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INSIDE THIS

The annual football tab is once again available for fans of the six local high school teams in our coverage area. Team previews with rosters, schedules and photos are part of the package supported by our many local advertisers.



Weather

With a tropical storm potentially headed our way expect the rainy weather to continue throughout the next week. On a brighter note, temperatures are beginning to cool off somewhat for this time of year with daytime highs mostly in the 80s. ➤ 3A

Sports

Bulls romp over Bulldogs in football season opener

For the fifth straight season, high school football teams from Zephyrhills and Wiregrass Ranch kicked off the year against one another. The host Bulls took a 3-2 series lead with a 43-13 win. Both teams are trying to extend playoff streaks.

Wesley Chapel sweeps Zephyrhills in volleyball

Longtime rivals Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel squared off on the volleyball court with the Wildcats making it a clean 3-0 sweep of the Bulldogs.

Pasco sweeps rival Zephyrhills in swimming

In the season opener for both teams at the East Pasco YMCA, Pasco won the boys and girls swim meets over a Zephyrhills team that lacked enough swimmers for each event.

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Yee-haw for chamber's top award-winners



Local musician Weston Ward took turns with Travis Evans to entertain the crowd at St. Joseph's Parish Hall

STEVE LEE

Down Home Z'hills is theme for this year's annual chamber banquet awards ceremony

> By Steve Lee News Reporter

Not that they wait all year for one night to celebrate their achievements, but winners of the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce Excellence in Business and Community awards expressed their gratitude during the annual banquet on Aug. 22.

In keeping with the Down Home Z'hills theme,

members gave it a big yee-haw!

The event took place Aug. 22 at the St. Joseph's Catholic Church Parish Hall on 5th Avenue. As has been the case since that hall has hosted for the past

three years, a large room was filled with local business owners, dignitaries and community leaders.

Melonie Monson, the chamber's executive director, came up with this year's theme, which featured country and western guitarists Weston Ward and Travis Evans, the latter of whom is with the band Rebel Soul. There also was a bit of line-dancing at the end with a few prominent people leading the way on

stage.

"We just wanted to go back to our roots," said Monson, who donned a country and western dress and jeans jacket with cowboy boots. "This is what I

wanted this year." To get things started, master of ceremonies Danny Burgess, executive director of the Florida Department of Veterans' Affairs, conducting the swearing in of the 2019-20 officers. At that time Randy Stovall, who will now serve as the chamber's vice president, passed the gavel to incoming president Vicky Jones.

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Fire Station 38 opens in Watergrass area

It is the first fire rescue station added to the county since 2009, first in Wesley Chapel since 2007

> By Steve Lee News Reporter

The increasing population of Pasco County, notably in the thriving Wesley Chapel area, merited the opening of a new fire station. One year after a celebratory groundbreaking, Fire Station 38 in the Watergrass area officially opened Tuesday morning

with a traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Located near Watergrass Elementary School, it has, however, been occupied for the past several

Among the guest speakers were Pasco Coun-Fire Chief Scott Cassin and Ron Oakley, one of two Pasco County Commissioners along with Jack Mariano to attend the symbolic event. County administrator Dan Biles and numerous fire rescue officials and workers also were on hand.

Oakley pointed out that with a growing population that now numbers about 540,000, Pasco ranks as one of the fastest-growing counties in the state. He also noted that adding to the coverage area for central and east Pasco will go a long way in helping to reduce response times.

"This is so important for all our residents; to keep them safe," Oakley said. "The firefighters are

there for every one of us.' Noting that the \$3.5 million project was literally 10 years in the making, Castle noted that the new fire station at the corner of Paramount Drive and Overpass Road, just east of Curley Road, is the first to open in the county since 2009 as well as the first

in Wesley Chapel since 2007. "This is yet another great day for Pasco County Fire Rescue," the chief said. "Getting to this point has been a decade in the making."

