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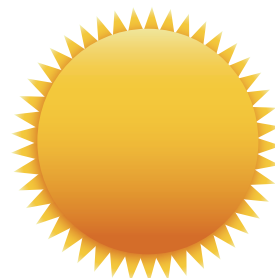
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Community Calendar

- National Night Out**
Main Street Zephyrhills hosts National Night Out on Oct. 2, from 6-8 p.m. The family event takes place at Publix in Zephyr Commons, 7838 Gall Blvd.
- Fall Brewfest for Hospice**
Heritage Park in Land O' Lakes is the site of a Fall Brewfest for Hospice on Oct. 5, from 6-9 p.m.
- Zephyrhills Seafood Festival**
Zephyr Park will be the site for the Zephyrhills Seafood Festival on Oct. 12, from 11 a.m.-7 p.m.
- 2A



Weather

For a welcome change sunny days are ahead for at least the next seven days. It will remain seasonably warm during the daytime hours, with forecasts calling for temperatures in the low 90s and high 80s.

➤ 3A

Sports

- Bulldogs get first win at Wesley Chapel's expense**
Zephyrhills snapped a season-opening three-game losing skid by defeating Class 5A, District 11 rival Wesley Chapel. Both teams are now 1-3 and have a bye week before resuming play the following week.
- Wesley Chapel Coyotes bond at USF football game**
The Wesley Chapel Coyotes, who include a large contingent of players, cheerleaders and coaches from Zephyrhills, bonded at a recent USF football game.
- Stewart beats Weightman in clash of longtime rivals**
Bulldogs romp over Wildcats 48-8 to improve to 2-0 this season. They have won seven in a row dating back to last season.
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Bikes, tunes and fellowship fill the downtown air



Groups of motorcyclists ride along 5th Avenue, one of many clubs and associations to come to Saturday's event.

STEVE LEE

Main Street Zephyrhills upholds tradition by hosting 15th Annual Music and Motorcycles

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

A longstanding tradition continued last Saturday with motorcycles of all colors, shapes and sizes on display on 5th Avenue. Food and other vendors hawked their wares on the downtown streets and a popular band provided musical entertainment at the Eiland Bandstand to the delight of thousands.

The fun-filled festivities, which typically draws people from numerous locales to the downtown corridor, were part of the 15th Annual Music and Motorcycles hosted by Main Street Zephyrhills. Best of all, admission and parking were free.

Estimating last year's attendance at more than 5,000, which included about 2,500 motorcyclists, Anna Stutzriem, coordinator of Main Street Zephyrhills, figured Saturday's crowd equaled or even exceeded that number. The weather, which was not so hot due to being somewhat overcast, no doubt played into that.

"It's a great day to ride and you get to see a lot of bikes," said Lonnie Hammer, who came over from

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Read to Rover encourages children

Pet therapy dogs utilized in interactive library program for little boys and girls

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

It wasn't quite clear who had more fun during Wednesday morning's Read to Rover program at the Hugh Embry Library. Was it the children who read along or the owner of a pet therapy pooch? Perhaps it was Lou, the 9-year-old Chihuahua-Shih Tzu mix who seemed to relish the company of children.

Either way, there were plenty of smiles — not to mention tale-wagging — at the library. That scenario has become quite routine in a program that once was on the monthly schedule and now takes place every other week at the library off 4th Street in Dade City.

"They enjoy it and the humans enjoy it, that's how it should be," said Mary Eversmann, who interchanges Lou and Rosie, a 7-year-old Shih Tzu in the library program.

The pet therapy dogs foster good reading habits, according to Eversmann and Angelo Liranzo, regional branch manager of the Hugh Embry Library. Both said the dogs tend to be easier to read with than kids having to practice their reading skills with adults.

"They like to pet the dogs, that's kind of the whole point," Liranzo said. "If they're embarrassed to read to an adult they're not judged in any way (by a dog), so it's a wonderful program for reluctant readers."

"It's to get the kids to read to the dogs, to improve their skills because dogs don't judge," added Eversmann, a retiree who lives in close proximity to the library. "Some little kids don't read, they just tell the dogs a story. Some little girls even performed a skit."

Zephyrhills resident Candy Derolf brought her grandchildren, 8-year-old Eli Breton and 9-year-old Annelise Breton, to the library on Wednesday so they could read to Lou. Eversmann propped the dog up on her lap with his paws on the table so the pooch could look at the children while they read.

"I like it," Derolf said. "They get to interact and it gives them more incentive to read better when they're reading to someone else."

In this instance, that would be reading to a dog. Lindsey Draft of Dade City picked out a book for her 2-year-old son Bennett to share with Lou.

