 Memorial Service. It will take place on Sept. 11 at 11 a.m.

Home and gun shows
A gun show and a home show are coming up at the Florida State Fairgrounds.
➤ 2A



Weather

Despite kids returning to school we apparently are still in the dog days of summer. Daytime temperatures are dropping a bit and will mostly be in the high 80s. For a change, there are no 90-degree days forecasted, but scattered thunderstorms remain.
➤ 3A

Sports

Bulldogs prepare for Friday's preseason game
The Zephyrhills High football team is busy in practice in preparation for Friday night's preseason game against Sunshine Athletic Conference rival Land O' Lakes at Bulldog Stadium. Zephyrhills has made the playoffs for five straight years.

Zephyrhills boys and girls golf teams are ready to go
The boys and girls golf teams from Zephyrhills High have been hitting the links and getting in plenty of practice as they prepare for the upcoming season.

ZHS volleyball team aims for turnaround season
A new coaching staff, led by Joe Galyan and Madison Marker, with several key players could help the Bulldogs improve on the volleyball court.
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School's in for Zephyrhills students and educators



Students at Stewart Middle School walk to their assigned bus at the end of the first day of school on Monday afternoon. **STEVE LEE**

Monday's first day of school in east Pasco County went off without a hitch

By **STEVE LEE**
News Reporter

Summer vacations are over and students in east and central Pasco, who are included in the county's 74,198 schoolchildren at 96 schools, are back. The 2019-20 academic year for Pasco County, along with neighboring Hernando and Hillsborough, began Monday while Pinellas kids headed back on Wednesday.

Students attended high schools: Zephyrhills, Zephyrhills Christian Academy, Pasco, Wesley Chapel, Wiregrass Ranch and Cypress Creek; middle schools: Stewart, Pasco, Centennial, Weightman and John Long; and elementary schools: West Zephyrhills, Woodland, Chester Taylor, Centennial, Rodney Cox,

Double Branch, Lacochee, New River, Pasco, Quail Hollow, San Antonio, Sand Pine, Seven Oaks, Veterans, Watergrass, Wesley Chapel and Wiregrass.

Judging by a few comments from students, teachers and administrators, everything went off without a hitch.

Handling questions at the front office of Zephyrhills High with smiles on their faces were secretary Myrtle Blevins and high school senior Lakishia Thomas.

"For the first couple of weeks there will be kids coming in," Blevins said of late registrations, adding that Monday "was really busy. They want to know their schedules and where to go. They say, 'I'm here. What's my bus schedule.' We just got them checked in and got them where they need to go."

Thomas, a two-time state qualifier on the girls weightlifting team, noted that helping out up front will go a long way in helping her deal with people

➤ **BACK TO SCHOOL:** See Page 7A

Zephyrhills Eagles Riders host Purple Heart Poker Run

Rain could not dampen the giving spirit of more than 70 riders who showed their support

By **STEVE LEE**
News Reporter

Bikers are renowned for their generosity and penchant for uniting in charitable fundraisers. On Saturday, more than 70 local and statewide motorcycle riders came together in Zephyrhills to lend a helping hand to a veteran's organization.

The Zephyrhills Eagles, chapter 3752 off New River Road, was the start-and-finish line for the East Pasco Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart Poker Run. There were five stops along the way, including an after-party at the local Eagles club, which followed a heartfelt stop at the Purple Heart Memorial Monument in Zephyr Park.

That site will soon include three flagpoles with LED lighting. Flags that will wave on those poles include that of the United States, POW/MIA and Purple Heart.

"It was inspiring to be a part of an event that's dedicated to helping the Military Order of the Purple Heart," said Guy Patterson, commander of the East Pasco chapter who led the ride in its early stages.

Aside from Zephyr Park and the after-party, other stops for the bikers included Ralph's San Ann Liquor and Lounge, lunch at Beef O'Brady's in Ridge Manor and the Zephyr AMVETS. The Zephyrhills Eagle Riders led the run.

The East Pasco chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart has had a monument in the park since 2015. The shiny, large headstone pays homage to U.S. military veterans who were wounded in combat. The new flags will continue an effort to honor veterans.

Awaiting the arrival of the riders at the monument were two Purple Heart recipients, eager to thank them for their generosity.

"It means a lot to us, because we've been waiting a while to get them up there," said Earl Angel, a World War II veteran and junior vice commander of the east Pasco chapter. "I think it's a wonderful thing. I can't believe those guys would go out and do it."