The project was funded by a fire impact fee. At 10,850 square feet it is the second-largest fire rescue building in the county. It's four large drive-through bays can accommodate as many as eight emergency

In all, 13 firefighters will be housed at the 7541

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City budget and salary study headline city council meeting and workshop

The two big topics of the council meeting took a look a both the 2019-20 fiscal year budget and a classification and compensation study

> By Andy Warrener News Reporter

The meeting began with a couple of presentations, the first, a Community Service Award presented to Anna Stutzriem by the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce for her, "exemplary volunteer service to the community." The next was a Leadership in Government award denoting, "exemplary contribution and public service at the city, county, state of federal government level" which was presented to former city manager Steve Spina. Mayor Gene Whitfield accepted the award in Spina's absence.

Six Consent Agenda Items included: 1.1 Aug. 12, 2019 Regular Meeting Minutes

1.2 Piggyback Agreement with Paramount Power for

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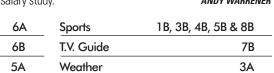
Lance Schmidt of Clifton, Larson, Allen LLP discusses the results of a recent salary study.

ANDY WARRENER

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Above: Pasco County Fire Chief Scott Cassin addressed a crowd at the grand opening of the new fire station.

Below: A few members of the Cypress Creek High band performed the national PHOTOS PROVIDED



FIRE STATION: From Page 1A

Paramount Dr. address. The innovaincludes tive technological and safety equipment.

Among the upgrades are custom gear lockers in a dedicated climate-controlled room; individual bunk rooms to house firefighters; an advanced air system designed to scrub the air inside the station to remove carcinogens; an exhaust capture system; advanced station alerting, and a Pasco County Sheriff's Office

"Station 38 is the best of

the best," Oakley said. "You won't see that anywhere else. This is another example of why we're becoming a premier county.'

During the ceremony a special plaque in the shape of a bugle was handed by Cassin to program director Robby Chalmers, who the fire chief mentioned often spent his personal time and used his own vehicle to assist with the efforts during construction.

'It was pretty special," Chalmers said. "I work with a great bunch of men and women who put their heart and soul into this every day."

Among the numerous posters and signage on the inside walls will be a special tribute from professional wrestlerturned-actor John Cena. The site was utilized during the filming of Cena's new movie, Playing with Fire, which will be in theaters this coming November.

Cassin noted that the poster would always adorn a wall at the new station, which is pivotal in accommodating fire rescue services in the fastgrowing area.

COMMUNITY

Florida's Largest Home Show, Aug. 30-Sept. 2, at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301. If you are remodeling, building or landscaping this is the show for you with over 900 exhibits. Admission is \$8 for adults, and seniors/military is \$7 and children under 12 are free. Parking is \$8 per car, \$14 for RV or bus. For more information, visit floridastatefair.com.

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.

Hummingbirds in the Garden, Sept. 7, 9-10 a.m. at the One Stop Shop, 15029 14th St. in Dade City. Learn from an accom-



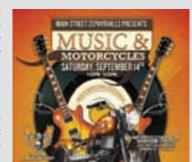
plished hummingbird lover and birder how to attract these unique birds to your yard, including species that rarely make Florida their home. This seminar will highlight the best plants, trees and shrubs as well as where to locate them. Also, the importance of feed and water to help you create the perfect hummingbird home. For more information, call (352)

Buckler's Craft Fair, Sept. 7-8. The annual craft fair is at the State Fairgrounds Expo, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301 N. Walk the many displays of handmade crafts, jewelry, candles, painted glass, baby items, painted furniture and much more. The hours are Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and Sunday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Admission is \$6, children 12 and under are free. For more information, visit bucklershows.com.

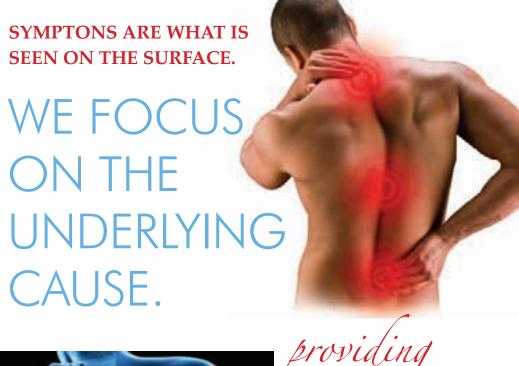
A 9/11 Memorial Service, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. at the Veteran's Walkway in Zephyr Park. Everyone is invited to attend and bring a chair. The service will be by the flagpole with guest speakers, Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield and Danny Burgess. The memorial service will be presented by the Marine Corps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