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Standing-room only crowd enjoys bromeliad workshop

The room was crowded with plant experts and plant neophytes hoping to glean some valuable tips

BY ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

Did you know that there are over 15,000 cultivars (strains) of bromeliads? Did you know that pineapples are bromeliads? What about Spanish Moss? Did you know that through selective cross-pollination that experts have bred out the teeth or serrated edges of the leaves of the pineapple plant?

All of this knowledge was revealed in just one hour of a workshop hosted by the New River Branch Library in Zephyrhills. It was an event sponsored by the Pasco County Libraries and by the UF/IFAS Extension.

Florida Master Gardener Volunteer Corrine Goodman gave opening remarks and then introduced Hillsborough County Master Gardener Eileen Hart, who specializes in bromeliads. On the table in front of her, she had at least a dozen different varieties that she used as examples during the hour-long workshop. Bromeliads are native to both North and South America and are part of the family bromeliaceae with eight different sub families. Most are what are called epiphytes, meaning they grow by attaching to trees.

Hart then went through a number of different bromeliad species that she had on hand and that workshop attendees eventually took home with them. She spoke about the pros and cons of each of the species. For instance, the aechma species, has blooms that last a very long time - from



It was nearly a standing-room-only affair for the bromeliad workshop at New River Library on Tuesday.

ANDY WARRENER

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Moose donates to two schools and Meals on Wheels



Above: Women of the Moose members present a check for \$300 to Meals on Wheels.

One of the charitable functions of Women of the Moose is to gather and distribute school supplies to under privileged schools. On Aug. 26 three Women of the Moose officers gave supplies to two Pasco County Schools. Woodland Elementary and West Zephyrhills Elementary schools were the recipient's chosen this year.

Women of the Moose is a fraternal women's organization, a division of the Loyal Order of the Moose, and is dedicated to giving back to the community at a local level. Zephyrhills Lodge is located at 3211 Gall Blvd.



Right: Women of the Moose members present school supplies to Woodland Elementary School.



Left: Women of the Moose members present school supplies to Zephyrhills Elementary School.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Fresh Market, Sept. 20, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Dr. in Wesley Chapel. The market includes local food, crafts and live music. For more information, visit theshopsatwiregrass.com.



National Night Out, Oct. 2, 6-8 p.m. at Publix, 7838 Gall Blvd. Join the Zephyrhills Police Department in helping to promote police-community partnership at this family event. For more information, call Main Street Zephyrhills at (813) 780-1414 or visit mainstreetzephyrhills.org.

Fall Brewfest for Hospice, Oct. 5, 6-9 p.m. at Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. The outdoor beer festival will feature craft beers, live music, vendors and food trucks. All event proceeds will benefit Gulfside Hospice, a local non-profit organization that serves Pasco County residents facing life-limiting illness. Tickets are \$25 per person or \$45 for two. For more information, visit www.brewfestforhospice.org.

Gardening 365, Oct. 5, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the San Antonio Park, 12200 Main St. Pasco County's largest plant festival. Plants from vendors and master gardener volunteers will be available for purchase, along with gardening seminars to help you keep your plants healthy and growing strong. Master gardener volunteers will be available to answer all of your plant questions. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

Dade City Cruise-In Car Show, Oct. 5, 12-5 p.m. Come out and enjoy the antique cars, vendors and music. The car show is located in downtown Dade City around the historic courthouse. For more information, call (352) 437-3059.

Friends of the Hugh Embry Library Book Bazaar, Oct. 11-12, 10 a.m.-2 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) 567-3576.

Zephyrhills Seafood Festival, Oct. 12, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. at Zephyr Park. This is a family event with arts and crafts and children activities. There will also be music and beer and wine available.



Growing, Cooking & Preserving Herbs, Oct. 12, 10-11 a.m. at the Zephyrhills Library, 5347 8th St. There will be a discussion about planting and harvesting herbs, as well as discussing the use of herbs in cooking and how to preserve them. Come to this free UF/IFAS Pasco Extension seminar. For more information, call (352) 518-0156.