"I'm really glad they're doing it," added James Baldree, a U.S. Army veteran who served in Vietnam.

Riders paid \$20 with an extra charge of \$145

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City council hones project wish-list, looks at 2019-20 budget

Big projects and big budgets headline Monday's Zephyrhills City Council meeting

By **ANDY WARRENER**
News Reporter

The hot topic floating around town is the potential consolidation of Zephyrhills Fire Rescue into Pasco County Fire Rescue. Those meetings and negotiations are still ongoing but several other significant items came before the city council on Monday.

The meeting began with a series of Consent Agenda Items that included the following:

- 1.1 July 22, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 1.2 Water & Wastewater Miscellaneous Construction/Maintenance Services
- 1.3 Appointment of Kenneth Leslie to the Airport Authority Board
- 1.4 Baggett Reutimann & Associates, CPAS, PA Agreement Extension
- 1.5 Revision of Section 14 (Hours of Work and Overtime) Employee Police and Procedures Manual

All five items were lumped together and a motion to pass them in that manner was put forth by Councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson and seconded by

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The Aug. 12 city council meeting brought a number of hot topics into discussion and approval. **ANDY WARRENER**

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Saint Leo University's campus is ready to welcome 1,001 new students.
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Saint Leo University ready to welcome record 1,001 new students

Move-in Day for new Lions set for Aug. 15, classes begin Aug. 20

There will be many new faces at Saint Leo University as the new academic year kicks off next week. Make that: There will be lots and lots of new faces. The university is expecting 815 new freshmen and 186 transfer students—1,001—when classes begin on Aug. 20.

University officials believe this is the largest incoming group of students in the university's 130-year history. Last year's incoming class totaled 689, with 561 freshmen and 128 transfer students. Saint Leo also will see an increase in international students, from 86 last year to 181 this year.

Notable characteristics of the incoming fall 2019 class include: 50 percent are from Florida; 31 percent are from out of state; 19 percent are from international countries; 24 percent are first-generation students; SAT scores increased from 1070 to 1182; and unweighted average GPA is 3.26.

"The university was able to not only enroll a new student class that increased by 45 percent over last year, but we also were able to significantly improve the academic quality of the incoming class through changes to our admissions policy to utilize students' unweighted GPA and our new test-optional policy," said Dr. Senthil Kumar, vice president for University Campus Admissions and Center for Global Engagement. "This is a compliment to the talented high schools and community colleges with whom we collaborate."

Moving in
International students will begin arriving at Saint Leo on Aug. 13, with activities planned for Tuesday and Wednesday, Aug. 14. Athletes also begin arriving on Aug. 13, while incoming biology students are introduced to their challenging program during Bio Boot Camp, which began Aug. 9.

Faculty and staff will greet students and help families move them into their new home away from home. Move-in day for first-year students begins at 9 a.m., and students may move in until 1 p.m., Aug. 15, at University Campus, 33701 S.R. 52, St. Leo, Fla. 33574.

Parents and families join students for the first two days of orientation and have a number of events especially planned for them. From 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Aug. 15, the lobby of the Tapia College of Business building will serve as a welcome/hospitality suite for parents and families, where they can cool down and get a refreshment.

Welcome to the Pride is set for 3-4 p.m., Aug. 15, in the Marion Bowman Activities Center gymnasium. "This will be a time to get everyone excited, pumped, and looking forward to the adventure that is to come," said Dawn McElveen, director of orientation and parent/family programs.

A "family dinner" will follow from 5-7 p.m. in the Bowl area, next to the student community center, overlooking Lake Jovita. Students and families will enjoy a traditional Cuban meal and yard games, while having the opportunity to make new friends.

All about the academics
Most of the New Student Orientation activities on Aug. 16, will center on academics. From 10 to 11:30 a.m., new students will explore their majors and learn about the three colleges. The three deans will address the students, and they will learn tips for being successful in their studies.

Parents will have the opportunity to attend breakout

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Things That Go Ouch In The Garden, Aug. 20, 2-3 p.m. at New River Branch Library, 34043 S.R. 54 in Wesley Chapel. There are few critters that can hide in the garden. At this free UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension seminar you will learn what to look for and what to avoid. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

Florida Gun Show, Aug. 24-25, at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301. Admission is \$11. Parking is \$8 for cars and \$14 for RV or buses. This buy, sell and trade show is presented Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For more information, visit floridastatefair.com.



