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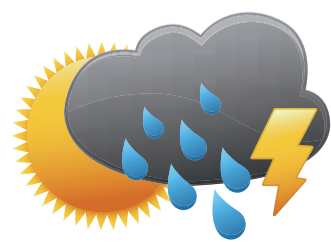
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Weather

Not unexpectedly for this time of year, rainy weather persists for yet another week. Daytime temperatures are coming down into the high 80s while nights will be in the low 70s.

> 3A

Zephyrhills loses in volleyball

The Zephyrhills High volleyball team continues to struggle with a 1-10 record. Still, the Bulldogs fought back and put up a valiant effort in this week's 3-0 loss to Cypress Creek.

> 1B

Bulldogs get first shutout of season

The Zephyrhills High football team improved its overall record to 3-0 with yet another dominating performance. The Bulldogs defeated Sunshine Athletic Conference rival Fivay 42-0 in Hudson for their first shutout of the season.

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Stewart shuts out rival Weightman

Defending conference champion Stewart dominated rival Weightman in the middle school football season opener for both teams. The Bulldogs won 42-0 over the host Wildcats with a running clock implemented during the second half.

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Zephyr Park hosts 9/11 memorial



Members of Pasco High's Navy JROTC stand at attention during Saturday's 9/11 memorial at Zephyr Park's Veteran's Walkway.

STEVE LEE

On the 20th anniversary, terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center's Twin Towers, Pentagon and a plane that crashed in Pennsylvania are remembered

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

The next generation mingled with an age group from a bygone era, as well as plenty of people in between coming together to unite as one last Saturday at Veteran's Walkway in Zephyr Park. They gathered near the flagpole to commemorate tragic events that still resonate today.

This year's 9/11 memorial in the park was especially notable since it marked the 20th anniversary of terrorist attacks that will never be forgotten. On Sept. 11, 2001, four hijacked airplanes by al Qaeda operatives wreaked havoc on the United States.

Two planes flew into the World Trade Center Twin Towers with both skyscrapers eventually crumbling in New York City. Then a plane crashed into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. Lastly, all on flight 93 perished in a Pennsylvania field with passengers overpowering hijackers to bring the plane down. In all, the resulting death toll was nearly 3,000.

"The events of Sept. 11, 2001 forever changed our nation, for that matter, it changed the world," said Rod Rehrig, who emceed the event and is a commandant of the Marine Corps League Detachment 1124.

Following an invocation by Vanice Holland, the Zephyrhills detachment's chaplain, Rehrig, who used to be part of a local barber shop quartet, sang the national anthem. Then he introduced guest speaker Gene Whitfield, the city's mayor and longtime supporter of local patriotic events.

"Today's a solemn day for reflection," Whitfield said.

Whitfield then passed the microphone to Cliff McDuffie in a symbolic gesture of the current mayor to a former one. McDuffie then gave an emotional speech

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Flag in the Air Event anchors in Zephyrhills, unites worldwide

The event that started as a local 9/11 commemoration attracted participation at drop zones all over the world

By ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

Saturday morning, Sept. 11, 2021 broke overcast and muggy. Cloudy weather threatened to scuttle an event months in preparation. Event organizer Patrick Fortune and event host, Skydive City of Zephyrhills were up before the sun and ready to embark on one of the more ambitious 9/11 commemorative events ever conceived.

With 2021 being the 20th anniversary of the terrorist attacks on the United States and Fortune being a 20-year Air Force veteran, he wanted to go big. He remembered how Sept. 12, 2001 brought the nation and the world together. He wanted to replicate that unity for the 20th anniversary of the tragedy.

"We're here," Fortune said to the collected crowd and jumpers from the event. "The world is coming back together - all of us - the human race."

Fortune's vision came to fruition on Saturday morning. Just as the sun began to illuminate the sky, the cloud cover raised, gave the planes ample flying room and kept temperatures down.

The very first group to descend from the sky were part of the opening flag ceremony. Fortune led the jump with an enormous United States flag hanging from his feet as he parachuted to the earth. Next up, were members of the Phantom Airborne Brigade, a military veterans parachuting group and 501(c)(3) non-profit that supports active and reserve military families. Members of the group don't take the leisurely skydives from 13,000 feet, rather, they use a static line that deploys their military-style parachutes from just 3,000 feet. In combat or training, airborne jumpers leave the plane from just 1,000 feet. Formerly of the 82nd Airborne, Tim Guinan of Illinois was proud to be a part of the event.

