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Weather

After several rainy weeks things seem to be clearing up a bit. Predictions call for partly cloudy days ahead. Daytime temperatures will mostly be in the high 80s, dropping to the 60s at night. > 3A

Drive-by support appreciated by local health care workers



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Jeffries House bid, surplus land sale headline council meeting

A busy agenda covered a lot of ground at the Zephyrhills City Council Meeting

> By ANDY WARRENER News Reporter

Leading off last Monday's busy agenda was a proclamation recognizing Constitution Week. Ladies of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR), that included Councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson, were issued a certificate and a proclamation denoting the week of Sept. 17-23 as Constitution Week. The proclamation was read aloud by Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield. 2021 is the 234th Anniversary of the signing of the United States Constitution (1787). DAR members are direct descendants of soldiers that fought in the American Revolution.

Eight items on the Consent Agenda were bundled and passed together, meeting minutes from the July 26 meeting, minutes from Aug. 9, minutes from Aug. 23, minutes from an Aug. 26 special meeting and minutes from an Aug. 26 workshop (budget). The receipt of federal grant money, \$3,487,973 to begin con-struction of Taxiway A at the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport was approved. Also approved was the state appropriation HL 135 in the amount of \$4,665,000 for design and construction of Phase II of the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis & Wellness Center (SVB). A revision to the City Employee Policy and Procedures Manual, under Section 14 to include holiday hours as hours worked by employees as it pertains to accrual of hours and overtime was approved. There were a number of business items, most of them first readings of ordinances. The first was an ordinance setting the city millage rate at 6.35. It was noted that while the rollback rate is 6.0279, the 6.35 rate remained unchanged since 2016. Ån annexation of a 12.5-acre parcel of land west of Simons Road and north of Eiland Boulevard, near the SVB Tennis Center. Another annexation, this a roughly 1.75-acre parcel of vacant land off Pretty Pond and Wire roads. Historic Preservation Officer Audrey McGuire called the property an, "enclave" or being surrounded by other city property. An amendment to the city's comprehensive plan that added specific language regarding property rights was read. New language is



Bulldogs win their district opener The Zephyrhills High football team improved to 4-0 by winning its first Class 5A, District 9 game of the season. The Bulldogs defeated longtime rival Wesley Chapel 34-9 at Wildcat Stadium and have a bye this week.

Zephyrhills boys golf team beats Wesley Chapel

Aiming for a turnaround from last season, the Bulldogs defeated the Wildcats 192-214 in boys golf.

Mixed bowling at Pin Chasers

Kings & Queens, one of nine adult bowling leagues at Pin Chasers, is nearly filled. More teams returned from last season with general manager Amy Higgins saying 29 teams are part of this year's league.

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A drive-by thank you and meal donations at AdventHealth Zephyrhills were arranged by the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce with plenty of community support

By Steve Lee News Reporter

Thursday's afternoon, a community drive-by at AdventHealth Zephyrhills marked a collective thank you to health care workers for their sacrifices during a resurgence of Covid-19.

Organized by the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce and similar to a drive-by set up by the Noon Rotary Club last spring, the event included vehicles representing the local police and fire rescue departments, along with members of that rotary club and others in the community.

"The rotary did this last May," said Melone Monson, the chamber's director. "They reached out to me and I felt strongly that we need to support (hospital employees and volunteers).

"We understand the difficulties our health care workers are experiencing, working non-stop to provide the care needed during these trying times," Monson continued. "I've heard some staff work seven days a week and of many who forgo meals to be at a patient's side. We just want them to know their community supports them."

Manny Funes, a local Rotarian who helped organize the drive-by last spring, was glad to be a part of another one.

"I think it's pretty special to provide the support

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Projects under way in city and outlying areas

Drive-thru car wash near Walmart, expanding Simons Road and repaving Wire Road are among new city projects with Taco Bell just beyond city limits now open

> By Steve Lee News Reporter

With a nearly \$75 million city budget that city manager Billy Poe expects to be approved by the end of this month, there are several projects in the city limits and outlying areas already under way or starting soon.



NEW TO ZEPHYRHILLS: *See Page 8A* Work along Simons Road continues. That road will eventually be connected to Fort King Road.

STEVE LEE



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Certified service animals only. Masks are recommended. For more information, visit: bit.ly/3tAkuTl.