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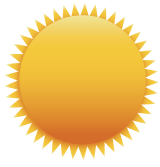
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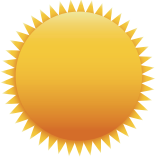
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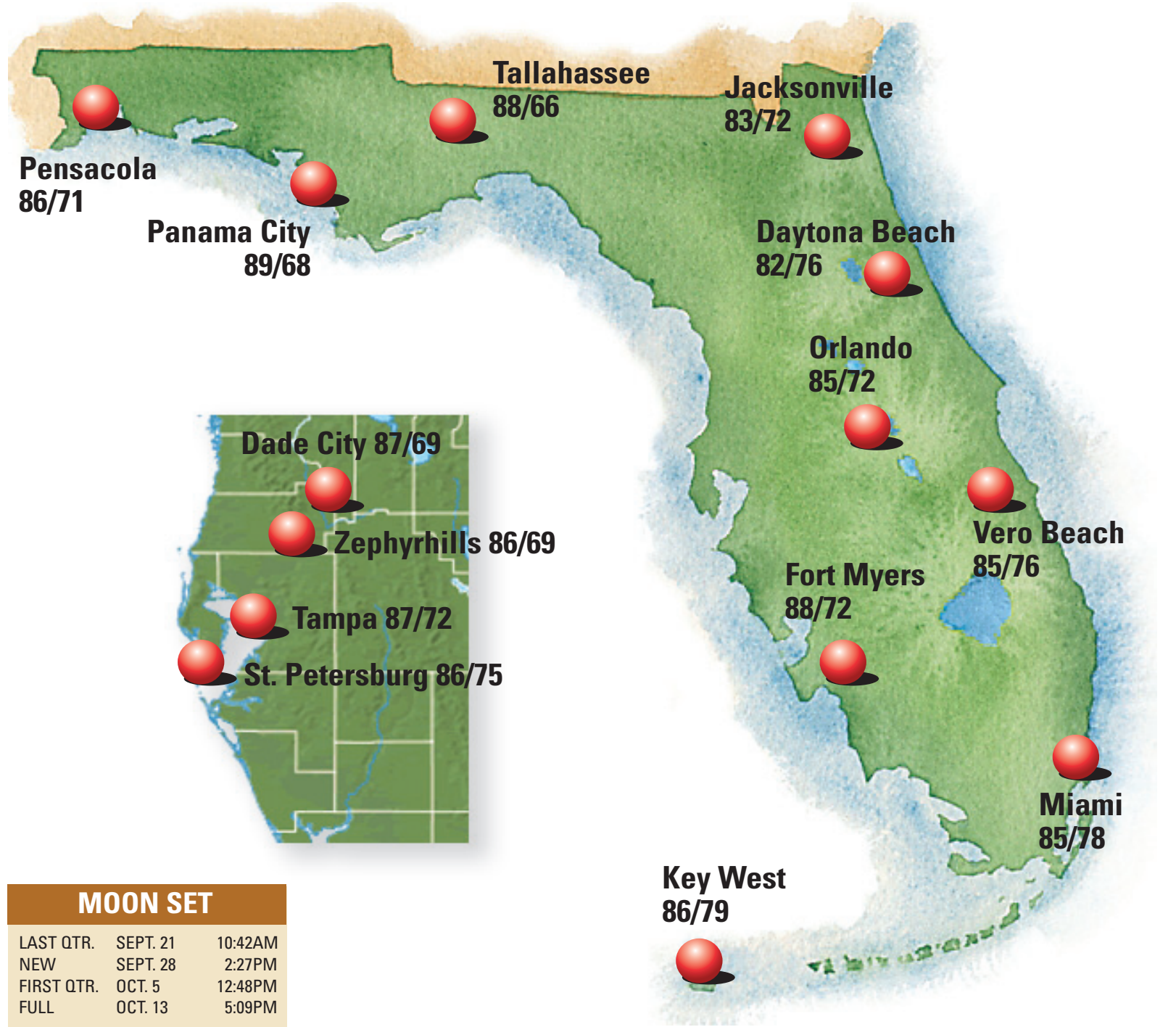
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Right: Juan Gonzalez (right) and fellow members of the Christian Motorcycle Association.



Left: John and Tanual Bennett rode over from Wesley Chapel.



STEVE LEE



Above: The downtown streets of Zephyrhills were filled with people and motorcycles.

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Winter Haven with her husband Bill. Both rode Harley Softails.

Since Music and Motorcycles is the largest fundraiser of the year for Main Street, that bodes well for its various events such as Veteran's Day and Christmas parades, Halloween Howl as well as the Founder's Day Parade and Heritage Festival.

"It's not just a fundraiser for Main Street. The entire downtown benefits from this," Stutzriem said. "It's a great event for the entire city." She had a point since many of the motorcyclists come from various locales in and outside of Florida.

Deborah Tate and her husband Robert, retirees who recently moved across Pasco County from Hudson to Dade City, came to the event for the first time. They rode their 2009 Harley Davidson 1800 tri and enjoyed watching people stroll up and down the avenue while drinking their beers.

"I love it, because they actually clear the street for bikers and it's not so big," Deborah said. "It still has the small-town atmosphere."

John Bennett and his wife Tanual rode over from neighboring Wesley Chapel on their custom-built 1989 Harley tri. Like the Tates, they were newcomers to the annual showcase for motorcycles and fun.

"I think it's great, because we're right in the area," Tanual said.

While most people were there for the bikes, a few came downtown for the band. Bearded Brothers, a popular band at events in downtown Zephyrhills, also was a big draw.

"We always come for the bikes, but we like to hear this band," said Karen McDermott, who showed up with her friend Adrianna Perry. "We like going into the little shops too," Perry added.

Among the vendors and organizations with tents on Main Street was the Christian Motorcycle Association's Plant City chapter, which has been a fixture at the annual event for the past six years.