"This event is definitely the pinnacle of the reason why I came down here," Guinan said.

By 8 a.m., more flights were going up. These flights would be stocked with tandem

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Music & Motorcycles brings people downtown

Main Street Zephyrhills hosts first event on 5th Avenue in more than a year

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

It appears that Main Street Zephyrhills is back in business. On Saturday, the local organization formed to promote downtown businesses with events and various activities for local residents and visitors — young and old alike — hosted Music & Motorcycles.

For the first time in a long time, 5th Avenue was filled with, of course motorcycles, people milling the streets and vendors hawking their wares. It marked the

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The downtown corridor was filled with people, motorcycles and vendor tents during the weekend event.

STEVE LEE

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Leadership Pasco announces members of Class of 2022

Leadership Pasco announces the Class of 2022, comprised of 24 business and community leaders chosen from a highly competitive pool of applicants. The Class of 2020 was the last graduating class to participate due to the safety concerns brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Leadership Pasco class members met with alumni program leaders and had an overview of the program during an online orientation on Aug. 19. Monthly program sessions take place through May 2022 and will conclude with a graduation event attended by family members and alumni of the program.

"It is clear that these exceptional class members are eager to learn more about leading in Pasco County and ready to adapt to any program changes during the continued pandemic," said Manny Long, president, Leadership Pasco. The Leadership Pasco Class of 2022 members represent all areas of the county and include: John Allgeier — director, Real Estate & Construction Finance — Moffitt Cancer Center
Gary Bradford — president — Bradford Group LLC
Anna Farrell — attorney — Doran, Beam & Farrell
Sara Hill — program director, East and South Regions — SuitUp Inc.
David Ishaq — teacher — Florida Autism Center of Excellence
Jennifer Kilburg — partnerships director, Pasco County — Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

Laura Knight — senior associate — United Way of Pasco County
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Brandon May — president — Morton Plant North Bay Hospital
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Joy O'Reilly — realtor — Orca Homes, LLC
Melissa Parks — director of development and marketing — Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco County
Josephine Ploettner — court services assistant director — Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller
Troy Powell — senior project manager — Creative Contractors, Inc.
Samuel Rockwell — financial advisor — Raymond James
Jennie Sammur — economic development manager — Pasco EDC
Sally Sherman — assistant county administrator — Pasco County

Taiwan Simmons — director of operations — Community Victory Family Services, Inc.
Scott West — HX Compliance Supervisor — Pasco County Property Appraiser
Siva Yarrabilli — vice president — Van Bebber and Associates

Since 1990, Leadership Pasco has introduced business and community leaders to major facets of the Pasco County community through an intensive 10-month course. Class members participate in full-day program sessions, tours and candid conversations with community leaders to broaden their local understanding of the ever-changing needs of Pasco County. Topics include criminal justice, healthcare, education, government, infrastructure, media, tourism, and business industries.

In addition, each Leadership Pasco class is responsible for making a positive impact within the community by organizing a class project that brings charitable people and resources together to address a particular social, educational, economic, environmental or cultural need in Pasco County.

The online application for the Class of 2023 is available on the Leadership Pasco website. For more information, call (727) 271-0478 or visit <https://www.leadershippasco.com>.

Pasco Tax Collector Offices accepting donations for Pasco Fire Rescue MDA Boot Drive

For the remainder of the month of September the five Pasco County Tax Collector Offices will be accepting donations on behalf of the Pasco Fire Rescue's Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Boot Drive. After nearly 70 years the traditional sight of a firefighter standing on a street corner, fire boot in hand, has been replaced with boots on the counter waiting for spare change to be dropped in. The Pasco Tax Collector's Office is proud to participate for the second year in a row in this important fundraising event.

"Last year our generous customers donated over \$2,000 to the Pasco County Fire Rescue Department's efforts to raise money to fight this disease," said Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano. "Currently the MDA is funding 150 research projects around the world due in part to donations made by concerned individuals in this and other communities. Please stop by one of the five offices in Pasco and donate to help the MDA find new treatments for this terrible disease."

Tax collector offices are located at the West Pasco Government Center, Gulf Harbors, Land O' Lakes, Wesley Chapel and the East Pasco Government Center - Dade City. For hours and locations visit, www.pascotaxes.com or call the centralized call center at (727) 847-8032, (813) 235-6076 or (352) 521-4338 for more details.