Outside group questioning Pasco County voters at their residences

Pasco County Supervisor of Elections' Office has been made aware that individuals have begun and will continue to go to registered voters' homes throughout Pasco County to inquire and verify information for voters at that particular address and possibly inquiring if those person(s) voted in the 2020 General Election.

Pasco County voters need to be aware that these individuals are not affiliated with the Pasco County Supervisor of Elections' Office. These activities are also occurring in other Florida Counties and the Supervisor of Elections' Office has received information from another Supervisor of Elections' Office that an individual went to a voter's home and misrepresented themselves as being with that county and/or the Supervisor of Elections' Office.

Additionally, in spite of lobbying by Florida's Supervisor's of Elections, voter's personal informa-tion from their voter file (e.g. name, address, phone number, email address, designated political party, which elections you voted in) is public record.

"Voters often contact my office with concerns about their personal information being publicly available. Voters shouldn't have to choose between protecting their personal information with exercising their constitutional right to vote," said supervisor Corley.

While third party groups have a legal right to voter information, please know your Supervisor of Elections' Office staff does not come to your house inquiring as to your voting history. If an individual indicates they are with "Pasco County" or the "Pasco County Supervisor of Elec-

tions' Office," contact the office at (800) 851-8754.

Community awards have a new meaning during pandemic

This year marks the 60th year the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce has presented awards for exemplary contribution to the betterment of the greater Zephyrhills community in various categories. Due to the spike in COVID-19, the ZCOC Board of Directors felt it was best to postpone the banquet for two months and have moved the event to November. They realize that the community is ready for some celebration and "good news," and they are excited to bring that to you on Nov. 9.

The nomination committee faced a real challenge as nominations poured in. Every nominated business, organization, and individual were deserving of awards. They applaud each of you who have shown strength and resiliency in face adversity.

The committee focused on each awards criterion and who has made a difference in the community this year and struggled to narrow the field and slate your nominees.

The following businesses, individuals, and organizations are the nominees in seven different categories:

> Diamond Award (Non-Profit) Academy of Spectrum Diversity

Meals on Wheels of Pasco

Commissioner Ron Óakley

Restored Hope

<u>in Government</u> Senator Danny Burgess

Dr. Randy Stovall

Association

Habitat for Humanity East & Central Pas-

Zephyrhills Museum of Military History

Zephyrhills/Wesley Chapel Ministerial

Economic Development or Leadership

Small Business

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Large Business

Bahr's Propane Gas & AC Century 21 Bill Nye Realty Golden Corral Pasco Hernando State College Sarah Vande Berg Tennis Center Sunrise Eatery

Chief Derek Brewer & Zephyrhills Police Department

Citizen of the Year

Beth Aker, Meals on Wheels Chief Derek Brewer, ZPD Cliff Moffett, Museum of Military History Dr. Christina Stanley, ZHS Principle Gwendolyn Beasley, Crossing Guard

Chamber Member of the Year

AdventHealth Zephyrhills Beth Aker, Meals on Wheels & Genesis Community Center Golden Corral Kevin Sullivan, Pipas Law Group Sam Abrahani, Board & Ambassador Member

Ambassador of the Year

Beth Aker, Meals on Wheels Debbie Murry, East Pasco Republican Club Katie Fernadez, The Laker/Lutz News Rod Rehrig, Marine Corp League Vicky Jones, Palm Tree Acres MHC

