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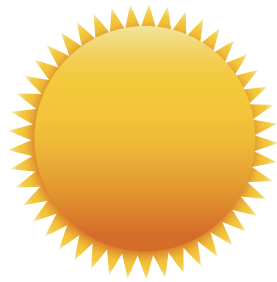
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Community Calendar

- 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

Following a couple of partly cloudy days there is plenty of sunshine ahead over the course of the next week. Daytime temperatures will hover around the low 90s while the evenings will be in the low 70s and high 60s.

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Sports

- Bulls run over Bulldogs in junior varsity football**
Wiregrass Ranch kept its unbeaten streak intact and improved to 4-0 with a decisive 47-0 win over Zephyrhills in junior varsity football.
- Special Olympic athletes compete in softball and target bowling**
Pin Chasers and Wesley Chapel High host target bowling and softball skills competition for Pasco County Special Olympians.
- Stewart sweeps Cypress Creek in middle school volleyball game**
Stewart and Cypress Creek squared off in a middle school volleyball game with the Bulldogs winning two straight sets.
- 1B

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The Zephyrhills News pops cork on 108 years of delivering local news and sports



The Zephyrhills News has been a fixture in the community since 1911.

FILE PHOTO

The local weekly newspaper has since eclipsed the century mark and now looks ahead to the second decade of the 21st Century

BY ANDY WARRENER
News Reporter

Next week, *The Zephyrhills News* will blow out the candles on a cake that will have to accommodate 108 candles. That's gotta be one big cake. *The Zephyrhills News'* predecessor *The Zephyrhills Colonist* published its Volume I, No. 1 edition on Oct. 5, 1911. That date that is recognized as the birth of the publication but unofficial editions have been discovered prior.

An issue of *The Zephyrhills Colonist* when the town was still called Abbott, was discovered in a time capsule in 2012. That edition was dated Jan. 27, 1910 and shows H. Bartholomew as editor. That edition detailed the infant phase of the town that has grown to nearly 15,000 people. A train stop named Abbott

Station is where the town grew from. That 1910 newspaper noted that, "There are a few houses near the station at Abbott now. It will be but a few months until it will be stocked for the small community present relying upon it for dry goods, groceries, hardware, etc., but by and by there will be need of enlargement and multiplication."

The state of Florida was still in its infancy in 1910. She was the 33rd most populous state of just 45 at that time. Florida is now the third most populous state behind only California and Texas. She had only become a state in 1845 and she was not part of the United States from 1861 until 1865. She was not far removed from the great Seminole Wars that drove much of the native population west of the Mississippi.

When Florida voted to secede from the Union on Jan. 10, 1861, it split the state between secessionists and Unionists. Florida would be responsible for raising regiments for both sides during the Civil War and her capital, Tallahassee, would be the only Southern capital east of the Mississippi that was never captured.

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City considers higher density residential areas

Council approves measure that could lure developers and make for tighter living quarters

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

The future of Zephyrhills might not look like the old Zephyrhills with a patchwork of mobile home parks for retirees. Like it or not, the population is getting a bit younger, what with the influx of new retail and restaurant business as well as expansions of medical facilities and other business ventures.

Along those lines, city planners are considering changing the landscape a bit. No, not like 20-story condominiums that reach high into the sky in Tampa and St. Petersburg. More like growing areas with various homesites closer together as is the case in outlying areas of Riverview, Westchase and even New Port Richey.

City planner Todd Vande Berg made a presentation to council members about amending the city's comprehensive plan and land development code. In essence, it would increase an R-4 (multi-family) zoning category up to 14-20 units per acre. The current code calls for 7.5-14 dwelling units per acre.

He noted that city staff has received inquiries about an apartment development that exceeds the current density threshold. The proposed change would go along with staff's plans to revamp the comprehensive plan's housing element in the upcoming year.

"We need to stay up with the times," Vande Berg said. "Communities are getting creative, so we need to increase our density. Pasco County now has a higher density than the city does. We are going to look at some innovative ways communities are getting creative with their density."

In some places, such as expanding suburbs as well as urban areas, some people are not requiring as much living space as in the past, Vande Berg pointed out.

"That's what we're trying to do, plan for tomorrow," he said. "We could be more competitive if we have more residential choices. A lot more people in the medical industry are commuting to work because we don't have the residential choices."

Councilwoman Jodi Wilkeson added that higher density for living quarters also leads to more green space.

