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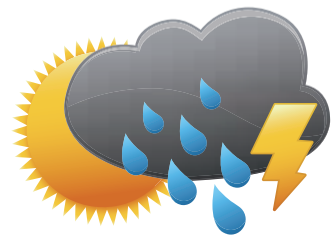
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Community News

Pasco Tax Collector's staff raises money for Cindy's Pets, Pasco Magnet Schools earn national certification.

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Weather

Rainy weather persists with scattered thunderstorms predicted for the next seven days. Daytime highs will fluctuate from 84 to 90 while it starts to get a bit cooler at night, mostly in the low 70s.

► 3A

Bulldogs win home opener

The Zephyrhills High football team improved to 2-0 by winning its home opener at Bulldog Stadium. The home team pleased the crowd with a dominating 43-2 defeat of Hernando.

► 1B

Beach volleyball makes its debut

Beach volleyball is played for the first time on the sandy courts at the Sarah Vande Berg Tennis & Wellness Center. It marked the second sport played in the sand in the past month. SVB also hosted a beach tennis tournament in August.

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Legislative Delegation meets with citizens, civic groups and non-profits



The Zephyrhills City Council Chambers was standing room only for the 2021 Pasco Legislative Delegation Meeting.

ANDY WARRENER

State representatives met with local groups to hear about funding requests as they prepare to head to Tallahassee

By ANDY WARRENER
 News Reporter

A standing-room-only chambers awaited members of the Pasco County Legislative Delegation at 9 a.m. on Sept. 1. 2022 is an early start to the legislative session. In fact, the deadline for filing bill claims has already passed on Aug. 1 of 2021. The regular legislative session begins Jan. 11, 2022. Legislative delegates Amber Mariano (House District 36), Ed Hooper (Senate District 16), Danny Burgess (Senate District 20), Wilton Simpson (Senate District 10) and Adrian Zika (House District 37) were all in attendance. It took just a few minutes for Burgess to be elected chair and Mariano vice chair and the meeting took off.

Many petitioners sought to retain current funding for their projects, some were requesting new funding and some were there just to make themselves known to the delegation. The first item of business, however, was approving a local bill expanding the dog park area at Anclote Key State Park. This bill was approved unanimously by the delegation.

Local government agencies were up first. Pasco Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer Chase Daniels requested a state appropriation of \$150,000 for an officer training program and device that can be taken out into the community.

Next was Colleen Beaudoin representing District 2 of the Pasco County School Board. She requested striking language out of statute 1001.6. Beaudoin stated that Florida Virtual School (FLVS) has a marked advantage over Pasco eSchool and that striking certain language from the statute would, "make us more competitive with FLVS."

Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, representing Pasco County Clerk of the Courts was next. She had no direct request but thanked the delegation for funding that provided,

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Patriot Day activities planned in east and central Pasco

Commemorative events coincide with 20th anniversary of 9/11 terrorist attacks that should never be forgotten

By STEVE LEE
 News Reporter

The Zephyrhills Museum of Military History has a 9/11 room with the uniform of a New York City Fire Department's emergency medical technician draped on a mannequin. Stephen Spelman, who wore that uniform, is a survivor of the World Trade Center terrorist attacks and will be a keynote speaker at a ceremony at Tampa Premium Outlets early on Saturday morning.

Several events, including a 9/11 remembrance with several jumps at Skydive City, planned to remember the 9/11 terrorist attacks in 2001 will take place that day throughout Zephyrhills and Wesley Chapel. They are more special perhaps than in some previous years since 2021 marks the 20th anniversary of a day of infamy in which nearly 3,000 lives were lost.

Patriot Day, proclaimed by President George W. Bush, commemorates the attacks from Al Qaeda on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon and a fatal airplane crash in a Pennsylvania field after dozens of brave souls fought back against hijackers.

Bob Hatfield, a representative from congressman Gus Bilirakis' office, is a longtime Zephyrhills resident and former teacher/coach at Zephyrhills High who also will speak at Tampa Premium Outlets.

"What's important is to remind everyone that no matter where we were virtually everybody was affected in some way with either family, friends or whatever," he said. "Remember 9/11 from 20 years ago and be very vigilant going forward."

Cliff Moffett, the museum's president, echoed that sentiment: "We can never forget what happened on 9/11, we truly can't. We're vulnerable to attacks."