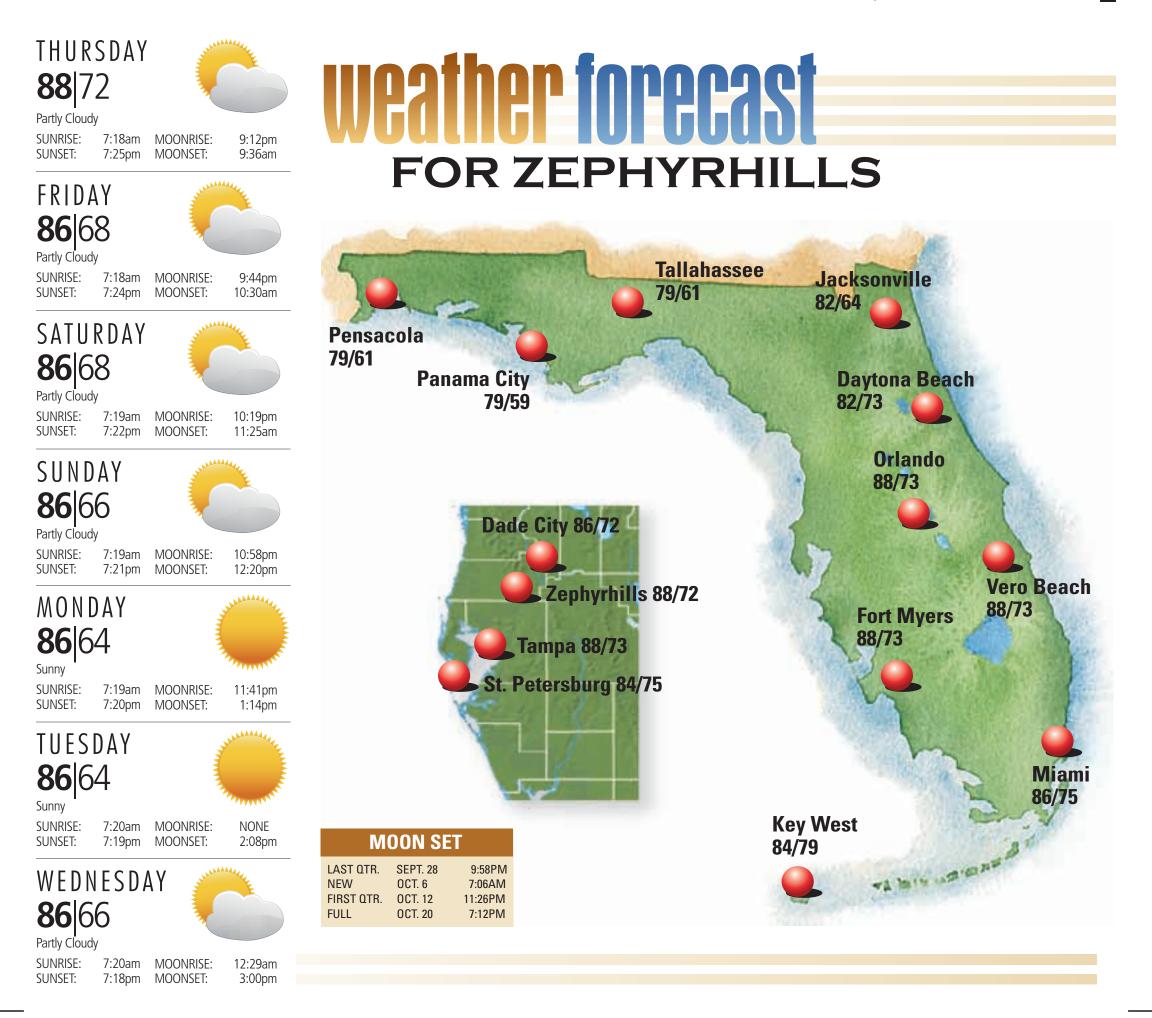
Congratulations to each of the honored nomi-nees. The winners will be announced at the Chamber's Annual Member Appreciation and Awards Banquet which will be Nov. 9 at Southport Springs Golf & Country Club, 3737 Southport Springs Pkwy., Zephyrhills. This year's theme - "Award Winning Z'Ĥills" - will focus on the community and what makes us special. Limited seating is available, following CDC guidelines. For more information or to purchase tickets visit, ZephyrhillsChamber.org or call (813) 782-1913.



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Above and right: Vehicles from Pasco County Fire Rescue led the community parade, which included a few motorcycles.

Right: A group of nurses gathered near the front entrance and appreciated the supportive effort from members of the community.







Left: Volunteers and hospital staff employees took bags of food donated from three local restaurants for health care workers.





NEW OWNERS

NEW INVENTORY

Left: Several health care workers gathered out front to watch the parade. Some held a sign made by well-wishers.

CHAMBER: From Page 1A

for people who try to make a difference," he said

Bill Morehouse, a longtime chamber member and Rotarian, was among the first to show up and write supportive messages on the windows of his pickup truck. Like several others, he also took part in last spring's drive-by at the same hospital.