Friends of the Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar, Sept. 13-14, 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. This book bazaar features a diverse selection of slightly used books, audio and videotapes, magazines and related materials. Hugh Embry Library is located at 14215 4th St., Dade City. For more information, call (352)

Music and Motorcycles Sept. 14, 4-9 p.m. in downtown Zephyrhills. Come and enjoy motorcycles, live music, food and vendors. Awards will be presented at 8:30 p.m. to the first and second place winners and best in show. For more information, call Main Street Zephyrhills at (813) 780-







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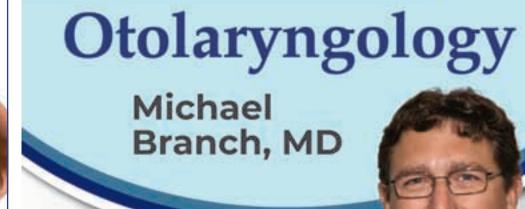
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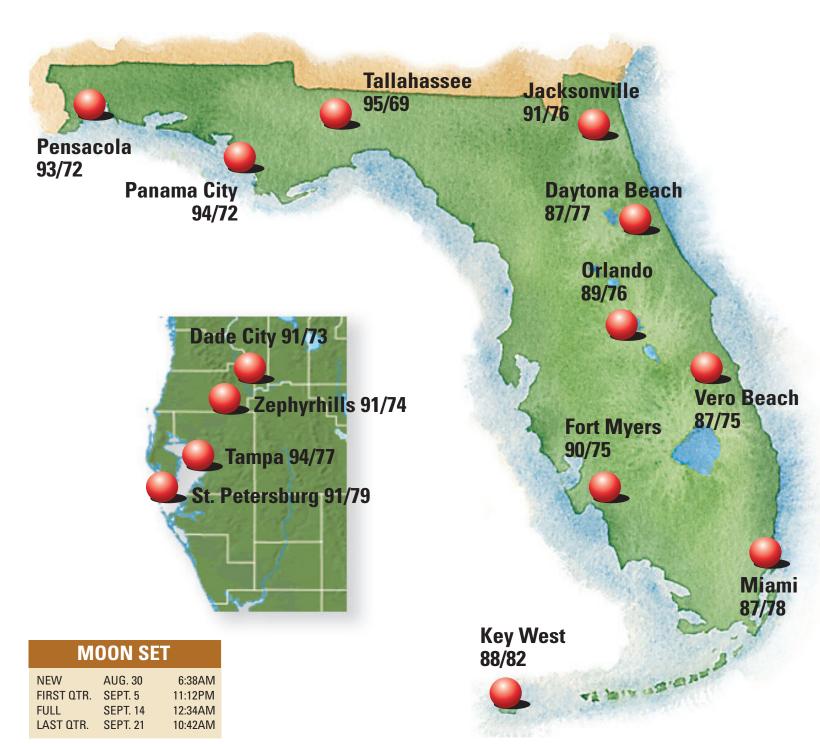
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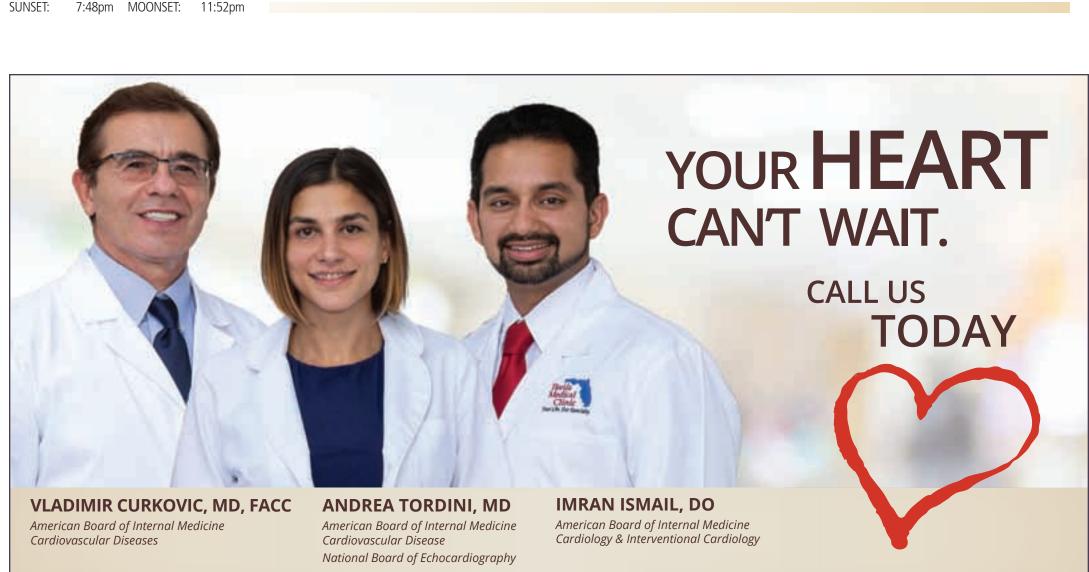
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Right: Line dancing, on stage and in the audience, was part of the festive awards banquet.