"Everywhere there's a bike night we're at," said Juan Gonzalez, the chapter's president.

Gonzalez and other members of his group passed out key chains and stickers with many bikers stopping to chat.

"We're changing the world one heart at a time and we're here when you need us," he said.

Another tent belonged to co-sponsors Brad and Sandy Souders, attorneys from Tampa who also ride. They've been co-sponsors of the event for seven straight years.


"They always bring the best bikes and the best crowds," Sandy said.

The Souders are lifelong riders who grew up in St. Petersburg and, like many in attendance last Saturday, plan to keep coming back to this local event.

"The downtown is definitely on the rise," Stutzriem said.



Right: Brad and Sandy Souders are annual sponsors of the festive event. They are attorneys from Tampa who love to ride their motorcycles.



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CHURCH NEWS

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 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.

GriefShare, a 13-week grief recovery support group and seminar, will begin on Sept. 12, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The cost for the book is \$15.

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 the community to "Sermons of Service" at 10 a.m. on Sept. 29. This is a special Sunday service that will have a brief gathering in the sanctuary and then form into groups of interest and perform mission activities for the community. There will be a variety of activities ranging from assisting with filling single meal bags for the homeless,

other groups will write cards of thanks and encouragement to the many people who volunteer their time and service to missionary work around the world. Some groups will go out into the community to distribute packages of change and laundry products at the laundromats. The power of prayer will also be extended to nursing homes along with comfort items. Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the various projects around 11:15 a.m.

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

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

There is an active women's group. For more information, call (813) 782-1071 or visit www.firstchristianzchills.org.

Dade City Grace Bible Church, 15000 U.S. Hwy. 301, Dade City Business Center, Suite 403, meets Sundays, 9:30 a.m. for fellowship. The Song and Devotional Bible Thought for the Week begins at 10 a.m. along with Pastor Willard L. Sessoms preaching the morning Grace Bible Study message. Youth Bible study lesson, for ages 6-10 years old, is during the morning Message Hour.

The church provides a Tract and Literature Ministry at the Webster Flea Market on Mondays during the season.

For more information, visit www.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 teen TRUTH ministries, is Wednesdays 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 mid-week service, 6 p.m. Choir practice is at 6 p.m. For more information, call the church at (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.

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.thechurchatanceyroad.com and you can also watch live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tim.mitchell every Sunday and Wednesday.

Zephyrhills Church of Christ, 5444 4th St. welcomes you to visit with them for Sunday Bible study, 9:30 a.m. followed by Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. There is a mid-week Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

If you have any questions you can contact Preacher Kevin Heaton, at (205) 405-7700 or heatonkevin@yahoo.com. You may also reach one of the members: Joe Bates (813) 846-9441 or Wayne Frye (352) 424-0144. Visit zephyrhillschurch.com or the blog page at acordofblue.wordpress.com.

Victory Baptist Church, 6950 Forbes Rd., invites you to join them for their services on Sunday at 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.vbczchills.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



Donald W. Peterson Tilton

TILTON, Donald W Peterson, 83, of Tilton, N.H. and Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 4 2019, after a brief illness. Donald was born in Webster, Mass. on March 12, 1936 to Alice Chicoine and Raymond Peterson. They lived in Grosvenordale, Conn. He graduated high school and joined the Navy and was an aircraft mechanic, after which he worked at Pratt and Whitney on jet engines, he then started a business to repair lawnmowers. He returned to school to get an associate's degree in electronics and moved his family to Tilton, N.H. where he repaired radios and eventually repaired televisions. Donald was an avid ham radio operator, enjoyed camping and traveling. Later in life he moved to Zephyrhills, where stayed in his motorhome and enjoyed the warm winters and became a Mason and had many good friends. He is survived by his sons, Ward, James and

Alan; a older brother, Raymond; many grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a large number of nieces and nephews. Donald was predeceased by his parents; a son, Brian; and his two former wives, Catherine Ash and Margaret Clark. A graveside service at the N.H. State Veterans Cemetery will take place for the family at a later date. The family would like to thank the Hospice caregivers and all the staff at Mountain Ridge Center for their caring and dedication.