"I'm not on the front lines, but there are people who do and people who support the ones who do," he said in reference to health care workers. "If I can't do it then I want to support the doers."

Bob Winters, former owner of Winters' Mobile Home Park who spent a career in law enforcement and fire rescue, came out to show his support as well.

"This is good," he said. "This is one of the ways we pay back to people in the community, especially emergency room people. There's

only so many people to do that job." Nurses appreciated the kind gesture with a few saying it was quite emotional

"I'm very grateful and thankful that the community supports our local hospital," said nurse Chantelle Bednar, who grew up in Zephyrhills and is a 2005 graduate of the

local high school. "It's really appreciated and emotional."

STEVE LEE

Added nurse Erica Lorenz, a 2008 Zephyrhills High graduate, "It feels good to know that we have such a wonderful community that supports us.'

Aside from some local dignitaries and community leaders taking part in the parade, such as former city manager Steve Spina and David West, a longtime member of local chambers, there were plenty of families sharing in the well-wishes for health care workers.

Monson's grandchildren even participated with Adalynn Bristow, 4, riding in an SUV and passing out a homemade sign to nurses on a curb in front of the hospital's main entrance.

"My brother (Brysen Bristow, a 1-year-old) wanted to color with me," Adalynn said. "My sign is super cute."

Like several local families, Monson's daughter Andrea Bristow and her two children took part in the drive-by in the spring as well.

'She loved it," Monson said of Adalynn. "She actually was hanging out the window last year."

Another nice gesture was the 90 meals that some local restaurants contributed to the health care workers. They came from Chick fil-A, Sonny's BBQ and Jersey Mike's.

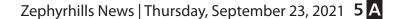


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CHURCH NEWS

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The teen TRUTH ministries, is Wednesdays at 6 p.m., with youth leaders, Carla Berger and Paul Warner. Bus transportation is available.

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

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday

mid-week service, 6 p.m. and choir practice is at 6 p.m. For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5574.

Crystal Springs Worship Center, 2155 Paul Buchman Hwy. is an Assembly of God Church. Adult Sunday school at 9:30 a.m. followed by the morning worship at 10:30 a.m.

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.

OBITUARIES



Robert "Bob" Gerald Klea KLEA, Robert, Gerald, 88, went home to be with his Lord Jesus Christ, on Aug. 28, 2021. Bob was born in Caro, Mich. He graduated from Caro High School, and soon joined the U.S. Navy, serving time in Japan and Hawaii. In 1957, while stationed in Long Beach, Calif., he met his future bride, Delores "Dee" Danley. They were soon married and relocated to Grabill, Ind., eventually where they raised their four children. They were members of Grabill Missionary Church. Anybody who knew Bob knew how much he loved cars and trucks. In fact, the first word he said after his first stroke was "truck." He especially loved his big red Ford 250 diesel nicknamed Bessie. He put over 378,000 miles on that truck with Dee on their many travels across the States visiting family, friends, and camping all along the way. Bob and Dee eventually retired to Zephyrhills. They lived in Southern Charm, purchased a new home that was built for them, and then returned back to Southern Charm before moving into the Valleydale community. Before Bob passed, his wife, Dee and daughter, Linda were able to take him back to Caro, Mich., to celebrate his 88th birthday

Hiser. It was a happy trip for him as he got to see so much, including getting to hold his newest great-granddaughter who was only six weeks old. Bob is survived by his wife, Delores and his daughters, Linda Klea and Bobbie Schrock and son, Charles Klea and their respective families; his son, Bill passed away in 2004. Bob had six grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren. He also is survived by two brothers, Jim Klea and Darrell Klea; and two sisters, Alice Ploof and B. Jeanene Boyce; and their respective families.

James F. Engel ENGEL, James F., 94, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 17, 2021 while in the hospital. He leaves behind his wife, Linda; son, Don Engel; sister, Carol (Bob) Rothgeb; two grandsons, Gabe and Scooter Engel; and Linda's children, Kevin (Vickie) Craig and Kimberly (Duane) Fortune. A memorial service will be Oct. 2 in the First United Methodist Chapel.