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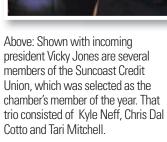
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"Those are some big shoes to fill," she said of following in Stovall's footsteps. "I really learned a lot from him."

Like many have echoed in the past, Jones labeled Zephyrbills "a wonderful close-knit community"

swearing-in process

of the chamber's new board of directors for

2019-20.

hills "a wonderful, close-knit community."

Burgess, a longtime Zephyrhills resident who now resides with his family in Wesley Chapel, could not have said it better. He welcomes the support of a city in which he once served as the youngest mayor as well as when he was a member of the Florida

House of Representatives.

After the traditional awards were announced, Stovall presented a special commemorative clock to outgoing city manager

Steve Spina, who once was an editor of *The Zephyrhills News*.

"He exemplifies the spirit Danny talked about," Stovall said

of Spina.

"It's so much teamwork in this community and that's what

makes this place a great place to live," Spina said.

In all, awards were doled out in 11 categories with a nomination committee narrowing down the lists to a handful of choices in each. Several businesses and individuals were nominated in

more than one category.

The chamber's ambassadors of the year were Tim and Pam Proctor, chosen for exemplary, leadership and representation for the chamber.

"Just being able to touch other people is nice," Tim said.

Added Pam, "This is the best chamber."

Member of the year went to the Suncoast Credit Union with Kyle Neff, Tari Mitchell and Chris Del Cotto accepting the award.

The Alice Hall Award went to the late Brantley Smith, the fun-loving longtime owner of Silverado Golf and Country Club who supported numerous non-profit and youth organizations in the community. That award was accepted by Lance Smith and the Smith family.

Donna Mover was named the chamber's citizen of the year

Donna Moyer was named the chamber's citizen of the year and the community service award went to Anna Stutzriem. Moyer coordinated the Zephyrhills Elks Lodge's Feed the Kids program and Stutzriem is the coordinator for Main Street Zephyrhills.

Other awards were as follows: innovative business of the year, the Academy of Spectrum Diversity; small business of the year, Puroclean of Zephyrhills; large business of the year, Sonny's BBQ of Zephyrhills; Zephyrhills economic development champion, Sam Turgeon; leadership in youth involvement; diamond award, Elks Lodge BPOE 2731.



Above: Ambassadors of the year Tim and Pam Proctor, received their awards from new president Vicky Jones.





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CHURCH News

First United Methodist Church of or visit www.firstchristianzhills.org. 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 11 a.m.; children's church, 11 a.m.; and youth Bible study is 11 a.m.

Children and youth meet on Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. For adults, on Wednesday evenings, Bible study is at 5 and 7 p.m. in the chapel.

For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5645 or visit, www.fumczhills.org.