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Saturday in the Square with Touch a Truck, Aug. 31, 5-8 p.m. in downtown Zephyrhills. There will be several construction trucks along with police cars and fire trucks for children to view. Mr. Tommy will entertain the children with dancing and music. For more information, call (813) 780-1414.



A 9/11 Memorial Service, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. at the Veteran's Walkway in Zephyr Park. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a chair. The service will be by the flagpole with guest speakers, Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield and Danny Burgess. The memorial service will be presented by the Marine Corps League. For more information, call (813) 788-5676.

sessions about student financial services; housing and conduct; dining services; campus safety; student success and academic expectations; health and wellness; student involvement and Greek Life; honors program; accessibility services; athletics; and career services.

Marking an academic rite of passage, this year Saint Leo will hold a convocation ceremony to kick off the academic year, featuring a faculty professional in academic regalia. Convocation will be from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the Marion Bowman Activities Center. Saint Leo pins will be distributed to students as a symbol of joining the community of scholars. Each student will be allowed to invite two guests who must have tickets to enter. Remote viewing rooms will be available on campus as space in the gymnasium will be limited.

More fun and games
Plenty of activities are planned for the new students, including a superhero-themed movie night on Aug. 16 and Club Leo on Aug. 17, when from 8 to 11 p.m., students can enjoy and dance to Top 40 or Latin-Caribbean music. For something a little bit quieter, University Ministry will host a pop-up coffeehouse with acoustic music and conversation.

There will be pool and water activities; a service project to help upper classmen and returning students move in; Campus Adventure scavenger hunt; Playfair, in which students will continue to make connections by celebrating the diversity of everyone in noncompetitive play; and much more. Students will have opportunities to attend mass and join in the faith community, as well.

Starting the academic year
Classes will begin on Aug. 20. The most popular major for the incoming students is biology-biomedical and health sciences. That is followed by criminal justice, business (undecided specialization); undeclared; sport business; psychology-general; management; criminal justice-criminalistics; elementary education (K-6); psychology-clinical/counseling; and cybersecurity.

Advice for the newbies
New students need to push themselves to try new opportunities. "We want them to be a little brave and take part in new things," said McElveen, director of orientation and parent/family programs. "They need to be willing to be a little uncomfortable sometimes. They are going to meet a ton of new people. Our goal is to not only prepare them for their first day, but their whole first year."

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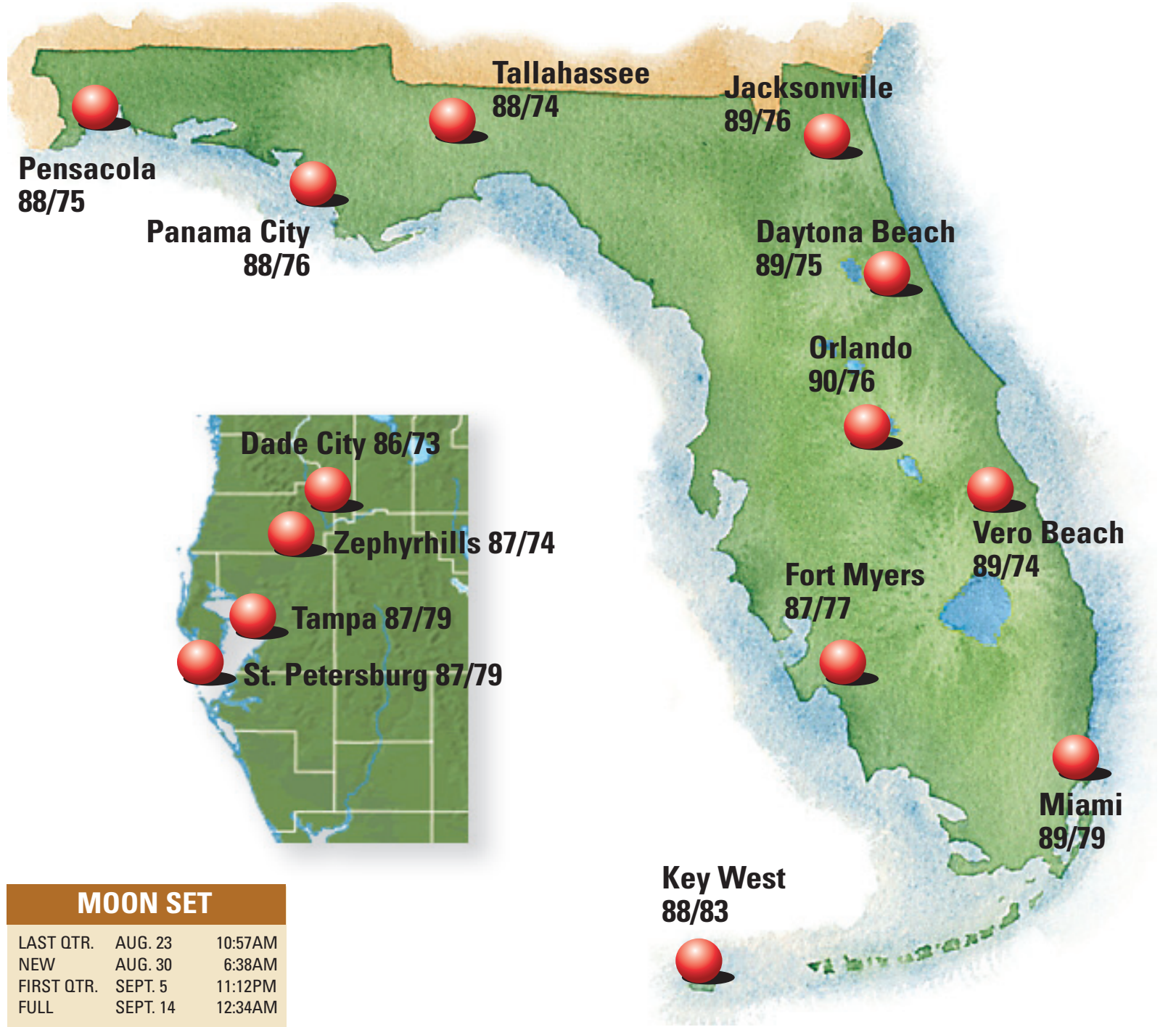