Richard Nicholas Nasca

NASCA, Richard Nicholas, 78, of Zephyrhills, went home to be with the Lord on Aug. 7, 2021. He was born on Oct. 9, 1943, in Rochester, N.Y. He served in the U.S. Navy from

as a hobby and he was a member of links at Lake Bernadette in the community. He is predeceased by his parents, Nicholas and Jennie Nasca; and brother, Donald Nasca. Survived by his spouse, Judy Nasca; son, Richard (Michelle) Nasca; daughter, Tracie (Clark) Gabriel; brother, Gary (Kathy) Nasca; grandchildren, Jessica (Pat) Nicholas, Alexander, Anthony, Ibby and Sophia; aunt, Jackie Salerno; and several nieces and nephews. In lieu on flowers, donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.



Louis Thomas Loysch

LOYSCH, Louis Thomas, 84, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 15, 2021. He was born Feb. 3, 1937 in Huntington, N.Y. to Louis and Mabel (Samis) Loysch. Mr. Loysch was of the Christian Faith. He enjoyed playing the guitar and played with the Mead Family Band. He was a former member of the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge and was a faithful employee of the City of Zephyrhills for 40 years. Mr. Loysch is survived by his wife, Mar-cia of Zephyrhills; daughter, LeeAnne Gay of Zephyrhills; two grandchildren, Amanda and Ryan; and a great-granddaughter, Hunter. Services were Sept. 22 at Floral Memory Gardens.



Obituaries are available in The Zephyrhills News. Information is due Monday

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 5626 20th St., invites you to Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. with communion the second and fourth Sundays.

You can also watch live streamed on Sunday at 10 a.m. https://www.facebook.com/ OurSaviorLutheranChurchOfZephyrhillsFl. For more information, call (813) 782-1369.

Dade City Grace Bible Church, 15000 U.S. Hwy. 301, Dade City Business Center, Suite 403, will meet 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.

The Church at Chancey Road, 34921 Chancey Rd., and Pastor Tim Mitchell 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 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 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.

East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7333 Dairy Rd. invites you to Saturday services with Lead Pastor Ray Pichette and Associate Pastor, Ricardo Barriffe. Bible study is at 10:15 a.m. and worship services are at 9 and 11 a.m. Wednesday mid-week services are at 7

Narcotics Anonymous is Sunday, 7 p.m., Al-Anon (Noon Solutions) is Monday, 12 p.m., Al-Anon (Serenity), Wednesday, 7 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous is Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous is Friday at 10 a.m. and Overeaters Anonymous is Monday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m.

Women's Ministries Bible Study Group is Thursday, 5 p.m.

The Adventist Health Food Store is open at the church Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-2000.



First Presbyterian Church located at 5510 19th St. has Sunday worship at 10 a.m. with Pastor Denise Lay.

"CONSIDER YOUR WAYS"

It was time for the people of Israel to "consider your ways." They were living in nice houses but the Lord's house laid waste. Haggai 1:5 Now therefore thus saith the LORD of

hosts; Consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag with holes.

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?

GOD'S CHOICE HAS ALREADY BEEN MADE FOR EACH OF US FOR LIFE. He chose to provide for man's redemption from sin before the foundation of the world and before he made all creation and before man sinned in the beginning. He provided his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to be the propitiation for



and to see his hometown once again. He was able to spend time with his cousin, Bonnie Phelps, see the old homesteads, his grandfather's farm, and even looked up an old high school buddy, Carl

1964-1968, and was proud of his service to his country. After his service to his country. he worked for Eastman Kodak company for 28 years as a union carpenter, in Rochester, N.Y. Richard loved fishing

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38710 5th Ave. (813)782-2813 Reverend Allan Tupa Saturday

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Tuesday .8 a.m. Wednesday .8 a.m. Thursday 8am Friday . 8 a.m.

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5434 7th St. (813) 783-2727 Pastor Stephen R. Lamb Sunday Adult Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Coffee and Donut Fellowship...... 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship...... 6 p.m. Wednesday Prayer and Praise Service ... 6 p.m. "The end of your search for an old fashioned church" cornerstonebczhills.org

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5626 20th St. 813-782-1369 Reverend Tod A. Shouse Sunday Worship Service... ..10 a.m. with communion on the second and fourth Sundays. You may stream the 10 a.m. service at www.facebook.com/OurSavior LutheranChurchOfZephyrhillsFL



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You'll soon have a chance to take a big step up from where you are to where you want to be. Check it out first. Remember: Even the Mountain Sheep looks before it leaps.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) This week brings a challenge that could determine the future direction of your life. If you're ready for a change, accept it with confidence. A loved one supports your decision.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) A disruption creates a delay in completing your projects. Use

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too busy to deal with before. You'll find it will be time well spent.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) You still need to be on the alert for any signs of problems that could create serious misunderstandings. A more positive aspect begins to emerge toward the week's end. Be patient.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) With things slowing down a bit this week, it would be a good time for luxury-loving Leonines to go somewhere for some well-earned pampering. Things liven up around Friday.