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

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

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills, 5510 19th St., invites everyone to attend Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. Communion is observed the first Sunday of the month. Sunday school for adults is at 8:30 a.m. Children and youth are dismissed to classes during the 10 a.m. worship service. A nursery is provided during the service. In the fellowship hall after worship will be time for conversation and a light snack.

REFRESH Wednesdays begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and then a break into separate classes as follows, kindergarten-first grade; 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

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 Mon-

days 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 McKin-

ney, and teachers, Carol Arnold and Sarah Lutz. The teen TRUTH ministries, is Wed-nesdays at 6 p.m., with director Jason Hicks and youth leaders, Barbara Hicks, Carla Berger and

Paul Warner. Bus transportation is available. The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekdays, 8-9 a.m. in the church conference room.

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

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,

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.

The Abundant Blessings Food Pantry is now 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 as well 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 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.word-

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.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.

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Chuck spent the next 40 years arrangements are entrusted living in Tampa. There he had to ICS Cremation & Funeral worked in photography and film developing, a lifelong hobby. He also attended Tampa Technical Institute for Home in Lake City, Fla. www. WIEGERT, Charles Lee, 68, of icsfuneralservices.com. High Springs passed on to our Lord on Aug. 13, 2019 at the Suwannee Valley Care Center computer/electronics, another field of great interest. Chuck in Lake City. Formerly of Make Every Day awesome with Heather at 5th Avenue Pet

OBITUARIES

Zephyrhills, Chuck was a true

southern gentleman, born on

March 18, 1951 at the Jackson

Memorial Hospital in Dade

City. He was predeceased by

his loving parents, Charles and Alice (Lee) Wiegert, Jr. They

were both natives of Queens

County, N.Y., and had moved

to Zephyrhills soon after the

end of WWII. The family

attended St. Joseph Catholic

Church. After graduation from ZHS, Class of 1969,

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River in High Springs. Both enjoyed growing herbs and

flowers, cooking and grilling,

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critters in the woods. Please send no flowers, instead

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Changing your mind doesn't come easily for Lambs, who place a high value on commitment. But new facts could emerge that might persuade you to rethink your situation.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This is a good time to put that fine Bovine's eye for beauty to work in redecorating your home or workplace. And don't forget to indulge yourself in some personal time as well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your sense of loyalty to someone who asks for your help is commendable. But make sure there are no information gaps that should be filled in before you move too far too quickly.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Don't let difficult people raise the Crab's ire levels this week. Avoid them if you can. If not, resist telling them off, even if you think they deserve it. Things improve by week's end.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Your suspicions about a colleague might be on the mark. But you also could be misreading the signals you believe you're getting. Do some discreet checking before jumping to conclusions.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Take some time out from your many tasks and see if someone might be trying to reach out to you. You could be surprised to learn who it is and why you might want to re-

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You still might want to do more investigating before taking on a new commitment. Later would not be the time to try to fill in any crucial gaps in what you need to know

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A new opportunity should be carefully studied. It might offer some of the things you've been looking for. Or it could contain new possibilities you never considered. Check it out.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might have to work harder this week to get people to listen to what you have to say. But if you stay with it, you could start to get your message out to many by week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Although family matters again take up a big chunk of the Goat's time, the week also offers a chance to explore a new career move you'd been contemplating for

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Applying your practicality (what does it offer me?) and your creativity (how can I improve on it?) could provide sound reasons for seriously considering that new

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The single set will find that keeping their romantic aspirations on high gives Cupid a

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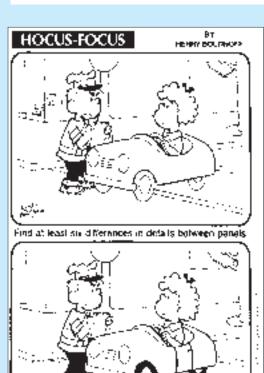
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Pasco Tax Collector staff raise over \$17,233 to purchase backpacks and supplies for local schools