Pasco Magnet Schools achieve national certification

Three Pasco County schools have recently been notified that they have been recognized as nationally certified magnet schools, meaning that they have met the rigorous standards that define high-quality magnet programs.

The schools are Bayonet Point Middle School and Centennial Middle School, which are STEM magnet schools, and Sanders Memorial Elementary School, which is a STEAM magnet school. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and math. STEAM adds arts to the mix.

Magnet Schools of America, the national association of magnet and theme-based schools, created the national certification process to recognize the nation's exemplary magnet schools and to help them continue providing high-quality magnet programs. Magnet schools are schools that offer specialized courses in themes that are designed to attract students from outside of traditional school boundaries.

"This is a tremendous honor for our magnet schools," said Kurt Browning, Pasco Superintendent of Schools. "The staff at each school should be very proud, and I know parents will be pleased to know that their schools have met the highest standards of excellence."

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Scattered Thunderstorms

SUNRISE: 7:16am MOONRISE: 7:08pm
SUNSET: 7:30pm MOONSET: 5:49am

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Scattered Thunderstorms

SUNRISE: 7:16am MOONRISE: 7:41pm
SUNSET: 7:28pm MOONSET: 6:48am

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Scattered Thunderstorms

SUNRISE: 7:17am MOONRISE: 8:11pm
SUNSET: 7:27pm MOONSET: 7:45am

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Above: Local residents and visitors came out in support of the 9/11 ceremony at Zephyr Park.

Right: Former mayor Cliff McDuffie was the keynote speaker. Behind him is emcee Rod Rehrig.



Left: Four members of the Navy JROTC unit at Pasco High presented the colors for the ceremony. They were among 13 high school students to take part in the event, which also paid tribute to the 13 American service members who were killed by a suicide bomber on Aug. 26 in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Below: The VFW Post 8154 Honor Guard provided the traditional 21-gun salute.



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of the tragedies that occurred so long ago. "Probably for the first time since 1812 (a war that lasted nearly three years), the United States was a target of war on its own land," McDuffie said before asking people where they were on 9/11. Recollected being at the local chamber of commerce and while watching the tragic events of that day unfold, he said, "We're at war."

The former mayor then mentioned the courage of those on Flight 93 who took on the hijackers in that fatal plane crash. "We will never know where that plane was bound," he said. "The White House? The Capitol Building? Maybe even Camp David."

As usual, there was support from the VFW Post 8154 Honor Guard, which supplied a 21-gun salute, as well as mention of Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Curtin, a U.S. Marine who later joined the New York City Police Department and perished as a first responder on 9/11. Detachment 1124 is named in Curtin's honor.

Manny Funes, a longtime local Rotarian and former city councilman, arranged to have the Navy JROTC cadets from Pasco High on hand for the ceremony. That group included the color guard and cadets carrying 13 flags that represented 13 American service members who were killed by a suicide bomber on Aug. 26, in Kabul, Afghanistan.

Proclaimed as Patriot Day by former President George W. Bush, there were countless commemorations throughout the nation on Saturday. Among them was the Third Annual 9/11



Gene Whitfield, the city's current mayor, is a fixture at local patriotic events.

Memorial at Tampa Premium Outlets in Wesley Chapel. Locals at that setting were Cliff Moffett, president of the Zephyrhills Museum of Military History and former Zephyrhills High teacher and coach Bob Hatfield, who now is a representative for congressman Gus Bilirakis.

The keynote speaker was Stephen Spelman, an emergency medical technician with the New York City Fire Department who is a 9/11 survivor. Spelman got together with Moffett earlier this year and donated some of his gear for a 9/11 display room at the museum, which is adjacent to the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport.



Above: Members of the Wretched Few, a veterans motorcycle club, came out to show their support.