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VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Single Virgos looking for partners are finally getting a break from Venus, who has moved in to make things happen. Attached Virgos see their relationships blossom.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You've been working hard to get things done. Now take a breather and recheck your next step. You might want to make some changes in view of the news that comes your way.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) The watchword for savvy Scorpios this week is "preparation." Consider sharpening your skills to make the most of the new opportunity you're about to take on.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) There might still be some loose ends that need tucking up if you hope to get that important relationship repaired. A new spurt of activity starts soon.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) It's a good idea to keep the positive momentum going by finding and getting rid of anything that could cause you to stumble. Keep the path ahead clear and open.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A period of contemplation is advised before you make your next move. Be sure that where you decide to go is the right place for you. A health matter needs attention.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) That new energy surge that hit you last week continues to send out good vibrations. Try investing a part of it in creating something noteworthy on the job.

BORN THIS WEEK: You like to balance your personal universe, and in doing so, you help bring harmony into the lives of the rest of us.

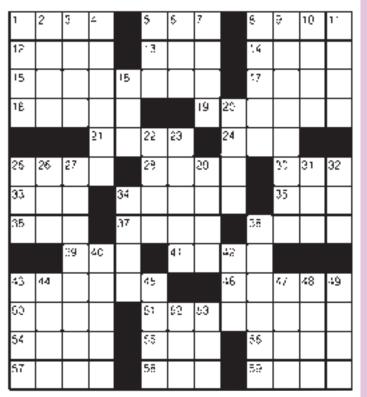
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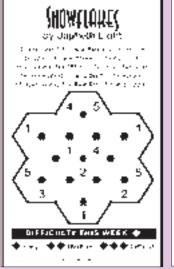


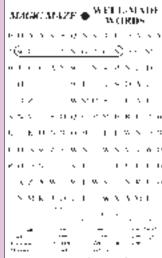
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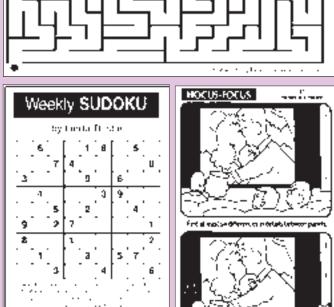
ANSWERS TO KING **CROSSWORDS SEPT. 16**











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Councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson and Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield present a proclamation for Constitution Week to members of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR).

CITY COUNCIL: From Page 1A

required by House Bill 59, which became law in 2021.

An amendment to the city's comprehensive plan changing zoning designation for the parcel that was just annexed. The change from county to city property follows the future land use from County RES-6 to City RU (Residential Urban) and zoning designation from County AR to City R4 (Multi-family Residential). With no public comment, the item passed 5-0.

Another type of future land use and zoning change from county to city property was a 2.06-acre plot, adjacent west of the 1.74-acre property off Pretty Pond and Wire roads was another recent city acquisition and will most likely have townhomes built on it. The future land use changed from City RE to City RU and zoning from City ER to City R4.

A change to the future land use map and zoning change was an annexed property near SVB. It changed the land use from RES-6 to City RU and the zoning from County AC to City PUD. Discussion ensued regarding the addition of a traffic signal at Eiland Boulevard and Simons Road to handle the increase in traffic. Drainage issues in the area were also discussed.

The City Manager's Report, Item 4.1 led off with the announcement of the rankings of the Jeffries House RFP. Only three proposals were submitted by the Aug. 16 deadline and on Aug. 23 the evaluation committee met and ranked them. CRA Director Gail Hamilton stated that the top ranked proposal, that of Tina & Joe's Cafe, had a 100-point difference between the second-ranked proposal.