For Spelman, who will ring a bell to start a fun run/walk before Saturday morning's ceremony, forgetting is not an option. He retired in 2009, moved to Florida a year later and now deals with several health issues related to the fall of the towers.

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County prepares to clear the shelters

A national pet adoption campaign on Sept. 18 will include Pasco County Animal Services for a seventh straight year

By STEVE LEE
 News Reporter

Pasco County Animal Services will get a welcome boost when it takes part in an upcoming event being billed as clear the shelters. The local agency will be part of the Seventh Annual Pet Adoption Campaign that in six previous years has helped to find homes for 250,000 pets nationwide.

On Sept. 18, from noon to 6 p.m., adoption fees at 19640 Dogpatch Ln. in Land O' Lakes will be waived for dogs and cats. Pasco residents will be required to purchase a county license for each pet. Adoptions include spay or neuter surgery, vaccinations and microchipping.

A slogan on a sign on the wall of the shelter's main building reads:

The best things in life are rescued. Off to the sides of the waiting area and front counter are wings for canine companions and feline friends.

"It's hugely rewarding to take in an animal that might have been homeless or living in the streets and now to know that they're loved," said Bridget Mire, the shelter's education and outreach coordinator. "our ultimate goal is to place it in a loving home. That's what we want for all animals to have."

Mire recently gave a tour of the kennel and said, "Most of our dogs come in as strays, so we scan every dog for a microchip. We'll do everything we can to contact the owner."

While there are various reasons for dogs and cats being brought to the shelter, the staff works diligently to find their owners with different tools at their disposal.

"We stress the importance of microchipping," Mire said. "It makes it so much easier to reunite them with their homes."

While some animals are only around for a day or two, the average stay is just more than four days. The



Mike Shumate and Spencer Conover give some wanted attention to a stray dog.

STEVE LEE

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UF/IFAS Pasco Extension offers free Community Garden Plots

Pasco residents can lease a free garden plot, learn gardening skills

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Pasco Extension pairs applicants with an appropriate community garden location in Dade City, Land O' Lakes, San Antonio, Zephyrhills or Shady Hills. A new Wesley Chapel location will open soon to serve neighbors in that area.

A community garden plot is a great opportunity to: grow and harvest your own food; work with compost; gain gardening experience in classes/seminars offered on site; and learn from experts.

Plots are offered on a first-come, first-served basis. For more information, or to lease a plot, contact the UF/IFAS Pasco Extension Community Gardens Program: East Side Community Gardens at (352) 521-1255 / kchristmas@MyPasco.net or West Side Community Gardens at (813) 996-2411, ext. 2458 / ccarreiro@MyPasco.net.

Pasco Tax Collector's staff raises over \$8,700 for Cindy's Pets



Pasco County Tax Collector Mike Fasano, assistant tax collector Greg Giordano, and employees of the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office present both a ceremonial and a "real" check to Cindy's Pets Founders Dr. Missy & Mike Nurrenbrock and many of their volunteers at the Land O' Lakes Tax Collector's Office.

Tax collector Mike Fasano announces that \$8,784.26 was raised during the month of June 2021 to benefit Cindy's Pets, one of the featured charities of the month at the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office. Cindy's Pets was created to "help seniors and their pets," particularly those seniors who are part of Pasco County's Senior Services Program and are recipients of Meals on Wheels.

"The goal of Cindy's Pets is to provide good nutritional food for animals, thereby enabling the elderly to enjoy their own meals with the knowledge that their pets are also well-fed," said Dr. Missy Nurrenbrock, founder of Cindy's Pets. "We thank Mike Fasano, the tax collector's employees, and Pasco County residents for this generous donation to Cindy's Pets. Thank you for hosting your June fundraiser. Your support and generosity are greatly appreciated."

"Pasco County is home to some of the best charitable organizations in the state," said

Fasano. "We support many that are well-known, but we also take great pleasure in turning the spotlight on smaller charities that may not receive the attention they deserve. Cindy's Pets is an organization founded and run by loving and compassionate individuals who truly care about the people and animals they serve. I applaud Dr. Missy and Mike Nurrenbrock, and their contingent of volunteers, who make sure that pets of the elderly receive good quality food each month."