Leota Mae (Roberts) Bemiss

BEMISS, Leota Mae, 99, of Fort Wayne, Ind. went to be with the Lord Sept. 5, 2019 at Park Place Senior Living in Park Wayne, Ind. where she had been living for the past two years. She dearly loved the staff, family and other visitors she had there, especially the great-grandchildren. Born on May 15, 1920 in Paulding

County Ohio, she was the daughter of the late Durl and Blanch (Burt) Horner of Oakwood, Ohio. Leota served in the Civil Air Patrol during WWII, was an avid golfer and had a hole in one, a Master Gardner, a member of the Eastern Star and had various jobs in her lifetime. Most of her adult life was spent in Zephyrhills. She is survived by her son, Charles (Maxine) Roberts of Punta Gorda and Columbia City; sisters, Ruby Buckmaster of Auburn, Jeanette Dimock of Paulding, Ohio, Joan (Bowman) Dean of Fort Wayne, Ind. and Nancy Noffsinger of Paulding, Ohio; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and 20 great-great-grandchildren. She was also preceded in death by her husbands, Renaldo "Jack" Roberts and Chester Bemiss; sons, Richard, Jerry and Eugene Roberts; a brother; and three sisters. Memorial service was Sept. 12 at Harper's Community Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E. New Haven with visitation two hours prior. Chaplain Jon Moody officiating. Preferred memorials are to Heartland Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, Fort Wayne, Ind. 46808

Harper's Community Funeral Home
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Volunteers needed for International Coastal Cleanup in Pasco

Teams of volunteers to clean up trash throughout Pasco County Sept. 21

Help transform your community and keep our coastal areas clean. Pasco County, in partnership with Keep Pasco Beautiful, is seeking volunteers to help clean our public lands, roads and waterways. The annual International Coastal Cleanup will be held throughout Pasco County Saturday, Sept. 21, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

"1,823 volunteers participated in the International Coastal Cleanup last year, showcasing the commitment and spirit in our community," said Keep Pasco Beautiful Coordinator Kristen King.

"We hope to have even more volunteers take part this year."

Teams will be cleaning up at various locations throughout Pasco County, including: Anclote Gulf Park and Strauber Memorial Highway in Holiday; Port Richey; Werner-Boyce Salt Springs State Park; Hudson Beach; Lacoochee; Dade City; Land O' Lakes; and City of New Port Richey.

If you'd like to volunteer for the Pasco County Coastal Cleanup, register online at; www.keeppascobeautiful.org/coastal-cleanup.

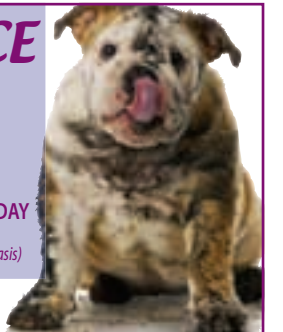
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Wednesday
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ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Travel plans could be interrupted by the re-emergence of a workplace problem that was never quite fully resolved. Deal with it at once, and then take off on that well-deserved trip.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Aspects favor cultural activities for sensuous Bovines. Attend a concert or an art show. Better yet, create something yourself (a poem, perhaps?), and dedicate it to someone special.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Respect any doubts you might now be feeling about a new situation. They could be reflecting your inner awareness that some essential information might be missing. Check it out.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) It's important to start the new month with as clean a slate as possible. Either complete all those unfinished tasks or pass them on to others who would be more than happy to take them on.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) This is a good time to cut down on expenses and tame that urge to splurge. Applying some financial discipline now could help the Big Cat ride out a possible monetary crunch later on.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Money matters are dominant this week. Recheck your accounts and make sure they're up-to-date. Also, pay more attention to personal issues before they become major problems.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might be tempted to employ the same tactics as your adversary, but that could backfire. Better to use the same balanced approach that has worked for you before and could again.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A changing workplace environment could stir up confusion as well as apprehension. Best to ignore the rumors and get the facts. You could find that the changes bring positive elements.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Communication is easier this week with people ready and eager to hear what you have to say. Also, check for possible technical problems before you start your new project.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Aspects favor change for the usually traditional Goat. Opening your mind to possibilities you had ignored could lead you to make decisions you once considered improbable.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Making personal as well as professional adjustments to changing conditions might be easier with more information explaining the "hows" and "whys" of the situations in question.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) With a growing tide of positive reactions to buoy your confidence, this could be the right time to put the finishing touches to your new project and get it well and truly launched.

BORN THIS WEEK: You have a gift for setting an example of quiet, calm reasoning in the midst of chaotic conditions.