OBITUARIES



David B. Burris

BURRIS, David B., 62, of Dade City, passed away in his home on Aug. 23. David was born on Nov. 19, 1958 to Glenn O. Burris and Phyllis R. (Dennis) Burris in Cambridge, Ohio and moved to Dade City in his 20s. David spent the majority of his working life as a deliveryman, salesman, and warehouse manager for over 30 years at Dempsey Furniture, and also worked various jobs in mechanics and sales throughout his life. David was a thoughtful person who never hesitated to give his time or resources to anyone in need. He was fond of motorcycles, cars, sports, and good conversation and always found humor in all situations. David above all loved spending time with his family, brothers, and friends and he loved being Uncle Dave. David was the kindest person one could ever hope to meet, and there are no words to describe how deeply he will be missed. David was preceded in death by his parents, a niece, and two nephews. He is survived by his sister, Carla L. Cain of Chandler, Ariz.; three brothers, Curtis L. (Denise) Burris of Cambridge, Ohio, Joel S. (Carolyn) Burris of Caldwell, Ohio and Bruce A. (Wanda) Burris of Humble, Texas; several nieces and nephews; several great nieces and great nephews; and his extended family, Donald and Alfie Dempsey of Dade City; Amanda Pitts (Jesse) of Zephyrhills; Donna Dempsey of Philadelphia, PA.; and Anne Gonyou of Dade City. A memorial service will be at Hodges Family Funeral Home in Dade City on Sept. 19, 2-4 p.m.

Sept. 9, 2021, after complications from an illness. Kenneth was born to the late Thomas Dean and Emma Dean of MacClenny and joined siblings, Tony Dean and Cheryl Rowe, both of MacClenny. Kenneth married Rebecca on Nov. 27, 1991, in St. Mary's, Ga. and relocated to Florida when he accepted the position as Plant Manager at the Zephyrhills plant for Altium Packaging. An avid lover of life near the water, Kenneth and Rebecca recently relocated to Lake Panasoffkee. Kenneth and Rebecca were blessed with four children, Ryan Dean (Alice) of North Carolina, Raia James (Ken) of Florida, Kelsey Gallegos (Allen) of North Carolina and Kal Dean (Tori) of North Carolina; and seven beautiful grandchildren. Kenneth will be remembered for his toughness, his work ethic, and his big heart. Kenneth lived his life with bravery in the most uncertain times, choosing to trust in God's plan, rather than live in fear. Loved deeply by his family and adored by those that he knew, Kenneth's fighting spirit, will live on in the hearts and minds of those that had the pleasure of encountering him. A celebration of life will be Sept. 19, at the Train Depot, 39110 South Ave., Zephyrhills at 3 p.m. to celebrate his life and to mourn the loss of a great husband, father and plant leader.

Stevens were married in 1998. Diane owned and operated Cut-Curl Hair Salon in Saratoga, N.Y. After selling her salon she joined Ernie in operating the Stonegate Golf Course in West Winfield, N.Y. In 2015 they retired to Florida where they pursued their interest in golf. She was a member of the Hole-In-One Club (2). Diane was a gifted and talented artist and she blessed many of her friends with her works of art. She was always the first to help a friend or stranger in need. In addition to her husband Ernie, she leaves behind sisters, Pat Mari and Joan Linblad both from Massachusetts, many nieces and nephews. Friends are invited to Diane's celebration of life at the Silverado Golf Course Club House on County Road 54 in Zephyrhills, Sept. 16 at 5 p.m.; reception to follow. Those who wish may make donations in her memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tenn., 38105.

the Christian Missionary Alliance church in Zephyrhills. During his lifetime, he enjoyed square dancing, bike riding, playing tennis and model trains. He was predeceased by his parents and daughter, Elizabeth Lois Stallcup. He is survived by his sister, Cerita Lea Stallcup Scannell; his son, David Stallcup (Nancy); daughter, Devon Marinkovich (Andrew); grandchildren, Christopher, Archer, Beatrix; a niece, Victoria; and nephew, Jamie. Long time companion and ex-wife Jean Nichols was at his side as he prepared to see the eternal light of Jesus Christ. He was praising his Savior right up to his departure.

was born on June 29 1954. At Saint Joseph Hospital in Tampa, and was preceded by parents Jack and Leona Barnett. Our departed loved one Jackie is survived by her husband, Terry Smack of Zephyrhills; daughter, Jennifer Smack-Cardin; son, Andrew Wade Smack; grandchildren, Trevor Lane, Christian Cardin and Jacqueline Cardin; great-grandchildren, Austin Bailey, Jaxton Cardin, Cameron Roebuck, Lillian Cardin and Mason Ginther. Jackie's siblings are: Sandra (Jesse) Winner, Betty (Rick) Veley, Bill (Ana) Collins and Cathy (James) Callahan. Her parents and sister, Chris Barnett meet her at the pearly gates with Jesus. Many nieces/nephews, cousins, in-laws and loved ones. Jackie attended church on a regular basis, was a Sunday school teacher and got her associates degree at Bethany Christian Bible College. LSM Operator at US Postal Service, and managed Days Inn Hotels. She was a volunteer for the Neighborhood Care Center for several years. She was the kindest person anyone could ever know. She never judged people and had a special place in her heart for everyone. She will be missed by many people and until we meet again always in our hearts and soul. Her service will be held at Oakside Cemetery, 5301 1st St. Zephyrhills on Sept. 16, 11 a.m. If you like to send

flowers or donations, please reach out to her daughter Jennifer. The funeral home doing her cremation and service is Whitfield Funeral Home, 5008 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills, Fla. Jackie said "When its is time to go, there should not be any grief as well as no sad tears as we say our goodbye to her. This is not goodbye; it is I will see you later."