For more information about Cindy's Pets contact Dr. Missy Nurrenbrock at (727) 372-9333 or visit the website www.cindyspets.org. For more information about the promotional and charitable giving programs at the tax collector's office contact, assistant tax collector Greg Giordano at (727) 847-8179 or visit www.pascotaxes.com

Pasco Magnet Schools achieve national certification

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

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

Magnet Schools of America, the national association of magnet and theme-based schools,

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

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

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FRIDAY

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Scattered Thunderstorms

SUNRISE: 7:11am MOONRISE: 10:49am
SUNSET: 7:40pm MOONSET: 10:19pm

SATURDAY

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Scattered Thunderstorms

SUNRISE: 7:12am MOONRISE: 11:55am
SUNSET: 7:39pm MOONSET: 11:00pm

SUNDAY

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Cloudy

SUNRISE: 7:12am MOONRISE: 1:02pm
SUNSET: 7:38pm MOONSET: 11:46pm

MONDAY

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Scattered Thunderstorms

SUNRISE: 7:13am MOONRISE: 2:10pm
SUNSET: 7:37pm MOONSET: NONE

TUESDAY

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Partly Cloudy

SUNRISE: 7:13am MOONRISE: 3:14pm
SUNSET: 7:35pm MOONSET: 12:38am

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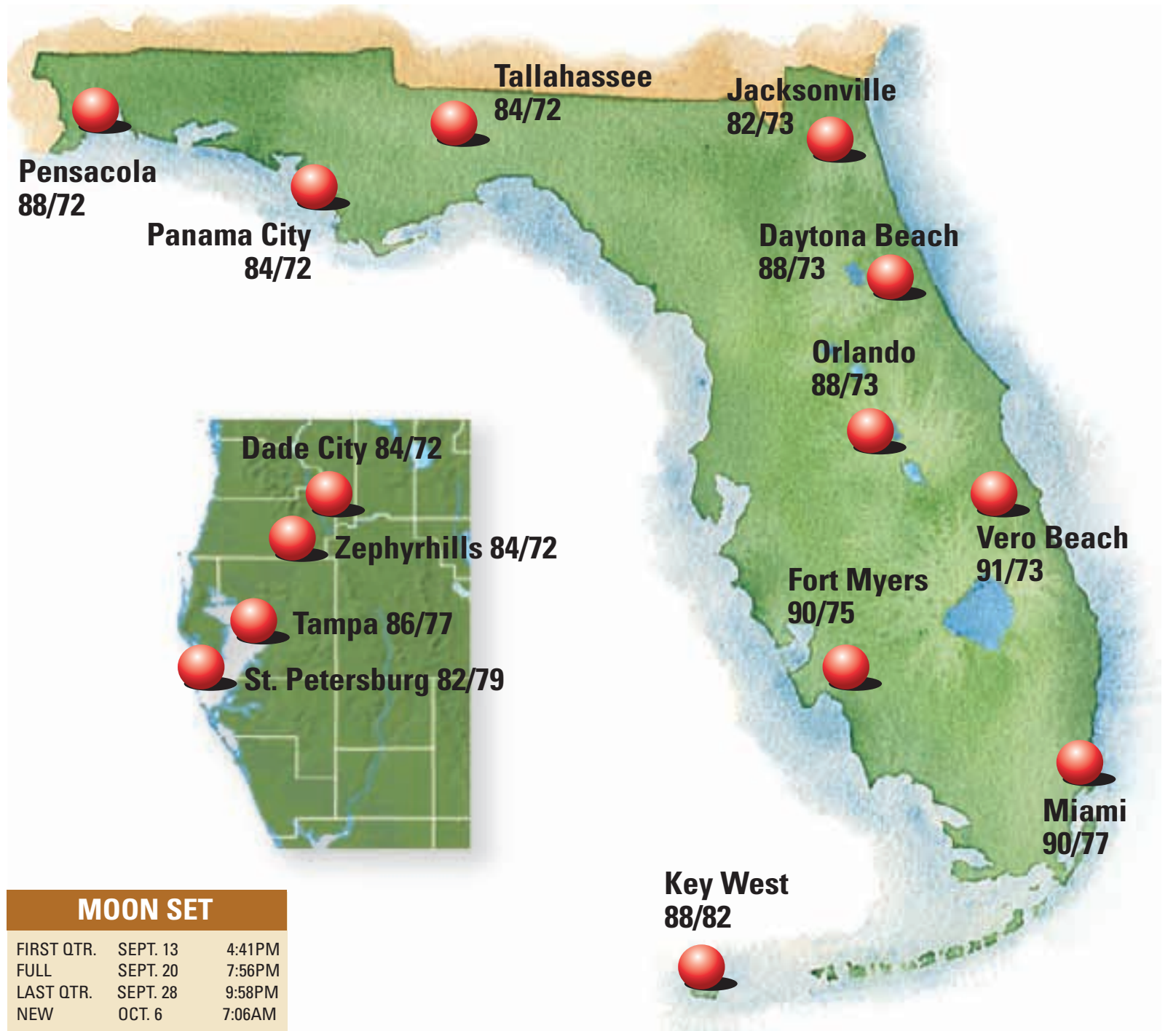