During the month of July the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office accepted donations from the public to purchase backpacks and school supplies for students in need. Due to the hard work of staff and the generosity of a giving community, Tax Collector Mike Fasano's office was able to raise over \$17,233 to support this effort. The majority of the funds were used to purchase back-to-school supplies and backpacks. A smaller portion of the donations collected were used to support the ABC (Assist, Believe & Care) Program, which helps classroom teachers purchase the supplies and other items needed to help meet the needs of their

The Pasco Tax Collector's Office has five branches in the county. Each office chose one school close to that office with a large percentage of children in need. Right before the start of school staff members from each office delivered a total of 500 backpacks with school supplies and six checks totaling \$5,250 split among the following schools: Calusa Elementary – Tax Collector's Office in West Pasco Government Center, New Port Richey; Gulf Trace Elementary - Tax Collector's Office in Gulf Harbors, New Port Richey; Connerton Elementary – Tax Collector's Office in Land O' Lakes; San Antonio Elementary - Tax Collector's Office in Wesley Chapel; West Zephyrhills Elementary – Tax Collector's Office in Dade City; and Miracles Schools – Tax Collector's Office Countywide.

"Each year students are expected to purchase an ever growing list of supplies to bring

with them on the first day of school," said Fasano. "Gone are the days when a notebook, a pencil and some book covers, often made out of old shopping bags, were what most kids needed. For families struggling to make ends meet the 'back-to-school' supply list can be a great burden. Our staff was honored to deliver backpacks full of supplies, as well as checks to six schools in Pasco County. It is our hope that through the efforts of our hardworking staff and a very generous community, that the burden of supplies will be lighter for as many families and students as possible.

The Pasco County Tax Collector's Office supports local charitable organizations that assist residents of Pasco County throughout the entire year. This is the third year the office has held its own charitable promotion for the sole purpose of assisting students who live and go to school near each office. For more information about the charitable giving programs and other

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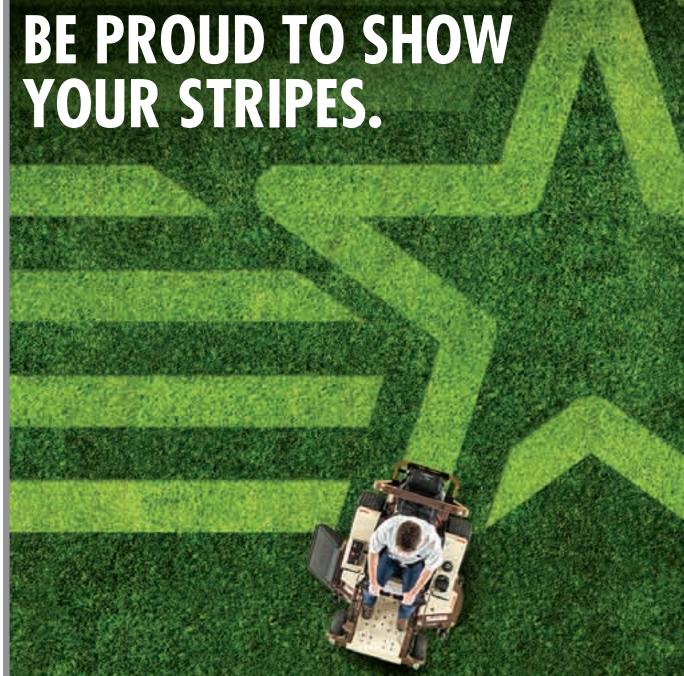
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Above: Gulf Harbors – Gulf Trace Elementary (left to right): Anna Kostadinov, Billy Villalava, Billy Poulos, Tyler Albritton, Janice Reda, Mara Swisher, Dawn Scilex (principal), Denise Ballard (assistant principal) and Greg Giordano.



Above: West Pasco Government Center (left to right): Christine Ramirez (vice principal), Crystal Moore, Kathy Collins, Sage Mendoza, Michelle Hartman (principal) Ashleigh Strumil and Angelo Williams.



Above: Land O' Lakes - Connerton Elementary (left to right): Sheyenne Farah, Samantha Bisconti, Susan Parker, Tammy Dziedzic, Kelly Edwards (principal) and Adrian Zwijacz (Counselor).