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Assistant planner Rodney Corriveau explains the planning department's proposal to convert a former church into a four-unit apartment building. **ANDY WARRENER**

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councilman Lance Smith, passing unanimously. Only one business item was on the agenda for public hearing. Item 2.1 was a second reading of Ordinance No. 1384-19 – "an ordinance amending City of Zephyrhills Ordinance No. 1309-16 to modify the definition of the community redevelopment agency district, to modify the boundaries of the community redevelopment agency district, eliminating the automatic exemptions of transportation impact fees within the boundaries of the community redevelopment agency district, giving the community redevelopment agency commission the authority to waive or reduce transportation impact fees for new development within the boundaries of the community redevelopment district; providing for severability, repealer, codification and an effective date."

It gives a bit more autonomy to the CRA with regard to setting or waiving transportation impact fees within its boundaries. No public comment was made and after a councilman Charlie Proctor motion and councilman Alan Knight second. The motion passed unanimously.

In the Planning Director's Report, assistant planner Rodney Corriveau presented an interesting re-use project that proposes to convert an old place of worship into four 750 square foot apartments. The building in question is located on 11th Street near Stewart Middle School and Corriveau was requesting a zoning change from R-2 to a Planned Development (PD/PUD). Corriveau noted that the building had existing ingress and egress access points both on the first and second floors, making it conducive to splitting into four apartments. He also demonstrated that each unit would be provided with at least one parking space. While no action was taken on Monday, council members appeared to support the zoning change as it applied only to the specific project in question.

Next, planning director Todd Vande Berg took the podium to discuss the final phases of Abbott Park. He outlined some adjustments made by staff, specifically with regard to phases 1A, 2A, 2B and 4B and asked for the council's approval. An initial motion made by councilman Knight and seconded by Wilkeson, was passed unanimously.

The City Manager's Report occupied much of the council session as it first introduced the 2019-20 Fiscal Year budget as well and a list of state appropriations requests. The 2019-20 budget set the millage rate at 6.35 mils and introduced a roughly \$67-million budget. There was some discussion regarding certain items in

the budget. Wilkeson pointed out the lower cost of code enforcement mowing in the new budget. City manager William Poe noted that was due to a number of vacant properties being purchased and now maintained by the owners/occupants.

Proctor noted the 3.5 percent increase in city employee salaries and wondered if it was sufficient to keep pace with cost of living increases. It was brought up that a salary study will be released later in the week and would speak more to Proctor's inquiry.

One of the bigger items discussed was the new fire engine. The new engine has a \$467,000 price tag and the city is still in the process of determining if they are going to contract with Pasco County for fire services. It was agreed on that the cost is something the city will have to pay as they made the prior commitment but that it will be a key negotiating item in further discussions.