"We were looking to get out of the antique shop (on 7th Street in Dade City)," Tina Novak said. "We have been looking for another location."

City Manager's Report asked for a change order for continued development in Phase I of the SVB construction. It was an overage of \$105,709. Some of the key items were a roughly \$46,000 water connection fee, a roughly \$23,000 fee for Duke Energy to run underground cable. Smaller items like bringing the lift station up to code (\$5,300), changes to the security system (\$1,300), improvements to the SVB sign (\$4,600), fans on the back patio, extra gym equipment, electrical outlets and an awning on the west entrance added to the balance to be paid out of the City's general fund.

Councilman Alan Knight voiced his displeasure about the overruns and wondered why they were not brought up prior.

City manager William Poe Jr. detailed the nature of the items. He stated that there were other items on the overage list too, but that many of the expenses did not come before council and were passed on directly to the operator (Tennis Pro Florida) and the contractor. There was much consternation regarding the water connection fee and why it was not considered earlier in the process. Poe stated that it was thought by the Contractor that the fee would be waived.

Next up was the sale of city property at 5031 Airport Rd. to Kerns Family Construction. There was a great deal of confusion regarding exactly which of the three small parcels in question were even up for sale and of their sale price. Discussion ensued. Eventually, it was settled that the city would sell two of the three small parcels, a 0.6-acre and 0.3-acre parcel to the Kerns for \$48,322. The Kerns seemed to be happy with the arrangement and terms of the sale will be drawn up and brought before council.

In the Citizen Comments Barbara Anderson addressed council regarding building a pool in city limits. Anderson touted the support for a pool from comments on social media and discussed her personal connections to other public pool operators in the Tampa area.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED TAX INCREASE

The City of Zephyrhills has tentatively adopted a measure to increase its property tax levy.

Last year's property tax levy:

- A. Initially proposed tax levy......\$ 5,320,970
- B. Less tax reductions due to Value
 Adjustment Board and other assessment changes.....\$ (34,068)
- C. Actual property tax levy \$ 5,355,038

This year's proposed tax levy.....\$ 6,011,395

All concerned citizens are invited to attend a public hearing on the tax increase to be held on:

Monday, September 27, 2021 6:00 PM City Hall 5335 8th Street Zephyrhills, FL 33542

A FINAL DECISION on the proposed tax increase and the budget will be made at this hearing.

CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS - FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022 THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF CITY OF ZEPHYRHILLS ARE 5.6% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES

ESTIMATED REVENUES	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	CRA FUND	IMPACT FEES FUND	UTILITY IMPACT FEES FUND	UTILITY FUND	AIRPORT FUND	SANITATION FUND	TOTAL ALL FUNDS
Taxes: Millage per \$1,000									
Ad Valorem Taxes 6.3500	5,710,825		562,848						6,273,673
Sales and Use Taxes		3,073,000							3,073,000
Utility Service Taxes	2,742,700								2,742,700
Permits, Fees & Special Assessments	3,624,154			1,530,000	1,267,000				6,421,154
Charges for Services	26,800					11,937,000	1,426,185	1,818,300	15,208,285
Intergovernmental Revenue	716,256	4,836,000					6,600,000		12,152,256
Fines & Forfeitures	60,000								60,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	255,176	10,000	600	7,400	25,000	4,537,563	29,716	24,121	4,889,576
TOTAL SOURCES	\$13,135,911	\$7,919,000	\$563,448	\$1,537,400	1,292,000	\$16,474,563	\$8,055,901	\$1,842,421	\$50,820,644
Transfers In	1,792,755					6,292,000	285,030		8,369,785
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	727,117	5,235,724	316,366	4,606,435	5,000,000		100,000	120,609	16,106,251
TOTAL REVENUES, TRANSFERS									
& BALANCES	\$15,655,783	\$13,154,724	\$879,814	\$6,143,835	\$6,292,000	\$22,766,563	\$8,440,931	\$1,963,030	\$75,296,680
EXPENDITURES									
General Government	5,425,394		207,314						5,632,708
Public Safety	6,174,622								6,174,622
Physical Environment	454,307					5,867,967		1,135,428	7,457,702
Transportation	1,077,915						1,259,278		2,337,193
Culture & Recreation	1,499,743								1,499,743
Debt Service		590,307				2,054,991		20,662	2,665,960
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$14,631,981	\$590,307	\$207,314		-	\$7,922,958	\$1,259,278	\$1,156,090	\$25,767,928
Capital Outlay	376,525	10,145,907	672,500	6,143,835		13,236,000	6,638,000	375,500	37,588,267
Transfers Out	18,740				6,292,000	1,607,605	20,000	431,440	8,369,785
Fund Balances/Reserves/Net Assets	628,537	2,418,510					523,653		3,570,700
TOTAL APPROPRIATED									
EXPENDITURES, TRANSFERS, RESERVES & BALANCES	\$15,655,783	\$13,154,724	\$879,814	\$6,143,835	\$6,292,000	\$22,766,563	\$8,440,931	\$1,963,030	\$75,296,680