"I kind of like the 20 (units per acre) and see

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Paratroopers pay tribute to airborne military mission

Skydive City hosts Phantom Airborne Brigade's 75th anniversary of Operation Market Garden

BY STEVE LEE
News Reporter

Former military paratroopers came to Skydive City last weekend to pay homage to Operation Market Garden, a mission that the Phantom Airborne Brigade took part in 75 years ago. The two-day event also recognized MIA/POW Day and was held at Skydive City for the first time.

The history, camaraderie and brotherhood of the paratroopers and their families was clearly evident on the smiling faces of those who came to the

event, which took place adjacent to the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport.

"To me, it's basically like a band of brothers," said Andy Medina, a member of the Phantom Airborne Brigade who oversaw the packing of chutes and monitored safety regulations. "We share the same silk in the sky. We look after each other. There's nothing like putting your knees in the breeze."

Despite postponing two jumps on Friday — the first due to inclement weather and the second because of high winds — the tribute finally took place on Saturday morning when the third planned jumps went off without a hitch.

For one participant, the jump hit home closer to home. Les Calton grew up near the airport off Free Fall Avenue and graduated from Zephyrhills



A group of paratroopers are driven back to Skydive City after a commemorative jump on Saturday.

STEVE LEE

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You can grow your own fresh, unprocessed food in your own backyard. A training is being offered the week of Oct. 14-18 at Holy Name Monastery in St. Leo. For more information, visit www.benedictinesistersoff.org.

So many people are trying aquaponics given how difficult it is to find in the grocery stores, food that is not heavily processed and grown with pesticides, hormones and chemical fertilizers. The classes are taught by Phil Reasons who is a renowned expert in the field. Aquaponics is the integration of animal and plant culture in an aquatic media. Water rich in nutrients from the fish flows to vegetable roots set on grow beds. The system can be simply for your family or more elaborate for selling.

Sister Miriam, aquaponics program director for the Benedictine Sisters of Florida's system, began their system in 2014 raising tilapia fish and fresh vegetables. This is state-of-the-art farming is respectful of both the land and water using less than 3 percent of the water used by traditional farming methods.

Homegrown food gardening is something you can do. It is smarter, easier, and produces a much higher and nutrient rich yield. The one week workshop is from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and includes course materials, room with private bath, meals, snacks and refreshments. The cost is \$900 per person. For registration, contact Sister Miriam at Holy Name Monastery at hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu or call (352) 588-8320 or (352) 588-8443.

Pasco County Old Timers Picnic

The Old Timers Picnic will be Oct. 5 at the Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36722 S.R. 52, in the Madill building. This annual family event is a covered dish/fish fry. Attendees are asked to bring a covered dish to share. Organizers will provide fish, beverages, and dinnerware. Donations will be accepted to help defray expenses. Serving begins at noon, but attendees are urged to come early (11 a.m.) to visit with other "Old Timers" and their families.

Residents who have lived in Pasco County for 20 years or longer are considered "Old Timers." For more information, call Sam Sessa (352) 588-3553.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