No action was taken on approving the budget but the Aug. 26 regular meeting will be followed by a workshop around the 2019-20 FY budget.

Item 4.2 in the City Manager's Report outlined some of the major projects the city hopes to obtain state funding for. Three items topped the list, the project converting septic tanks to sewer lines, the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Facility and the airport runway extension. Some of the details of each of the three projects were discussed by council members and staff.

More discussion ensued when the notion of including a road project dealing with the intersections of Pretty Pond Road and US Highway 301 as well as the intersection of 301 and Medical Arts Court. The council hopes to cover the roughly \$2.1-million project with a combination of funds from state appropriations, the FDOT, the Pasco County MPO and/or a federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG).

Timing was the issue at hand. Committee meetings for the state legislature begin in September and the federal CDBG application can take up to 12 months. Two issues were having one application disqualify the other and that if the process took too long some of the applicants for parcels in the area like Aldi and Chik-Fil-A might find alternative locations. Eventually, it was decided unanimously to go ahead and include the road improvements along with the other three aforementioned projects.

In council comments, most council members praised staff for compiling a tentative draft on the 2019-20 FY Budget.



City planner Todd Vande Berg discusses some of the final phases of the design for Abbott Park.

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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.

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.firstchristianzhillz.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.

For more information, visit www.BibleTruthForToday.com or call (352) 567-3955.

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

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

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; evening service, 6 p.m.; and Wednesday midweek service, 6 p.m. Choir practice is at 6 p.m. For more information, call (813) 782-5574.

Atonement Lutheran Church, 29617 S.R. 54, Wesley Chapel invites the community to Godify Worship Service on Saturday at 5 p.m.; a Sunday Rise and Shine Service with communion, 8:30 a.m.; Sunday traditional worship service 10 a.m.; and Child of God Family Service, 11:30 a.m.

For more information, call (813) 973-2211.

Bible Missionary Church, 5521 23rd St., Sunday school begins at 9:45 a.m. followed by a Sunday worship service at 10:45 a.m. and an evening service, 6 p.m. There is a Wednesday evening service at 6 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-8772.

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

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

The Church at Chancey Road, 34921 Chancey Rd., and Pastor Tim Mitchell would like to invite you to Sundays at 10:15 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6:45 p.m. for worship, Bible study and communion. Nursery and kids programs are available at all services.

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.

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.

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.wordpress.com.

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

OBITUARIES

Sue F. Hughlett

HUGHLETT, Sue F., 92, of Dade City, passed away Aug. 5, 2019. Mrs. Hughlett is survived by her loving family.



Joyce Elaine Clark

CLARK, Joyce Elaine, 71, of Zephyrhills passed away Aug. 4, 2019. Joyce is survived by her son, Christopher Clark and sister, Paula Holden.



Inez D. Pratt

PRATT, Inez D., passed away at the home of her son Edward surrounded with family on July 14, 2019. She was born in South Haven, Mich. on Sept. 12, 1923 to the late Calvin Elmer Douglass and Jessie Pearl Andrews. She had out lived all her siblings and most of her older friends of which she had many. She was married to the late Edward L. Pratt of East Hampton, Conn. while living in Muncie, Ind. and had three children, Edward R., born in Louisville, Ky. and Sandra K. and Douglass J. born in Middletown, Conn. while Inez lived in East Hampton, Conn. She resided for many years in Connecticut before moving to

Zephyrhills in the mid 80s. She worked for P&WA prior to retiring and relocating to Florida. Inez was also a member of genealogy group in Zephyrhills, as well as a member of the DAR, of which she was very proud. She was very active and enjoying her retirement up until several months ago when time finally caught up to her although through it all right up till the end she maintained her sense of humor and feistiness. She will be greatly missed by friends and family. At her request she was cremated and there was to be no formal services. She will be interred with her husband Edward L. in Dade City.

Joseph L. Page

PAGE, Joseph L., 60, of Zephyrhills passed away Aug. 8, 2019. He was born July 1, 1959 in Itazuke, Japan to Billy and Eleanor (Smith) Page. He is survived by his significant other, Dianne Reza of Zephyrhills; brother, John Page and sister, Vicki McGee both of Indiana.