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Jacqueline D. Barnett Smack

SMACK, Jacqueline D Barnett, went to be home with her Lord and Savior on Sept. 8, 2021, at 1:44 p.m. She was 67 years of age. This most beautiful soul



James Dee (JDee) Stallcup

STALLCUP, James Dee, born Dec. 24, 1944 in Los Angeles, Calif., went to be with his loving Lord on Sept. 7, 2021. He was the son of James Binkley Stallcup of McKinney, Texas and Elizabeth Cecilia Theresa Thielsen of Chicago, Ill. He graduated from Big Bear High School in 1962 and attended Mt. SAC in Walnut, Calif. JDee worked for Graybar Electric for a number of years and then became a truck driver for many different interests. He was an avid bible reader and was a member of



Diane Lee (McGee) Stevens

STEVENS, Diane Lee (McGee), 77, of Zephyrhills, went home to be with the Lord on Sept. 11, 2021, surrounded by her family and loved ones. She was born Nov. 30, 1943 in Burlington, VT., daughter of the late Barbara and Curtis McGee. Diane and Ernie



Kenneth Charles Dean

DEAN, Kenneth Charles, husband to Rebecca Tyler Dean passed away in Leesburg on

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Proverbs 14:12 and 16:25: There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death. This is *man's wisdom* mentioned in both verses.

Paul says this to all nations and especially to those who choose to believe God's Word: CONSIDER WHAT I SAY; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things (2 Timothy 2:7). CONSIDER YOUR WAYS - CONSIDER WHAT I SAY - AND WHAT WILL BE THE END OF THAT WAY YOU CHOOSE? Will it be life or will it be death? Will it be good or will it be bad?

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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Decisions involving your finances might seem to be foolproof. But they could have underlying risks you should know about. Don't act on anything until all the facts are in.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Keep that keen Bovine mind focused on your financial situation as it begins to undergo some changes. Consider your money moves carefully. Avoid impulsive investments.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You'll need to adjust some of your financial plans now that

things are changing more quickly than you expected. All the facts you need haven't yet emerged, so move cautiously.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Personal and professional relationships dominate this period. Try to keep things uncomplicated to avoid misunderstandings that can cause problems down the line.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) That elusive goal you'd been hoping to claim is still just out of reach. But something else has come along that could prove just as desirable, if only you would

take the time to check it out.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) This is a good time to get away for some much-needed rest and relaxation. You'll return refreshed and ready to take on the workplace challenge that awaits you.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Confidence grows as you work your way through some knotty situations. Watch out for distractions from well-meaning supporters that could slow things down.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Consider spending more time contemplating the possibilities of an offer before opting to accept or reject it. But once you make a decision, act on it.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You're in a very strong position this week to tie up loose ends in as many areas as possible. Someone close to you has advice you might want to heed.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Con-

gratulations. This is the week you've been waiting for: After a period of sudden stops and fitful starts, your plans can now move ahead with no significant disruptions.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) You're in an exceptionally strong position this week to make decisions on many still-unresolved matters, especially those involving close personal relationships.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) The new moon starts this week off with some positive movement in several areas. A special person becomes a partner in at least one of the major plans you'll be working on.