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.brewfest-forhospice.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 Zephyrhills 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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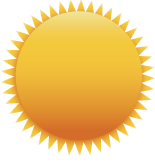
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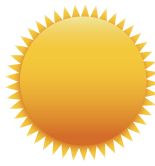
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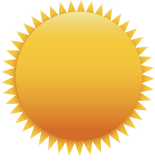
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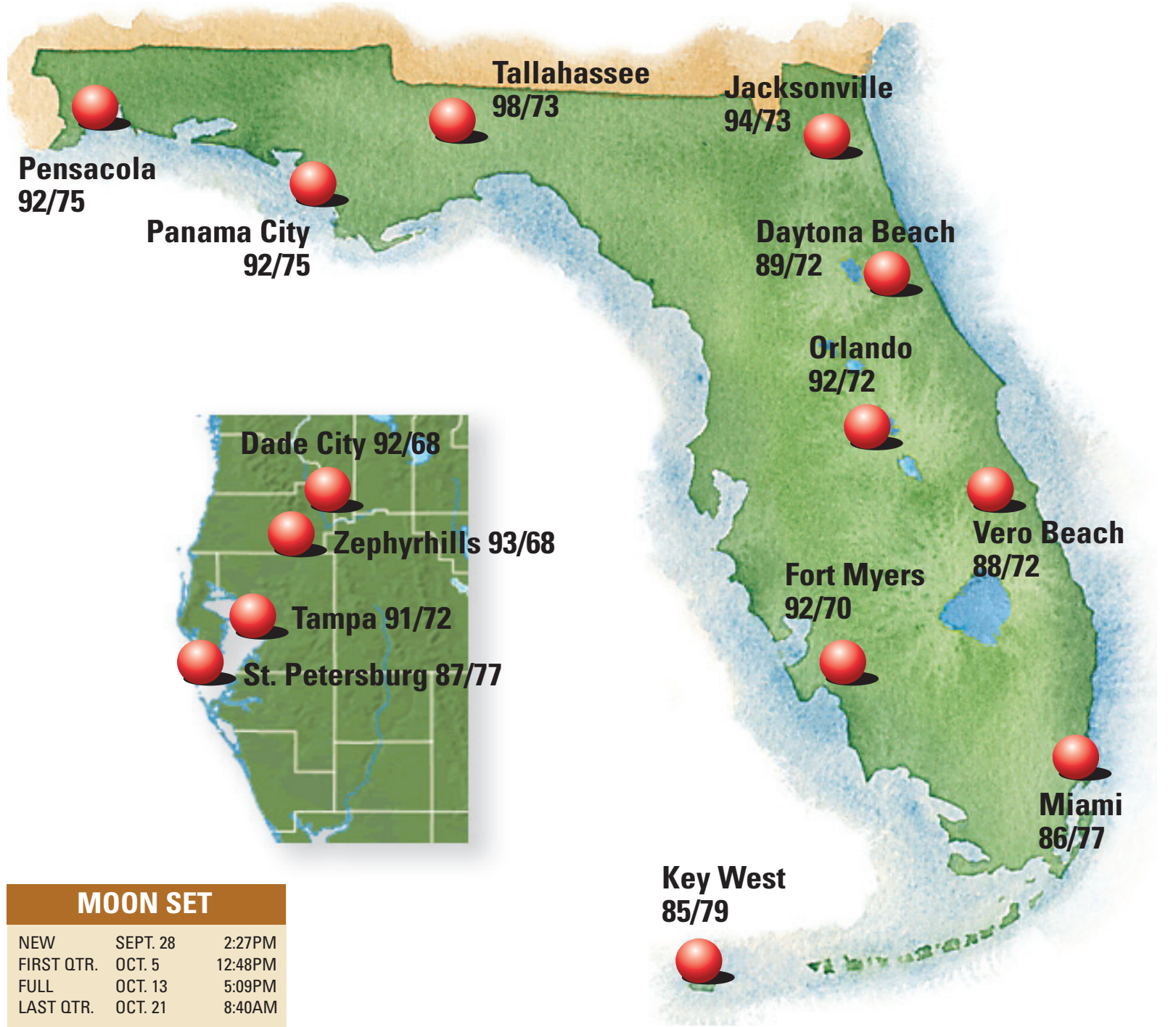
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Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) is proud to launch complimentary bus rides for those who've served our country as well as our community. The Pasco Board of County Commissioners voted today to approve the Veterans Program offering free rides for veterans and active-duty military on all PCPT fixed-route transit beginning Oct. 1. The new benefit also extends to Pasco County employees.

"Transportation should never be a barrier to veterans seeking access to services and amenities in our community," said Pasco County Commissioner Mike Wells. "Our mission is to

improve the lives of our veterans, and we are happy to honor them with free bus fares."

Take advantage of this offer on all fixed-service transit routes by presenting one of the following forms of identification to a PCPT bus driver: Military ID Card, DD Form 2, Valid VA Card, "V" on Driver's License or county-issued employee ID.

"PCPT is a great way to access employment, medical care, school and other services," said Pasco County Public Transportation Director Kurt Scheible. "As a veteran, I'm proud to see PCPT support programs that enhance our commitment to the men and women who serve."

For more information on this new program visit: PCPT Veterans Program.



The original building for *The Zephyrhills Colonist* was among the first businesses in the city.

ZEPHYRHILLS NEWS: From Page 1A

Enter Captain Howard B. Jeffries. Jeffries was an enigmatic character and very much epitomized the idea of reconciliation with the South during the hard years of Reconstruction following the War Between the States. Jeffries, a Pennsylvanian, enlisted as a private in Company F, 28th Pennsylvania Infantry. The regiment was mustered into service on June 28, 1861 and were issued grey uniforms and British Enfield rifles, trappings of Confederate infantry that led to some of the confusion in early battles of the war. The regiment, which boasted over 1,500 men, was so large that enough men were diverted into another unit that became Knapp's Battery.