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Word: **WITTS**

Word: **COURSE**

Word: **CLODS**

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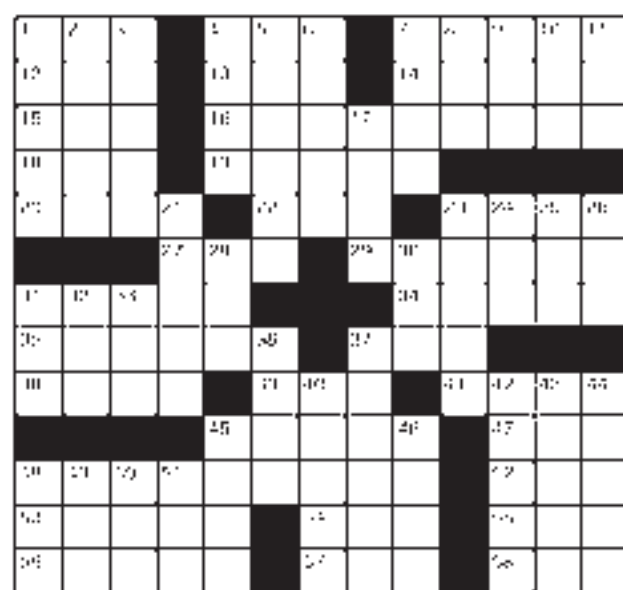
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 - Homer's outcry
 - Duck
 - Position
 - Exist
 - Eye surgery device
 - Grecian vessel
 - Syrian capitalist?
 - Encountered
 - Step
 - Boast
 - Compass pt.
 - Distort
 - Paul Newman movie
 - Crooner Vic
 - Dope
 - Steer
 - Maiden
 - Needlefish
 - Bat a gnat
 - Praise in verse
 - Young horse
 - Good, in Guadaluajara
 - To and --
 - Sinner's fate
 - Vat



- Hunter in the sky
- Prime meridian hrs.
- Recede
- Madrid mother
- Ultramodernist
- Aye undoer
- Teensy
- Multipurpose truck
- Khan title
- Egos' counterparts
- Margery of rhyme
- "-- Little Teapot"
- Lummock
- Human -- Project
- Condescend
- Frequently
- Caribbean resort island
- Theater vestibule
- Poison
- Aware of
- Comical DeLuxe
- Coach Parseghian
- Central
- Neither mate

- DOWN**
- Downright
 - Drying rack
 - Busybody
 - Root beer brand
 - Gave a talk
 - Macho type
 - Otherwise
 - Fond du --
 - Work with
 - Lair
 - Preceding
 - On in years
 - Specter
 - Blue cartoon character
 - Japanese pond carp
 - Conclude

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Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

WORD FUN

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

WHERE DO STUDENTS LEARN TO GREET PEOPLE?

PRAISE	SPARE	ASTERS	TEARS
SONNET	TONES	PRICED	PRIDE
ARCHES	RACES	RIYADH	DIARY
BIASED	BEADS	PONIES	PINES
		OPPOSE	POPES
		LITERS	TIRES

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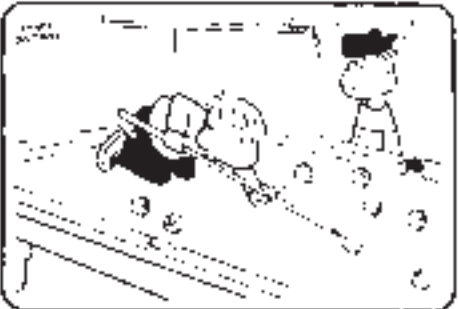
by Terry Stickels

A jogger knows three different routes from Avant Trail to Beran Park. From Beran Park to Gannal Ridge, the jogger knows six different routes. From Gannal Ridge to Delario Sound, the jogger knows four different routes.

How many different routes from Avant Trail to Delario Sound does the jogger know?

HOCUS-FOCUS

by Henry Boltzhoff



Each player has different pieces to place between games.



Each player has different pieces to place between games.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

		6		9			8
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	3			5		6	
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		4		7			3
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	8	1	6			5	1

Place a number in the empty boxes so that each row, column, and 3x3 square contains all the numbers from 1 to 9.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

- ♦ Moderate
- ♦♦ Challenging
- ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Democratic governor and presidential hopeful Adlai Stevenson who made the following sage observation: "A free society is a place where it's safe to be unpopular."
- In proportion to its size, the strongest muscle in the human body is the tongue.
- Beloved children's author Dr. Seuss had a hobby that few people were aware of: He collected hats.
- If you're planning a trip to Kentucky anytime soon, you'd better keep a close rein on your interactions with strangers. It seems that flirting there is illegal and could get you 30 days in jail.
- It's well-known that Albert Einstein won the Nobel Prize, but most people are misinformed about what he won it for. He didn't receive the award for his theory of relativity, but for his explanation of the photoelectric effect.
- The name of one of the most popular early video games, Pac-Man, comes from the Japanese words for "to eat." "Isuzu" means "50 bells" in Japanese, and "Atari" means "prepare to be attacked."
- The lyrics to that favorite Irish ballad "O Danny Boy" were actually written by an Englishman.
- Hong Kong is not a city -- it's an island. The name of the city commonly known as Hong Kong is actually Victoria.
- A study conducted by the Environmental Conservancy shows that Viagra is having a beneficial effect on the environment, especially in Asian countries. It seems that even though the drug costs \$10 a pill, it's still cheaper than bear's gall bladder and other supposed remedies.
- In ancient Rome, slaves with red hair commanded a higher price from buyers.
- Actress Meg Ryan's given name was Margaret Mary Emily Anne Hyra.