Frederick Donald, Hupp

HUPP, Frederick Donald, 79, of Zephyrhills, passed away Aug. 1, 2019. He was born Aug. 2, 1939 in McKeesport, Pa. to Fred and Arline (Long)

Hupp. Frederick served in the US Navy assigned to the P.O.V. Squadron tracking submarines. He was a long time resident of Zephyrhills, after moving here in 1977. Frederick began a career in Law Enforcement in 1978 and he would rise in rank to Administrative Lieutenant. He was also involved with youth sports by coaching in the Zephyrhills Little League and also started the East Pasco Youth Dixie Softball League. In 1979 he joined the Zephyrhills Fire Rescue where he retired with the rank of Lieutenant. Frederick was a member of New Walk Church and B.A.S.S. (Bass Anglers Sportsman Society). Mr. Hupp is survived by his sons, Gary Hupp (Darlene) and Jeffrey Hupp (Christy); grandchildren, Aliissa, Ashley, Lindsey, Christian and Joshua; and great-grandchildren, Harper, Weston, Hudson and Aubrey. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn Hupp on April 26, 2013. Graveside services will be Aug. 8, 2 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery with Military Honors provided by the Zephyrhills VFW. The family will receive friends 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the funeral home prior to the service.



Pasco Tax Collector Mike Fasano announces \$8,468.04 was raised for Lauren's Kids

During the month of June, the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office featured Lauren's Kids, a statewide organization that works daily to prevent childhood sexual abuse through education and awareness. Lauren's Kids was created in 2007 by State Senator Lauren Book, herself a victim of childhood sexual abuse at the hands of a trusted caregiver. Senator Book has taken her own experiences and turned them into an opportunity to help children find hope and healing.

The five branch offices of the Pasco County Tax Collectors Office promoted the Lauren's Kids specialty license plate and collected cash donations through the entire month of June. The value of 52 specialty tags sold and cash donations collected equals \$8,468.04.

"I can't thank Senator Mike Fasano and his staff enough for the continued support and involvement in raising awareness and funds," said Book, founder and CEO of Lauren's Kids, a 501 organization that works to prevent child sexual abuse and help survivors heal. "This dedication truly makes the difference. Raising these funds for the foundation is meaningful and will help make a difference. We are deeply grateful for the Lauren's Kids 'Love and Healing' specialty license plate promotion and fund-

raiser throughout your offices. Your offices did a tremendous job, as they always do. Your team went above and beyond to raise awareness on this dark issue throughout your county."

"Senator Lauren Book and her team have dedicated themselves to addressing one of the most heinous of crimes; childhood sexual abuse," said Fasano. "It was an honor for our staff to work with the community to raise funds for the good work this organization does each and every day. Working with partners such as Pasco Kids First to help implement the educational and awareness pieces of the Lauren's Kids mission, we are grateful for the opportunity to play a small part in this important program. Thank you to every customer who invested in Lauren's Kids by making a donation or purchasing a license plate. Your financial support will go a long way towards changing the life of a child in a positive way."

For details about the charitable promotions sponsored by the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office or any other services provided, call Greg Giordano, assistant tax collector/communications and special projects at (727) 847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com. For more information about the services provided by Lauren's Kids, visit www.LaurensKids.org.



Tim Couet, assistant tax collector/external services; Becky Bennett of Pasco Kids First (representing Lauren's Kids); Dwayne Richards, road tester; Jody Grove, director of information technology; Sharlo Ward, customer service supervisor; Gia Stone, customer service representative; Tammy Dziedzic, office manager; Alicia Albanese, training manager; Samantha Bisconti, consumer advocate and tax collector, Mike Fasano.



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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Despite your Aries penchant for wanting to tackle a problem head-on, you might want to take a little more time to see how a current situation develops. It could surprise you.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Taking on the role of peacemaker in a disruptive environment is a challenge. But you can do it. Just continue to have the same faith in yourself that so many others have in you.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although your work schedule keeps you busy, you should make time to start preparing for that important upcoming family event you'll want to celebrate in a special way.

you're on track for getting your message to the right people. Devote the weekend to catching up with the special people in your life.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) A new attitude from those in charge could make things difficult for you unless you can accept the changes without feeling as if you're being pressured into doing so.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Family matters once again dominate much of the week. But don't neglect your workplace duties while you deal with them. An offer to help could come from a surprising source.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A difficult workplace situation begins to ease, but there still are matters that need to be dealt with before it's fully resolved. There's also a more positive turn in domestic relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Don't let yourself be rushed into making a decision about an intriguing financial arrangement. Asking questions and checking it out now could pay off in a big way later on.