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Right: Stephen Spelman, a retired emergency medical technician with the New York City Fire Department, survived the fall of the twin towers at the World Trade Center on 9/11. He is a keynote speaker for a Saturday morning ceremony at Tampa Bay Premium Outlets.



Above and left: Shown are various pieces of memorabilia donated to the Zephyrhills Military History Museum by Spelman and others. The display is in a 9/11 room at the museum.

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"We all watched the second plane hit and we knew it was a terrorist attack," Spelman said of being on a street with several co-workers when a second plane crashed into the north tower.

"We got across the street and searched vehicles after the collapse of the south tower," he continued. "We heard the explosions, then everything started shaking because (the north tower) was falling down."

Also on Saturday at 11 a.m., local military groups will have a ceremony at Veteran's Walkway in Zephyr Park. Rod Rehrig, commandant for the Marine Corps League Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Curtin Detachment 1124 of Zephyrhills, has helped organize many 9/11 ceremonies in the past and this year is no different.

"We don't want to lose sight of it," he said. "It's something you can't forget. On Pearl Harbor (Japanese attacks on a base in Hawaii), everybody remembered where they were. Then

it was (the assassination of President) John F. Kennedy and still everybody remembered. Then it was 9/11."

In the past, speakers at the 9/11 Memorial in Zephyr Park have included Zephyrhills Mayor Gene Whitfield and State Senator Danny Burgess. This year's speaker is former mayor Cliff McDuffie.

Lastly on Saturday afternoon, Music and Motorcycles, a Main Street Zephyrhills event that was cancelled last year due to the coronavirus pandemic, will undoubtedly take on a unified flair. Expected to be among the gatherers are plenty of military veterans, first responders and law enforcement representatives.

John Daff, president of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3752, is a Navy veteran who figures this year's event will carry a special meaning since it coincides with Patriot Day for the first time.

"We don't want it to be forgotten," he said of the 9/11 attacks.

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CHURCH NEWS

First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills, 38231 5th Ave., invites you to Sunday services with Pastor Rob McKinney.

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 McKinney, 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.

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 p.m.

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.

OBITUARIES



William R. (Billy) Doty

DOTY, William R., 54, of Zephyrhills passed away Aug. 30, 2021. Billy was born on Aug. 24, 1967 in Battle Creek, Mich. to Norma and William Doty. He was united in marriage to Dawn Michelle Simonds on Aug. 29, 1987. He was employed by Cross Environmental for 35 years. Billy enjoyed motorsports, football, and spending time with his grandchildren and family. He is survived by his loving family including his wife, Dawn; children, Elissa Doty, William Doty, Chelsey Ray and Sara Doty; father, William R. Doty, Sr.; grandchildren, Bryant, Taylor, James Martin, Ethan and Mckinley Hill, William RL Doty and Kaydence Gaskin; siblings, Wendy Nguyen, Sherry Doty and Teresa Doty; 15 nieces and nephews; 32 great nieces and nephews; and so many wonderful friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Norma Doty.



Juan Sanchez Sr.