The 28th was attached to the First Brigade in Nathaniel Banks' Division in the Department of the Shenandoah. In 1862, they were attached to the Army of the Potomac and fought at Antietam. The regiment also fought at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg in 1863 and was part of the Atlanta campaign in 1864. Jeffries then travelled to Covington, Ky. where he helped raise the regiment, the 72nd U.S. Colored Troops or USCT. Jeffries became the captain of Company B and hence his namesake was born. The regiment only served a few weeks before the end of the war and were mustered out in May of 1865.

Jeffries sought to establish a colony for Union Civil War veterans near Abbott. An October, 1909 edition of the Weekly True Democrat of Tallahassee reported, "A big colonization company has purchased 35,000 acres of land in the southern portion of Pasco County for colonization purposes. The settlement will be known as Zephyrhills, and it has already been arranged to settle 6,000 families thereon." From there, *The Zephyrhills News* began its more than century-long chronicling of comings and goings in the city.

By 1910, the Jeffries House was commissioned. September of that year saw the first schoolhouse being built. In 1912, the Grand Army of the Republic Hall was completed in the city. Later that year, the First State Bank of Zephyrhills consolidated with McCormick, Stapelton & Co. to form the First State Bank of Zephyrhills. The Zephyrhills Public Library was built in 1912. In 1914, in the G.A.R. Hall, a vote to incorporate Zephyrhills was passed 65 to 12 and W.C. Boggs was elected the city's first

mayor. *The Zephyrhills News* reported in 1926, a brazen bank robbery at the American State Bank.

Jeffries had attracted publisher and fellow army veteran G.H. Gibson from Nebraska to come to Zephyrhills and establish a newspaper that Jeffries hoped to utilize in order to advertise for real estate. Sam Lovett took over 10 years later and is credited with changing the name from *The Zephyrhills Colonist* to the current monicker, *The Zephyrhills News*. Ownership of the paper transferred to a group of businessmen led by dentist Dr. Bernard A. Thomas. Walter Gall, whom Gall Boulevard is named after, sold the paper to Howard Berg in 1948. The paper would change hands several more times until current owners Danny and Jan Linville purchased it in 2009 from the Scripps Company.

The paper has had some notable writers and editors over the decades. Alice Hall was a reporter for the paper in the Bernie Wickstrom era (1955-1987). The hall in Zephyr Park is named after her. The bandstand behind the hall is named after Wickstrom. Floyd Gibson, son of the paper's founder G.H. Gibson and who was the paper's editor for a short time, was elected mayor in the 1950s. Former Zephyrhills City Manager Steve Spina was editor in 1987 and a writer for several years prior.

The Zephyrhills News went digital in 2017. While it is not a traditional news website, thezephyrhillsnews.com gives readers a chance to download current and past editions in a .pdf format. Delivery and rack sales continue on as they have for the last 108 years. Subscriptions are delivered every Thursday by U.S. Postal Service and rack sales are available in high-traffic areas and retail stores like Publix, Walmart and CVS. Just look for the orange box. The newspaper prides itself on, "getting into the nooks and crannies of the community to celebrate people, the events, and the institutions that contribute to the vibrancy of the area."

Today, *The Zephyrhills News* carries the torch that illuminates the past and still casts light into the future. You'll find the latest news and local sports coverage in each weekly edition and the newspaper has physical archives dating back decades in the office on 5th Avenue. So raise a glass next week as *The Zephyrhills News* celebrates its 108th birthday and its status as the oldest running weekly newspaper in Pasco County.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills, 5510 19th St., invites 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's ministry, Team Kid, 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.thechurchatchanceyroad.com and you can also watch live on Facebook at www.facebook.com/tim.mitchell every Sunday and Wednesday.