BORN THIS WEEK: You might have a tendency to be more than a bit judgmental, but others understand it comes from a warm, loving heart.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Home is where the Moon Child wants to be early in the week. But by week's end, a chance to travel raises her or his excitement level, and that of the lucky person who gets to go along.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Be careful not to be a copycat when dealing with someone who uses unfair or even unkind methods to reach a goal. As always, do the right thing the right way, and you'll win in the end.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) An offer could have many good things attached to it that are not apparent at first glance, including a chance to move into another career area. You might want to check out its possibilities.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) With responsibilities surging both in the workplace and in the home, it's important to prioritize how you deal with them. Be patient. Pressures will begin to ease starting early next week.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A positive reaction to a suggestion could indicate that

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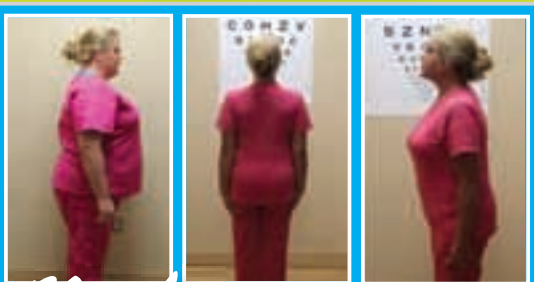


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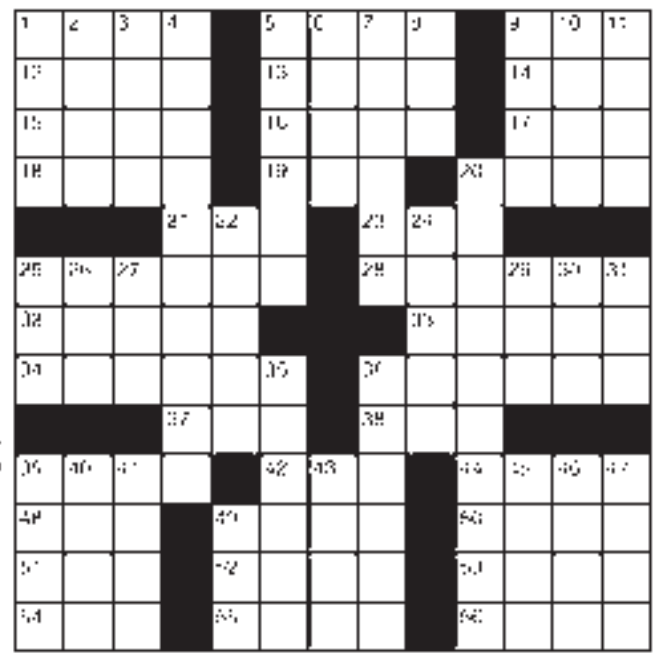
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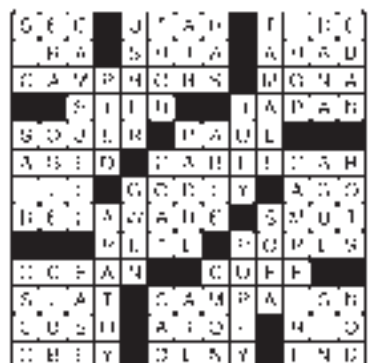
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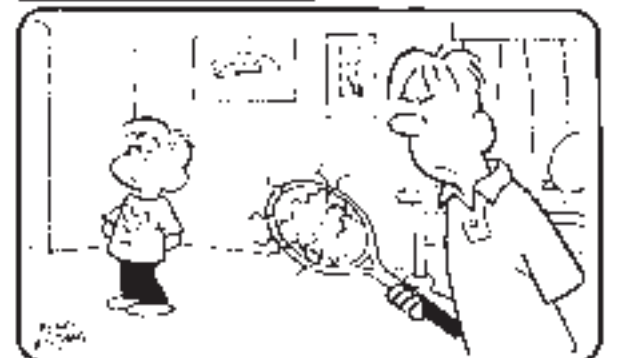


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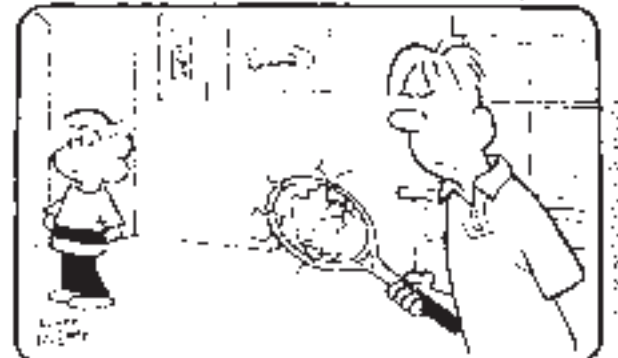
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Below: Dr. Christina Stanley, the new Zephyrhills High principal, assistant principal Matt Hayes and student Lakishia Thomas chat in the front office.