SANCHEZ SR., Juan, 68, of Dade City passed away Sept. 1, 2021. He was born July 5, 1953, in Lubbock, Texas to Braulio and Guadalupe (Lugo) Sanchez, Anna Danella, Rachel Ibarra and Juan Sanchez, Jr.; a special nephew, Domingo Sanchez, Jr.; 10 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. His is also survived by Jose Sanchez, Sr., Pedro Sanchez, Domingo Sanchez, Sr., Ania Diaz, Felisita Sanchez, Guadalupe Caudill, Nelda Bush, Lucy Sanchez and his two fur babies, Mya and Spike. Juan was preceded in death by his

father, mother, four brothers and a sister. The family will receive friends Sept. 9, 3-5 p.m. at Whitfield Funeral Home.



Chad B Ervin

ERVIN, Chad B, was born on Sept. 12, 1975 in Tampa and went to be with the Lord on Sept. 4, 2021. He is survived by his wife, Jonie Ervin; mother, Sharon Barrentine; grandfather, Otis Barrentine; six children, BJ, Kattie, Kristina, Susan, John and Jessi; eight grandchildren, Emma, Julia, Jocelyn, Ellie, Charlie, Liam, DJ and Kynzlee; brothers, Charles III and Anthony; sister, Sonya; mother-in-law, Pamlea Ellis; and many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. Chad was preceded in death by his father, Charles Ervin; grandmother, Jean Barrentine; and uncle, Johnny Barrentine. Chad will be missed beyond words. Services will be at Hodges Funeral Home in Zephyrhills on Sept. 13. Viewing will be open to family and friends from 4-6 p.m. with services beginning at 6 p.m. In Lieu of flowers, any donations would be appreciated and made to his family.



St. Joseph Catholic Church located at 38710 5th Ave. offers Sunday masses at 7, 9 and 11 a.m. and a Saturday mass at 4 p.m. with Reverend Allan Tupa.

CONSIDER YOUR WAYS

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

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

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GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Mercury's influence creates some unsettling moments, but nothing that you can't live with. You'll soon learn more about that major change that is about to be revealed.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Opportunities for you are like the phases of the Moon: constantly appearing and reappearing. So, cheer up. The opportunity you think you let slip by will be replaced by another.

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LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Someone whose friendship you felt you had to write off will try to revive it. What you do is up to you. But don't do it without giving it considerable thought.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) A job-related plan might need to be re-worked to allow for changes. Lucky for you that Saturn remains a strong influence that can help you focus on getting it done right.

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AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) A friendly competition could become more contentious than you expected. Take time out to discuss the reasons behind this unexpected change, and act accordingly.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) You have a wonderful mind for solving mysteries, so you should feel confident about solving the one developing very close to you. An unlikely source offers help.

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The details of the agenda are available online at <http://www.ci.zephyrhills.fl.us/AgendaCenter> and in the Planning Department located on the first floor of City Hall, 5335 8th Street, Zephyrhills. 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 the agenda items or may submit written comments to the Historic Preservation Board, 5335 8th Street, Zephyrhills, FL 33542.

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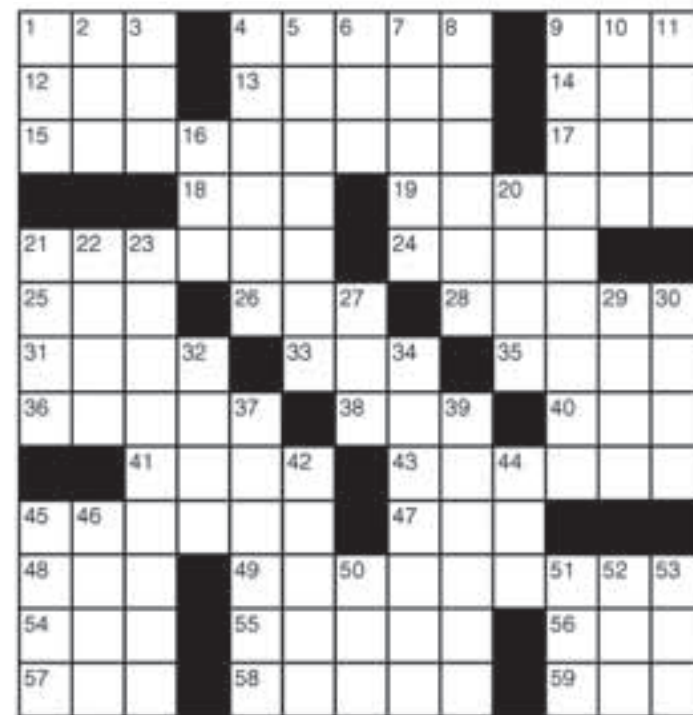
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Right: One of several vans is parked in a lot between two buildings at Pasco County Animal Services.