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

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

George A. Nunes

NUNES, George A., 85, of Zephyrhills and Chicopee, Mass. passed away on Sept. 17, 2019 at AdventHealthcare Zephyrhills. He was the son of the late Antonio and Bertha (Szyldowski) Nunes. He was a lifetime resident of Chicopee graduating from Chicopee High School Class of 1951. George was also a graduate of Holyoke Community College in 1973, University of Massachusetts in 1975 and the American International College in 1976. He was a police officer for 31 years, serving as Sergeant for 10 years and Detective Sgt. Police Photographer prior to his retirement in 1991. George was a member of the Chicopee Lodge of

Elks, Treasure of the Chicopee Police Association, Treasure of the Chicopee Santa Fund and the New England Police. He was the Commissioner of the Chicopee County Club from 79-84. He loved golfing, genealogy and was an amateur Ham radio operator. He is survived by his wife, Francis (Fonfara) Nunes; son, Donald T. Nunes; daughter, Debra Paradis; grandchildren, Parker, Noah, Emmi, Connor and Loren; and great-granddaughter, Olive. George was predeceased by his sons, Dennis Nunes and George Nunes Jr.



Robert Baker

BAKER, Robert, 85, passed away Sept. 18, 2019. Mr. Baker is survived by his loving wife, Linda Baker.



Richard Duffield

DUFFIELD, Richard, 83, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 5, 2019. Family received friends on Sept. 12 at Whitfield Funeral Home.



Matthew Jerome Folds

FOLDS, Matthew Jerome, 36, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 17, 2019. Visitation and service were Sept. 24 at Crystal Springs Worship Center.



Bobbie Jean Mitcham

MITCHAM, Bobbie Jean, 82, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 13, 2019. Mrs. Mitcham is survived by her loving family.



Jerry Lee Hood

HOOD, Jerry Lee, 84, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 19, 2019. Mr. Hood is survived by his wife, Opal; and other loving family members.



Jim Allen Fry

FRY, Jim Allen, 55, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 23, 2019. Mr. Fry is survived by his wife, Mary Beth; three stepchildren; and six grandchildren.



Obituaries are available in The Zephyrhills News. Information is due Monday before noon in order to appear in the same week's publication. For pricing call the office at (813) 782-1558.