Thought for the Day: "The trouble ain't that people are ignorant; it's that they know so much that ain't so." -- Josh Billings

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READ TO ROVER: From Page 1A

"He loves dogs," she said, adding, "He'll just want to pet the dog while I read."

Which is perfectly fine with Lou and his handler. In fact, a jacket Lou wore read: Ask to pet me. I'm friendly.

"Therapy dogs, it's their job to be petted," Eversmann reasoned.

Noted Lauren Mills, who came to the library from Brooksville with her children Tobey, 1, and 3-year-old Acacia, "We came here for Lou and our friends are supposed to meet us here."

Attendance varies, depending for the most part on how many little ones are brought to a children's story time program before the reading-with-dogs sessions.

"Sometimes we won't have any kids read to us, sometimes we'll have a lot of kids," Eversmann said. "It's always nice and it's different every time. I wouldn't do it if I didn't enjoy it."

"We're trying to come up with strategies to make it more successful," Liranzo said. "It's a popular program for a lot of local libraries. They may call it different things, but essentially it's therapy dogs in the libraries. We encourage therapy dogs from the northeast area (of Pasco



Above and above right: Mary Eversmann and Lou listen attentively as children read to the therapy dog.

County) to come here."

Eversmann never brings both of her dogs, reasoning, "We can only bring one at a time, because sometimes they have minds of their own."

STEVE LEE

Left: Lauren Mills brought her children, 3-year-old Acacia and 1-year-old Tobey, to the dog-reading session at the Hugh Embry Library in Dade City.

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The details of these agendas may be found online at <http://www.ci.zephyrhills.fl.us/AgendaCenter> and in the Planning Department. Agenda details may be inspected by the Public from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM weekdays. All interested parties may appear at the meeting and may be heard with respect to agenda items or may submit written comments to the Planning Commission, 5335 Eighth Street, Zephyrhills, FL 33542. If you have any questions, please call the Planning Department (813) 780-0006.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Leadership Pasco announces Class of 2020 members



The Class of 2020 gathers at Spartan Manor as part of their Orientation Day Program.

Leadership Pasco announces the Class of 2020, which is comprised of 34 business and community leaders chosen from a highly competitive pool of applicants.

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 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.

Leadership Pasco welcomes its Class of 2020 members: Monica Andersen - AdventHealth Dade City; Charles Anderson - United Way of Pasco County; Turner Arbour - Pasco Economic Development Council; Kera Arnone - Keller Williams Realty; Kathleen Balthazard - First National Bank of Pasco; Jessica Bleser - Pasco County Board of County Commissioners; Rick Bruno - AdventHealth Wesley Chapel; Michael Carballa - Pasco County Board of County Commissioners; Kirsty Churchill - Gulfside Healthcare Services; Rodney Corriveau - City of Zephyrhills; Heather Davis - GTE Financial; Dennis Feltwell - Pasco-Hernando State College; Alexia Fernandez - Wells Fargo Bank; Margie Freeman - Regional Medical Center Bayonet Point; Kelly Giber - BayCare Health System; Frank Grey - Pasco County Schools; Timothy Hanavan - REMAX Premier Group; Patricia Howard Sr. - Pasco County Schools; Richard Jenkins - Eckerd Connects; Denise Johnson - Florida Trans Proud Inc.; Susan Martin - Saint Leo University; Patrice McBride - Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller; Judy Meyers - City of New Port Richey; Lauran Monbarren - Simpson Environmental Services/Simpson Farms, Inc.; Thomas O'Connor Bruno - Coalition for the Homeless of Pasco County, Inc.; Carol Parris - realtor; Julie Rockwell - Raymond James and Associates; Debi Shackowsky - Marjorie's Hope; Mary Sommise - Medical Center of Trinity; Amy Taylor - Morton Plant North Bay; Nicholas Walsh - Home Res-Q Remodeling; Rebecca Wilkinson-Shields - Pasco Sheriff's Office; Robert Winters - The Salvation Army; and David Wright - Primerica.

For 30 years, Leadership Pasco has helped to identify and recruit current or potential leaders of Pasco County, facilitate the development and interaction of those leaders, and to foster an issues-oriented learning environment for those leaders and the citizens of Pasco County in order to encourage an exchange of ideas and generate enthusiasm for community growth and development. For more information, call (727) 534-4280 or visit www.leadershippasco.com.

CLUB NEWS

Zephyrhills Garden Gate Garden Club

The garden club meeting is Sept. 19, 10 a.m. at Magnuson Hotel, 5734 Gall Blvd.

Members will discuss their visits to local and foreign gardens, and listen to a master gardener speak about "Working in our Florida soils." Snacks will be served.

For information, call (813) 782-8004.

Pasco County Historical Society

The historical society meeting is Sept. 20, 6 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Rd. in Dade City, in the Mabel Jordan Barn.

The speaker will be Dr. Cora Dunkley. Her program topic is "Better, not Bitter - My Perspective of the Public Library, Then, and Now."