Below: A sign depicting the address for the adoption center is one of the first things visitors see before driving into the parking lot.



Below: Some people take their pets to the animal services building for routine checkups and treatments. Among them were Stephanie Stamina and Tim Schleich, who leave with Molly, a 6-year-old shih tzu, and Louie, a 5-year-old yorkshire terrier.

Below: Bridget Mire, the shelter's education and outreach coordinator, takes Rosita, a boxer mix, for a stroll on the grounds.



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PET ADOPTION: From Page 1A

shelter has a capacity for 100 dogs and 50 cats.

Mike Shumate, director for animal services, said what there is no one particular time of year for dogs being taken to the shelter. On the other hand, many kittens are taken in during the late spring and summer months.

Mire noted that the shelter has a 90 percent save rate, which in part is due to a strong relationship with partners such as the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals to go along with assorted rescue and foster programs.

"We know we couldn't do it by ourselves," said Spencer Conover, assistant director for animal services, alluding to the partnerships established over the years. "It really is a community effort and, to me, that's the nice part."

Animal services is about much more than adoption. Numerous county residents have opted to take their pets there for treatment, shots and vaccines. Among the reasons is a lower cost for services compared to private veterinarians.

"We're new to the area and there are so many varied opinions of vets, but animal services is a little more trustworthy and it's cost effective," said Stephanie Stamina, who along with Tim Schleich recently took their dogs — a shih tzu and Yorkshire terrier — in for checkups and treatment.

For the past three years, animal services and the shelter have been bolstered by an increase in county funds with this year's budget at \$4.9 million. While the shelter had just one full-time veterinarian on hand, now there are two, as well as two vet technicians.

Still, Mire noted, "We're not a full-service veterinarian (clinic)."



Above: Working at the front counter at Pasco County Animal Services are staff employees Scott Hosch, Cindy Antink and Kim Hutson, who is shown waiting on a customer.

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AdventHealth of Zephyrhills CEO Amanda Maggard paints a grim picture of what the local hospitals are facing in recent weeks.



Zephyrhills City Manager William Poe Jr. makes his appeal for the three civic projects, voted on as top priorities. ANDY WARRENER

DELEGATION MEETING: From Page 1A

"more stability" for court services that rely heavily on, "increasingly unstable" civil traffic citations.

Next up was Zephyrhills City Manager William Poe Jr. putting forth funding requests for the projects already arrived upon at city council meetings: the airport runway extension, the sewer and water main project and the improvements at Zephyr Park.

Next was Dade City Manager Leslie Porter. She listed four transportation projects as requests for appropriations, the extension of Morningside Drive among them. Porter touted the city's charm and revival of downtown but also highlighted the challenges of aging infrastructure.

The last local government official was New Port Richey City Manager Debbie Manns requesting appropriations for increasing the city's cybersecurity.

Members of the local judiciary were next to petition the delegation. First up was State Attorney Bruce Bartlett. He did not have a specific request but he painted the picture of the 2nd District Courthouse being stretched to its limits. He spoke of the backlog of cases and workload issues with his staff and hoped the delegation could do something in the next legislative session to alleviate the pressure.

Judge Shawn Crane of the 6th Judicial Court spoke of the current opioid epidemic and

how Pasco County's drug court needed the delegation's support.

Next up were Public Defenders Sara Mollo and LaKeith Amir-Shariff. They touted a "Books Through Bars" program and hoped to receive legislative support in 2022.

Local college and university officials were up next. Only Dr. Timothy Beard of Pasco Hernando State College appeared in this section. Beard reminded the delegation of the 2022-23 legislative session requests already submitted and touted PHSC's \$25 million Student Success/Engagement Center.

Civic organizations and businesses were next to appeal to the delegation. Amanda Maggard, CEO of Advent Hospital Zephyrhills painted a grim picture of what local hospitals are dealing with as a new strain of COVID-19, the Delta variant, is taxing the hospital's staff and facilities.

"We currently have three times the COVID patients now than in the previous surge," Maggard said. "We need help to prevent the spread and change the trajectory of this virus."