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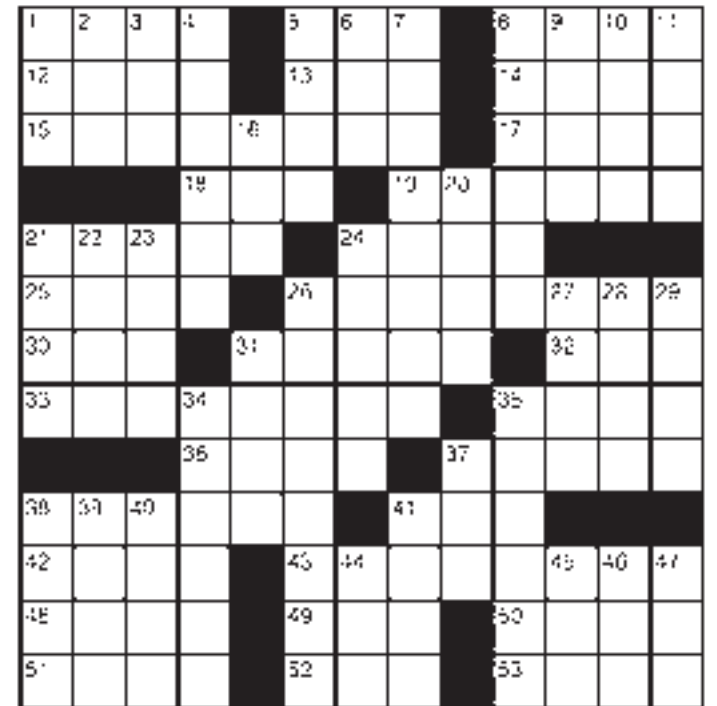
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Above: Motorcycle riders make their way through the crowd.

Below: Local first responders and students stand at attention for the national anthem.

Left: There were plenty of motorcycles on display along the downtown streets.



Above: Main Street Zephyrhills members gathered under a tent during the event.

Left: Ashley Shannon sang the national anthem.

STEVE LEE

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first downtown event in more than a year due to shutdowns and restrictions stemming from the coronavirus pandemic.

"I know people still want to be safe, but this is huge," said Charlie Humphries, who is from Full Throttle Magazine and emceed the entertainment acts at the Eiland Bandstand in Clock Plaza. "We really appreciate that Zephyrhills has this event."

Added Faith Wilson, Main Street's director, "I'm just tickled. I'm happy to see the streets open for people."

For Chuck Flanagan of Crystal Springs, who rode his 2007 Harley-Davidson Super Glide downtown, he simply was glad "to just get out of the house."

Margaret and Allen Parrish, retired snowbirds from New Jersey who became permanent Zephyrhills residents in 2018, missed coming downtown.

"It's been a long time," Margaret said. "I really miss the parades."

Those parades, such as ones for Christmas and Founders' Day, hopefully will return soon. One popular local event, however, has been postponed. The 60th Annual Community & Membership Awards Banquet, put on by the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, initially was scheduled for this Thursday. Chamber officials decided to reschedule the banquet for Nov. 9.



Above: Numerous motorcycle riders donned patriotic colors.

"Due to the spike in Covid-10, the ZCOC Board of Directors felt it was best to postpone the banquet for two months," Melonie Monson, the chamber's president and chief executive officer, wrote in a recent press release.

As for Saturday's event, it brought a festive atmosphere to the downtown

corridor. Classic, vintage and some extreme forms of motorcycles were ridden up and down the streets. Many were parked with people slowly passing by to check them out and bikers milling through the crowd. Beer was sold and some families took their young children to the large inflatable slides or cornhole toss.

Two bands entertained the crowd with the music kicking off after local singer Ashley Shannon sang the national anthem at the Eiland Bandstand. Later at that site, the popular Greg Billings Band entertained a large gathering.

Just up the road, the Southbound Band played classic rock on the porch of the Capt. H.B. Jeffries House. That house was built in 1910 for the founder of Zephyrhills and is listed in the National Register of Historical Landmarks.

"Having another stage here is beautiful," said Micky Funk, a Zephyrhills musician who recalled previous Music & Motorcycles that featured entertainers solely at the Eiland Bandstand.

Several board members for Main Street Zephyrhills seemed just as thrilled to be downtown as people who came out to the event.

"It's nice to see the community support" board member Antwon Gildon said. "At the end of the day, we all support each other."

Board president Linda Starr-Kerns concurred.

"It's such a sense of community," she said, adding, "We're back."

"We're just thrilled to see Main Street being able to put this on and to see people in our beautiful downtown," Monson said.

Next up for Main Street Zephyrhills is Halloween Howl, which also was among numerous scheduled events that did not take place last year. This year's fall tradition of trick or treating with a haunted house, hayrides and a kids zone is slated for Oct. 30, 4-9 p.m.



Above: The Southbound Band entertained the crowd by playing on the porch of the Jeffries House.

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Event organizer Patrick Fortune making his descent with a flag-themed parachute and enormous United States flag attached to his jump suit.