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<p>FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH 6040 8th St. (813) 782-1071 Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School.....9 a.m. Morning Worship.....10 a.m. Second Saturday of the month Men's Breakfast.....8:30 a.m. Third Wednesday of the month Women's Group.....9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>FIRST PRESBYTERIAN 5510 19th St. (813) 782-7412 Pastor Denise Lay Sunday</p> <p>Worship.....10 a.m. Sunday School (Nursery/Grades K-12).....10 a.m. Adult Study.....8:30 a.m. Coffee fellowship after worship Wednesday</p> <p>REFRESH supper.....5:30 p.m. REFRESH Youth Group.....6 p.m. Adult Bible Study.....6 p.m. Choir Practice.....7 p.m. Second Saturday King's Men (in fellowship hall).....9 a.m. www.firstpcz.org</p>	<p>ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH 38710 5th Ave. (813) 782-2813 Reverend Allan Tupa Sunday</p> <p>Mass.....7, 9, 11 a.m. Saturday Mass.....4 p.m. Weekday Masses M, T, Th, F.....8 a.m. Wednesday.....8 a.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Holidays.....8 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday Morning.....8:30 a.m. Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration: Thursday.....8:30-9:30 a.m.</p>	<p>EAST PASCO SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH 7333 Dairy Rd. (813) 782-2000 Ray Pichette, Lead Pastor Ricardo Barriffe, Associate Pastor Saturday</p> <p>Bible Study.....9:30 a.m. Worship Service.....10:45 a.m. Thursday ALNON.....7 p.m. Ladies Bible Study.....7 p.m. Friday Alcoholics Anonymous.....10 a.m. Overeaters Anonymous Monday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday 11:30 a.m. Narcotics Anonymous Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday, 6:30 p.m. www.eastpascoadventist.com</p>	<p>VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH 6950 Forbes Rd. (813) 783-8300 Pastor David Toulson</p> <p>Sunday School.....10 a.m. Morning Worship.....11 a.m. Evening Worship.....6 p.m. Wednesday Bible Study/Prayer.....7 p.m. Kids Club.....7 p.m.</p>	<p>THE CHURCH AT CHANCEY ROAD 34921 Chancey Rd. (813) 317-4975 Pastor Tim Mitchell Sunday</p> <p>Worship.....10:15 a.m. Worship, Bible Study and Communion Monday Prayer and Bible Reading.....12 p.m. Overcomers Bible Study.....6 p.m. (12 step program) Tuesday Bible Study.....6:30 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship Dinner.....6 p.m. followed by Bible study for all ages at 6:45 p.m. Thursday Heart Dance Ladies Group.....10 a.m. Friday Prayer and Bible Study.....7:45 a.m. www.thechurchatchanceyroad.com</p>	<p>CORNERSTONE BAPTIST CHURCH 5434 7th St. (813) 783-2727 Pastor Stephen R. Lamb Sunday</p> <p>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 fashion church"</p>
<p>CRYSTAL SPRINGS WORSHIP CENTER 2155 Paul Buchman Hwy. (813) 788-1612 Pastor Linda Davis Sunday</p> <p>Adult Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Children's Church.....10:30 a.m. Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m. Youth Church.....11 a.m. Tuesday Ladies Bible Study.....9:30 a.m. Wednesday Evening Service.....6:30 p.m. Kid's Church.....6:30 p.m. Youth Church.....7 p.m.</p>	<p>AWAKE AT ZEPHYRHILLS A WESLEYAN CHURCH 38924 C Ave. (813) 782-7510 Pastor Dennis Harneson Saturday</p> <p>Contemporary Service.....7 p.m. Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Traditional Service.....10:45 a.m. Adult Bible Study.....4 p.m. Wednesday Kid Min (1st-5th grade).....6:30 p.m. Teens (6th-12th grade).....6:30 p.m. www.AwakeWesleyan.org</p>	<p>FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ZEPHYRHILLS 38231 5th Ave. (813) 782-5574 Pastor Robert McKinney Sunday</p> <p>Sunday School.....9:30 a.m. Worship.....10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. Wednesday</p> <p>Service.....6 p.m. Choir Practice.....6 p.m. Children's Activities.....6 p.m. TRUTH teen ministries.....6:15 p.m.</p>	<p>OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH 5626 20th St. 813-782-1369 Reverend Tod A. Shouse Saturday</p> <p>Worship.....5:30 p.m. Sunday</p> <p>Sunday school.....8:45 a.m. Worship service.....10 a.m. oursaviorlutheranchurchzephyrhills.org</p>	<p>DADE CITY CHRISTIAN CHURCH 11800 Windsorwood Blvd. (352) 518-0072 Minister Keith Smith Associate Minister Kyle Morrissey Sundays</p> <p>Sunday School.....10:10 a.m. Worship.....9 and 11 a.m. Wednesdays Worship.....6:30 p.m. www.dadecitycc.net</p>	<p>DADE CITY GRACE BIBLE CHURCH Dade City Business Center Suite 403 15000 U.S. Hwy. 301 (352) 567-3955 Pastor Willard L. Sessoms</p> <p>Fellowship.....9:30 a.m. Sunday Service.....10 a.m. www.bibletruthfortoday.com</p>	<p>FIRST UNITED METHODIST 38635 5th Ave. (813) 782-5645 Pastor Jim Thomas Sunday</p> <p>Traditional Worship...8 and 11 a.m. Contemporary Worship...9:30 a.m. Children's Church.....9:45 a.m. Children's Sunday School...11 a.m. Youth Bible Study.....11 a.m. Wednesday Children/Youth...6 p.m. Nursery provided. www.fumczhills.com</p>

STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

•It was noted 20th-century author of speculative fiction Harlan Ellison -- whose writing credits include episodes of the original "Star Trek" series -- who made the following sage observation: "The two most common elements in the universe are hydrogen and stupidity."

•After his death in 2005, the ashes of Hunter S. Thompson -- pioneer of "gonzo" journalism and author of the infamous novel "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" -- were fired spaceward from a giant cannon to the accompaniment of fireworks and the Bob Dylan song "Mr. Tambourine Man."

•Wasps, evidently, don't have any time to waste. Those who study such things say that they take less than a minute to complete their courtship and mating rituals.

•All species of dog have a pink tongue -- except one. Chows' tongues are black.

•The automatic dishwasher was invented way back in 1886. A woman named Josephine Cochrane came up with the idea because she was unhappy with the way her fine china was being chipped by the servants who were washing it.

•According to a recent Zinus study on sleep anxiety in America, women are more likely than men to dream about being chased and having teeth fall out. Men, though, dream more often about being naked in public and flying.

•If you're thinking of redecorating your child's room, you might want to keep this in mind: Studies show that the color pink has a soothing effect on children, blue lowers their blood pressure and increases attentiveness, and yellow excites and cheers kids. Avoid red if at all possible; it has been shown to raise children's blood pressure, respiration and heart rate as well as brain and muscle activity.