The dinner begins at 6 p.m. followed by the program. Guests are welcome. A carry-in dinner precedes the program, so bring a dish to share as well as cutlery for your personal use, plate and a beverage.

For more information, call (352) 567-7449.

East Pasco Networking Group

The networking group meeting is Sept. 24, 7:30 a.m. at IHOP, 13100 US 301 in Dade City.

The guest speaker will be Bill Cronin, president/CEO of Pasco EDC.

Networking is one of the best methods to make your business grow. For more information, call (813) 782-9491.

Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society

The plant society meeting is Oct. 8, 7 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd.

The subject will be "The Importance of Native Plants," presented by Craig Huegel. Developed landscapes are intricately connected to the world around us, yet for too long we have not fully grasped their ecological importance or their role in preserving biodiversity. Aesthetics is an important consideration, but we need to rethink our concept of what that constitutes. Plants form the foundation of an ecological landscape and native plants fulfill that role in ways most non-natives can not.

Huegel, PhD, is a wildlife biologist with a special interest in plants and their role in creating ecological landscapes in developed areas. He helped found the Urban Wildlife Cooperative Extension Program at the University of Florida and served as the Environmental Lands Division Director for Pinellas County before working as an environmental consultant and educator.

Meetings of the chapter are free, and all interested parties are invited to attend, to bring questions about their yard, and participate in light refreshments and the native plant drawing.

Native Plant Sale is Oct. 19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. For more information, call (727) 207-1853 or visit <http://www.pasconativeplants.org>.

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Above: Hillsborough County Master Gardener Eileen Hart addresses the gathering during Tuesday's workshop.



ANDY WARRENER

Above: The class offered plenty of giveaways to attendees, some of which were actual bromeliads to grow at home.



Above: Attendees scurry to claim their prizes after the workshop's conclusion.

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six to nine months but they also have thorns or little teeth along the edges of their foliage. Billbergias have spectacular blooming seasons that last from September until Christmas time. Hart said that she enjoys giving blooms from billbergias as Christmas presents. The con? The blooms themselves only last for one or two weeks. Cryptanthus bromeliads, commonly known as earth stars, are one of the few species that are not epiphytes.

Questions popped up throughout the workshop and Hart answered them promptly giving the workshop a feel more like and exchange than a lecture. It was warranted as many of the attendees were master gardeners themselves. Adah Weitzel, a 14-year Pasco County Master Gardener from Zephyrhills, provided some of the exchange and even learned some things on Tuesday afternoon.

"Workshops like this are how you keep abreast of everything that's going on," Weitzel said. "It's important to learn more and never stop learning."

Fellow Pasco County Master Gardener Jessica Keith was on hand as well.

"I'm new to bromeliads and I wanted to learn more," Keith said. "Whenever you bring a new plant home, you Google it but when you learn from a master gardener, what you get is fact-based. Our job as master gardeners is to extend the research by UF/IFAS. We are the link between the research and the general public."

The general public certainly got their fill of knowledge on Tuesday afternoon. David Johnson of Wesley Chapel had just bought his first bromeliad and decided to attend the workshop. "I didn't realize there were so many kinds of bromeliads," Johnson said.

Hart continued to outline the pros and cons of different types of bromeliads. She taught the correct way to propagate them. Bromeliads are monocots or monocotyledons, meaning they produce only one seed leaf, as opposed to cotyledons, which produce two or more seed leaves. Hart actually dispelled some rumor about mosquitoes laying eggs in bromeliads.

"There are people in south Florida that are ripping them out when the truth is that not only do the systems drain within two or three days but that most species of mosquito that lays eggs in bromeliads are the kind that don't bite," Hart said.

There were a few events that came up in conversation that related to bromeliads. The Bromeliad Society of Central Florida is hosting the 2019 Bromeliad Extravaganza this weekend, both Friday and Saturday at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott Orlando Theme Parks/Lake Buena Vista. Locally, there is the Gardening 365 Festival & Plant Sale on Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at San Antonio City Park.

The New River Library itself is hosting a live music event this coming Sunday at 3 p.m. where Blues musician Sarasota Slim will perform. The library will also be holding a major book sale as they prepare to close for renovation. The branch will close on Sept. 28 and be closed until the summer of 2020. In that time, the library will get an enlarged meeting room with technology upgrades, a family restroom will be added, a cafe and vending area will be added as well as an outdoor classroom that will connect to the library's community garden, among other things.

The library's last event before closing will be a Veterans Healing Veterans craft program set for Sept. 27 at 10 a.m. It will continue on the fourth Friday of every month until the building renovations are complete. Most other library services will still be available during the remodel. Book holds and pickups can still be made at the adjacent Atonement Lutheran Church.



Left: Some of the types of bromeliads that presenter Eileen Hart brought in.

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