Above: Miracles Schools: (left to right); Miracles Schools Students, Christine Fitzpatrick (administrator) and Greg Giordano.

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➤ CITY COUNCIL: From Page 1A

Generator Maintenance and Repair 1.3 FDEP SRF Loan Annulment Amendments for WW510530 and DW510540

1.4 American Infrastructure Development, Inc. Agreement Extension

1.5 AVCON Agreement Extension 1.6 Pospiech Contracting - Airport Lift Station and Force Main Project (three change orders not to exceed \$30,443.63)

These items were lumped together and passed unanimously.

The only business item on Monday's agenda was a second reading of Ordinance No.: 1385-19 – "An ordinance of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida approving the 5622 and 5630 11th Street Planned Unit Development ("pud") in accordance with the provisions of section 166.041, Florida statutes; providing for codification, conflict severability, and an effective date." No public comment nor discussion among council members ensued and the item was passed unanimously.

The City Manager's Report got the dialogue on the dais going. The first item, Item 3.1 compiled by utilities director John Bostic III sought to combine all utility related ordinances into three categories: potable water, sewer and reclaimed water. Discussion developed when it came to applying leak credits dealing with po-

stated that he'd signed leak credits from \$15 to \$1,500 in the past. The city, or at least the utilities department would like to set some parameters with the new ordinances. First, that residents must be able to prove that a leak was repaired appropriately and timely and second, that any leaks below 10,000 gallons during a normal meter reading period, would not be considered.

Councilman Charlie Proctor noted that the city or the city's contractor Fathom gives, "high use" calls to residents. Bostic pointed out that Fathom gives those courtesy notices when consumption eclipses 5,000 gallons. Other issues came up in discussion such as residents that owned multiple properties making deposits on each property and the notion that tampering with a Waterworks system is a federal offense. Attorney Matthew Maggard suggested that some of the language in the ordinance should be clarified and no further action was taken.

Item 3.2 in the City Manager's Report brought Lance Schmidt of Clifton, Larson, Allen, LLP to the podium to discuss the findings of a compensation analysis for city employees. The study cross-referenced other municipalities and their pay structures. The report laid out minimum, midpoint and maximum proposed salary ranges for the many different pay grades with city employees.

Concerns emerged such as compression and the city's ability to retain employees. At the end of the meeting K-9 Officer Lorenzo Limoges spoke about the problem in detail. While

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members council approved a 3.5 percent salary increase across the board in the new budget, Limoges pointed out that new hires were making nearly as much as four, five and even longer tenured veterans, particularly of the police department. Limoges also pointed out that the delay in approving the new city budget is making collective bargaining with the union difficult. Proposals around a step program that increased salaries based on tenure and those

the 2019/20 FY budget followed the regular city council meeting The last item in the City Manager's Report, Item 3.3 merely asked the council to approve the three projects, in priority, that will be sent up to the state legislative session for appropriation. Those projects included the: Septic to Sewer Project that targets 67 existing properties, decommissioning those septic tanks and putting

them onto city sewer, the Sarah Vande Berg

based on performance pay were discussed. The

notion of adopting permutations of both de-

signs was brought up as well. A workshop on

Tennis Center and the runway extension project at Zephyrhills Municipal Airport. This item did not require a vote but a consensus from the council moved it forward.

In the City Attorney's Report, a first reading of: Ordinance No. 1377-19 - "An ordinance of the city council of the City of Zephyrhills, Florida creating parts 7.09.01.03 "solar energy system standards" and 7.09.30 "solar electric power collection/generation facility standards" of the land development code, amending table 2.02.01 "allowable uses in zoning districts", amending part 13.02.00 "definition of terms" of the land development code; and providing for codification, severability, repealer,

> It revealed in discussion that the city didn't have any current regulations regarding solar energy arrays that were ground-mounted and that by looking at what other municipalities were doing would be a good basis to start devising

and an effective date.

regulations that could be codified in Zephyrhills.



Left: Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield accepts a Leadership in Government Award on behalf of former city manager Steve Spina.









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