Thought for the Day: "Unfortunately, computers are also stupid. Unlike human beings, computers possess the truly profound stupidity of the inanimate." -- Bruce Sterling

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STICKELERS [sic]

by Terry Stickels

What number comes next?

2 5 14 41 122 365 ?

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Even Exchange

by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row contains two clues and two 6-letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an L, you get MISTER. Do not change the order of the letters.

1. Table server	A	Novelist	R
2. Anxious	___ N ___	Short and sweet	___ R ___
3. Previous	___ O ___	Old MacDonald, e.g.	___ A ___
4. Throng	___ ___ D	Royal headwear	___ ___ N
5. Cupid's mom	V	Lists of food options	M
6. Four-bagger	___ M ___	Float like a helicopter	___ V ___
7. Red gem	___ ___ N ___	Attic	___ ___ R ___
8. Fake	___ ___ Y	Mobile or landline	___ ___ E
9. Parka	J	Small package	P
10. Under 18	___ ___ O ___	Gold digger	___ ___ E ___

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, then X equals O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Cue: H equals S

Z FEDM R KYI MND'H

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QPRVDYHVI. Z HYBDHP IDY

LZKNG HRI NP'H BWPRUNI-FPPE.

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR is LONGFELLOW

One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three letters X for the two C's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and format of all the words are all hints. Each week the extra letters are different.

M SIZYBIN Z SQBU XMRI ZUO

XVZX XVIYI MP PQRIXVMBU

OQYPI XVZB RMPMBU XVI

UQZS, ZBN XVZX'P BOX

JFSSMBU XVI XYMUUIY.

— RMZ VZRR

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IT CAN'T BE BECAUSE OF YOUR LOOKS!

YOU AND BRUTUS ARE BOTH SAILORS. 'AT'S TRUE!

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...I THINK YOU'RE ABOUT EQUAL IN THAT DEPARTMENT. DEN IT AUS'BE CUZ I'WTH BEST SWAB!

WHAT EVIDENCE DO YOU HAVE TO SUPPORT THAT CLAIM? HERE'S ME EY'DENCE!

I GIVES YA EXHIBIT A...

...AN' NOW EXHIBIT B!

POW!



Above: Paratroopers gathered at Skydive City's cafe for food and drink after their jumps.

Below: A C47 from the World War II era picks up another load of paratroopers.



Above: Jeeps and Army vehicles were among the top attractions last weekend at Skydive City.

Left: Paratrooper Les Calton, who grew up in Zephyrhills and recalled how jumpers occasionally landed on his family's nearby property, had plenty of family support on Saturday.

STEVE LEE

▶ **PARATROOPERS:** From Page 1A

High in 1983. He joined the U.S. Army and served in the 82nd Airborne Division in 1987-91.

"I pretty much grew up here, a mile away," said Calton, who jumped on Saturday. "We had jumpers used to fall in our yard."

As for the opportunity to jump out of a C-47, an old airplane from the World War II era, Calton, was visibly moved.

"This is awesome," he said. "I didn't realize how much I missed it until I'd been here for a while," he said, as various family members gathered round once he landed."

Like some of the other paratroopers Calton has done commemorative jumps for various tributes in other states. For him, that included events in Arizona, Texas and Las Vegas as well as Florida.

Ted Boatright, who also was a member of the 82nd Airborne in 1983-87, also spoke fondly of the bond that unites the men. He made a few jumps too.

"The camaraderie is the first thing," he said, "and then smelling the equipment and the aircraft; just going out the door. It brings everything back."

Aside from American paratroopers there were others from Canada and Great Britain, which symbolized the joint mission between allied forces. The operation commenced on Sept. 17, 1945 when some British airborne troops who landed in Germany and crossed the Rhine River were rescued.

More than 41,600 airborne troops from three divisions took part in the operation, making it larger than the D-Day mission. The 82nd and 101st divisions captured several bridges along the way.

"This is a smaller scale, but it's still exciting," Boatright said of Saturday's tribute jump.

In addition to the C47 that flew paratroopers on Saturday, another C47 was on display at Skydive City. There also were plenty of military jeeps and other vehicles on display. Tommy Rooney, an 8-year-old from Plant City, sat in the driver's seat of a jeep, much to the delight of his mother Michelle.

"He loves anything to do with the army," she said, smiling as a paratrooper stopped by to let him wear his cap for a bit.

Ron Hurdell, who is from Spring Hill and served in the 82nd Airborne in 1964-67, said he liked "seeing the round parachutes again. The parachutes are very different now."