Above: One of the veteran jumpers takes a swoop landing in the pond at Skydive City's Drop Zone.



Above: Members of Pasco County Fire Rescue showed up to cheer on some of their own making tandem jumps.

ANDY WARRENER

Below: Formation jumpers from the opening ceremony (from left to right): Richard Michel, Kevin Mead, Konstantine Kooztz and event organizer Patrick Fortune.



Right: SVB CEO Pascal Collard jumped Saturday with a customized parachute and rigging.



One of the parachute formations coming in for a landing.

Right: The full crew of skydivers that participated in Saturday's Flags in the Air memorial.



► 9/11 SKYDIVE CITY: From Page 1A

flights for local police and firefighters, sponsored by the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis & Wellness Center. Pasco County Fire Rescue showed up with a fire engine and rescue truck to support their jumpers and engage with the public. Captain/Paramedic Billy Colwell took his first ever skydive and landed at the Skydive City drop zone as his buddies took videos and gave him hearty hugs and hi-fives.

"I'm so honored to do this, to be able to represent 9/11 and remember what happened that day," Colwell said. "For them to do this, to put all this together - words just can't describe it."

Local ZPD K-9 Officer Lorenzo Limoges took his first-ever jump from a perfectly good airplane on Saturday.

"It was amazing," Limoges said. "At first, it was a little tougher than I thought, there was that big jolt when the parachute opens but from there it was just calm and peace. I remember 9/11, I remember where I was when I watched the second plane hit the tower. Then, just knowing that firefighters and bystanders were going into the towers. I have the ultimate respect for those guys that did what they did. They had no fear. I remember seeing videos of people going in and out (of the tower) knowing what was going to happen. It certainly made a difference in my career path and it's awesome to see this here today."

The formation jumpers were up and off next. They were set to leap from the plane at roughly 8:44 a.m. to denote the attack on the North Tower. Long streamers, red and blue smoke cans attached to the jumpers's feet and flag-themed parachutes bedecked the sky. At 9:03 a.m. another planned jump took off. This one was to commemorate the attack on the South Tower and included swoopers and angle flyers. At 9:30 a.m. Pastor Ben

Shurtliff observed a moment of silence. By now, the drop zone at Skydive City was bustling with members of the public. SVB's restaurant Vesh catered the event with delectable omelettes and champagne mimosas.

The event drew Zephyrhills resident Jim Quirk out to the drop zone. Quirk remembers going to the 10th anniversary memorial at the Zephyrhills Military Museum, just in sight, across the airport runways, from Skydive City. Quirk brought along his Flag of Honor, a United States flag with the 9/11 victims's names memorialized in the stripes of the flag.

"Every chance I get to display it, I take it out," Quirk said. "I have a great appreciation for what this drop zone is doing to commemorate the 20th anniversary."

Skydive City owner Joannie Murphy was on hand to support and take in the kaleidoscope of activities.

"One person - Partick (Fortune) did all the leg work, came up with the ideas, put the schedule together, gave the presentation at city hall and got the world to do it," Murphy said. "We loved having the city out here, love being part of the community and improving our partnership with Zephyrhills."

Events continued with a 9:35 canopy formation jump, commemorating the attack on the Pentagon. The finale was a 10:22 organized jump with more flags, streamers and smokes. This jump commemorated the collapse of the E-Ring of the Pentagon and the collapse of the North Tower. A rendition of the "Star Spangled Banner" played as jumpers floated to the ground. Upon landing, "Taps" was played over the loudspeaker and the on-hand crowd stood in silence.

Unseen by the crowds at Skydive City were the 35 drop zones all over the world that participated in the scheduled jumps. Drop zones in Cleveland, in Chicago, Indianapolis, Dallas, Atlanta, in New Mexico and Tennessee, in Kansas and

Pennsylvania. Even the Cypres German Demo team took part in the event. They set off at 4:30 a.m. in their time zone to coincide with the 10:30 events on the United States's eastern seaboard.

The event took on a party atmosphere once the commemorative activities ended. A DJ spinning tunes such as Tom Petty's "Free Fallin'" and Van Halen's "Jump" added to the vibe as day trippers suited up and made their first jumps of their lives. The Skydive City instructors worked their butts off on Saturday, as did the jumpers that were part of the presentations. Finally, the whole group got together for a photo and Fortune turned the solemn occasion celebratory, announcing it was, "beer time."



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