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE REFERENCED TAXING AUTHORITY AS A PUBLIC RECORD.

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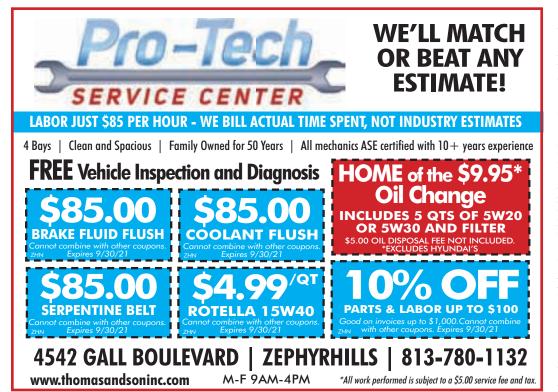
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Below: Work continues on the widening project for State Road 56. Here is a look along that road as it approaches the intersection of Morris Bridge Road/Eiland Boulevard.









STEVE LEE

Above: Dump trucks on Wire Road line up as part of a repaving project.

Left: A new traffic light at the intersection of Gall Boulevard fronts land being cleared for a drive-thru car wash.

Right: Taco Bell, across from the Home Depot and east of the New River Ranch Library, will open soon.

NEW TO ZEPHYRHILLS: From Page 1A

While it is in the early stages, a full-service, drive-thru car wash near Walmart at U.S. 301 and Pretty Pond Road could be close to getting under way. Todd Vande Berg, the city's planner, said there are preliminary site plans for that project.

Including the planned car wash, Vande Berg noted that there are four parcels on about 10 acres with that area zoned for commercialretail development.

"It's more room than you think," he said, adding that the new traffic signal at Pretty Pond Road and U.S. 301 make that area more attractive for retail development.

Vande Berg and Shane LeBlanc, the city's public works director, mentioned the second phase of Simons Road is a few months away from getting started. It is designed to connect Fort King Road to Eiland Boulevard.

The first phase paved a two-lane road from Eiland Boulevard down past the new Sarah Vande Berg Tennis & Wellness Center and hooked around the back of the golf course at the Silverado Golf & Country Club. That part of the project was completed in 2019.

"It will be a nice cut-through," LeBlanc said of the second phase upon completion.

Abbott Square, a new subdivision just north of the golf course, already is being built. "They're getting ready out there." Vande

"They're getting ready out there," Vande Berg said. "That's Lennar (the builder) and they're a well-oiled machine."

Vande Berg, whose late daughter the tennis center is named after, also expects work to begin soon on two projects out there. Plans call for 100 dormitory units for student-athletes who would study and hone their skills in various sports at the center. The dormitories are planned to be built on the south side of the main parking lot.

Another project planned for SVB is an indoor sports facility on that property.

"It's becoming more and more of an economic driver," Vande Berg said. "It's bringing business to the city."

Additionally, while there had been tentative discussions for an Aldi near Walmart, Vande Berg noted that project for a quality food store is unlikely to come to fruition.

"That went through foreclosure and another developer got a hold of it," he said. "Being that Aldi wasn't a done deal there wasn't any contractual agreement."

As for the outlying areas of Pasco County, a Taco Bell will soon open near the Home Depot, just west of the New River Branch Library and east of city limits and the intersection of State Road 54 and Eiland Boulevard/Morris Bridge Road.

In another project being overseen by various county departments, Wire Road is being repaved. Vande Berg noted that the two-lane road will be widened by about three feet on each side of the right-of-way.