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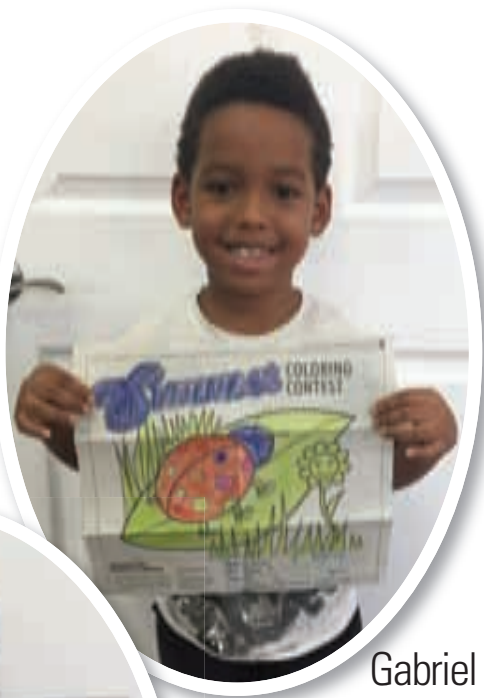
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CLUB NEWS

Land O' Lakes Garden Club

The next garden club meeting is Oct. 1, 10:30 a.m. at the Land O' Lakes Heritage Park, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd.

Michelle Radford with Hollie's Farm & Garden will be doing a general gardening presentation, covering what we should be doing in your gardens at this time of year. In addition, she will showcase new plants available at Hollie's Farm & Garden. All plants you'll see will be for sale.

For more information, call Marie Woody at (813) 508-0975.

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.

A 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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Dr. Thomas John, M.D. is pleased to announce the relocation of his private practice in Gastroenterology at Pasco Clinic. He is no longer associated with Bayfront Health Medical Group. Having more than 15 years of diverse experiences, Dr. John has medical staff privileges at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills and Florida Hospital Dade City.



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A recognition and signing event for new scholars and their families, sponsored by Suncoast Credit Union took place on Aug. 27. The signing event is held for the recipients to publicly confirm their commitment to the Take Stock in Children program by maintaining good grades, attendance, behavior and remaining drug and crime-free. Upon high school

graduation, each will receive up to four years of college tuition.

"Take Stock provides the financial means to support our scholars through college through the collective generosity of our donors. What separates us from any other scholarship program is the mentor and college and career readiness services to make the Take Stock scholar confident and successful in their college years," said Rosanne Heyser, Take Stock in Children executive director/Pasco.

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Peter Huron wins photo contest

Congratulations to Peter Huron, the Photo Contest Winner of the Claim Your Youth Club from San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union.

"We had hundreds of submissions from CYY kids all over the nation. Huron took the time to show the world how he sees it, and it's a really cool photo. We're looking forward to doing the competition again and invite all Claim Your Youth members to clean their lenses and sharpen their eyes for our next competition," said The CYY Director.

Carrie Carlberg, VP and area manager for the San Antonio office presented him with his winnings. Huron received a certificate, CYY Selfie Stick, a Starbucks gift card and SACFCU swag. All members between the ages of 13 and 18 are included in the Claim Your Youth Club. They receive quarterly newsletters, special offers and access to the Claim Your Youth website.



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how it goes for a little bit," she said.

Added council president Ken Burgess, who acknowledge a growing trend, "We're in the generation now that people are moving back to cities."

Councilman Alan Knight, a longtime Zephyrhills resident, did not seem to be overly thrilled with people opting to live closer together.

"I have a hard time with 14 units on one acre. I can't fathom 20," he said.

The amendment passed unanimously.

Earlier in the meeting, Burgess noted that comments from people coming up to the podium to speak would be strictly limited to a standard three minutes. Citing recent issues of the

city's police and fire departments salaries and status, some comments have lasted much longer.

Although there was no discussion on either matter on Monday night, K-9 officer Lorenzo Limoges, who has argued in favor of pay raises for the city's police force, showed up.

"It's been a power struggle," he said. "We'll see how it goes."

In other council news, on the second reading of ordinance 1389-19 the millage rate for the 2019-20 fiscal year was unanimously approved at 6.35. Another ordinance that also passed 5-0 was the city's budget for the upcoming fiscal year. It is set at \$66.293 million.

Lastly, Wilkeson thanked "everyone who came out to Music and Motorcycles (on the previous weekend). It was a tremendous event."

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