Maggard stated that staffing already faced steep challenges but that they are now at an "unsustainable level." She also asked the delegation to monitor price gouging of supplies and equipment.

Alan Wilkett and Laura Hamilton of Bridging Freedom were next. Bridging Freedom is a non-profit that provides services for victims of human trafficking. Hamilton shared how the organization has helped 54 girls in the

last three years.

Gail Armstrong of the PACE Center for Girls, an educational service provider was next. Armstrong stated that 113 girls were currently in the day program and that 98 percent complete the program and, "drastically improve their education." She mentioned specific students that had completed or at least began pursuit of their college education goals.

Evan Holler of the Alzheimer's Association of Florida spoke next. Holler pointed out that Alzheimer's is the sixth leading cause of death in the United States and that there are 580,000 Floridians diagnosed. Holler's request was for better training for staff, for the state Department of Health to provide more educational material and for the legislature to support programs like Brain Bust.

Karen Barfield of the Central Florida Behavioral Health Network (CFBHN) spoke. CFBHN is a substance abuse non-profit that serves 120,000 people and operates in 14 Florida counties. Barfield wanted to ensure that the \$3.5 million would be preserved in the next budget and that the delegation supported House Bill 945 (Children's Mental Health Bill).

Following that was Lorraine McBride with Step Up for Students. She asked the delegation to continue support of the state scholarship program that allows students to attend schools outside of their zoned public school. McBride brought in two families to share their experience with the program.

Joey Resnick of Premier Community Health Care, a non-profit providing quality, affordable and accessible health care services spoke of the 36,000 patients his organization cares for and how they, "don't turn anyone away." He also touted the 24,000-square-foot facility on the West side and 10,000-square-foot facility on the East side, in Zephyrhills, that are planned for construction.

Ray Watters from Film Florida, next appealed to the delegation. Watters lamented the loss of film productions in Florida to neighboring Georgia. He stated that Florida lost roughly 100 film projects to other states.

"Georgia had four billion dollars of direct spending by the film industry - we need to compete," Watters said.

Following Watters was Dr. Sandra Brahm of the Gulf Coast Jewish Family & Community Services. She spoke of the 37,000 Floridians supported by her organization and the 1,200 non-custodial parents helped by programs in the organization. Brahm also touted the \$7 million,

"returned to children" last year. She asked for the delegation to approve the \$250,000 from last year's appropriation.

Haley Busch of 1000 Friends of Florida was next at the podium. She touted some of the state's, "smart land use decisions" and asked for continued support of the 2020 Clean Waterways Act. She also asked that the legislature, "maintain momentum" in keeping the \$300 million in the next budget.

Next up was Don Peace representing the United School Employees of Pasco. Peace spoke of stagnating wages for veteran teachers and how some new hires can make as much as 15-year teachers. He also spoke of how support employees like cafeteria workers and bus drivers are sorely neglected.

CEO Mark Wickham of the Youth and Family Alternatives, Inc. was next. Wickham spoke of the organization's 400 employees and 200 adoptions. He also cautioned about the 60 percent increase in people coming in for services. It has created a \$24 million budget deficit and, "strain on staff." Wickham also noted that wages at the organization have been stagnant for the last eight years.

Last of the group was Tammy Rabon-Noyce of CLASS Pasco, Inc.. Her 260-member non-profit works in Pasco County schools. Rabon-Noyce echoed some of the problems that Peace highlighted earlier, focusing on the bus driver shortage. She stated that some children had to wait for three runs before they could take the bus from school home.

A handful of Pasco County citizens finished out the meeting. Laurette Philipsen spoke of difficult situations and abuses in the county jail system. She requested that an oversight board be established to monitor the county jails.

Allen Johnson petitioned the delegation specifically for \$500 to accommodate pet-friendly areas with signage on the west side of the island at Anclote Key. Some area residents spoke in favor of anti-tethering bills in the upcoming legislative session.

Melonie Monson of the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce thanked the delegation and touted the Chamber's support of small business in the area.

Wrapping up the meeting, Burgess thanked the petitioners and legislative staff on-hand.

"These things were not put together easily or overnight," Burgess said.

And with that, Burgess closed the meeting and the delegates are off to Tallahassee with some significant priorities to manage.

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