Right: At Stewart Middle School, principal Shae Davis directs traffic as vehicles line up to pick up their schoolchildren on the first day of school.



STEVE LEE

► **FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** From Page 1A

when she goes off to college with plans to someday run her own business.

"This helps a lot," said Thomas, who plans to attend Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers.

At the high school there were a few faces quite familiar with teachers and administrators who have spent some time in Zephyrhills. School resource officer Kevin Widener, of the Pasco Sheriff's Office, is a 1997 graduate and former standout quarterback who focused on meeting as many new students as possible.

Another Zephyrhills graduate, Nancy Perkins from the Class of 1970, is a substitute. She retired in 2012 after serving for 35 years in the Pasco School District including a long stint as the media specialist at Stewart Middle.

"They all want to do well," Perkins said of the incoming and returning high school students.

Zephyrhills High continues to undergo major renovations, a \$33 million project that includes three phases. It is part of the Pasco School District's nearly \$1.4 billion tentative budget for the academic year.

And though there is some recent and ongoing construction, assistant principal Matt Hayes, who also graduated from Zephyrhills, said the day went rather smoothly. Getting kids on the correct buses, to lunches and classes on time, were the top priorities, he noted.

Dr. Christina Stanley, who this summer replaced former principal Angie Stone, also was relieved that the first day went off without a hitch.

"It was a great first day," she said. "We asked as many juniors and seniors as we could to wear our school colors and they did."

Another bright spot was JROTC cadets assisting students with their schedules and helping them get to where they needed to go.

Sarah Luke, a sophomore, said it was a bit hectic but liked her new teachers.

"The hallways were really crowded and the new students were trying to find their classes," she said.

Over at Stewart Middle, principal Shae Davis and graduate enhancement teacher Shannon Mathews helped direct traffic as parents picked up their kids in a long winding line of vehicles.

"It's fantastic," Mathews said of the first day of school, adding that teachers and administrators were "friendly and welcome them, and help them find their way."

Incoming sixth-grader Jayden Cooley, who was among the 997 students at Stewart on Monday, said finding his classes in various buildings was quite different than last year when he was mostly in one classroom at West Zephyrhills Elementary.

"It was tiring," he said, adding that there are "more places to walk."



Above: A Zephyrhills Police Officer places orange cones on the road in front of West Zephyrhills Elementary before children get released from school.



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Above and above right: Some of the 70-plus riders who took part in the poker run met in the Zephyrhills Eagles parking lot.
Right: A Purple Heart Memorial Monument was one of the stops on the poker run.



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Left: A handful of riders and members of the Apple Red Band got locked up in a makeshift jail. They had to be bid on for their release.

John Daff, president of the Zephyrhills Eagle Riders, fondly recalled how the event came about.

"Guy reached out to me and asked me to do a poker run," he said. "All you got to do is ask and we took hold of it. When I saw (Bland) pull in today it brought tears to my eyes; to come all that way and support us."

Daff mentioned how it was more than the riders that put together the event. He thanked the auxiliary and Aeries for their collaborative efforts as well.

"We're about people helping people," Daff said.

POKER RUN: From Page 1A

if they had a passenger to take part in the poker run. The fundraiser included a poker hand, meal ticket and post-run entertainment by April Red, a Plant City band.

There were local riders like Zephyrhills couple Kim and Philip Cook. Others were not so local, like Jacob and Lacey Bland, who came over from the east coast of Florida to participate. The couple lives in West Palm Beach and

Jacob is the state chairman of Eagle Riders. Jacob did not serve in the military but among the patches on his jacket is one that reads: I wasn't there, but I still care. "Those boys served their time, so it's our turn to give our time," he said.

Aside from the Blands who came from the east coast, other riders came from chapters in Ruskin and Bradenton.

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Right: Motorcycle riders stopped at the Purple Heart Memorial Monument in Zephyr Park to have their papers signed and pick up a poker card.



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SHOP OUR SLEEP CENTER, AND CLIMB INTO A DREAM EVERY NIGHT!

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