

They're Better Together

Former Foes Combine To Beat West Team

by Dave Walters

Players from Zephyrhills, Pasco and Zephyrhills Christian played key roles in the East squad's 17-14 win against the West in the Pasco County All-Star Football Game on Dec. 7.

Pasco brought five players to the party. Flying the Pirate flag were Cody Mercer, Cameron Smith, Ben Hooks, Zack Williams and Cameron Craig. "This week was amazing," said senior linebacker Smith. "They are an electrifying group of guys. All of these guys are so exciting and fun. We were super competitive during the season and now we were super competitive together and it paid off."

Bulldog defensive lineman Kameron Allen, who spent most of the night stuffing the West squad's running game, was named MVP in the game, which was presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"It was crazy, I thought others deserved it, but I had a pretty good game," said Allen. "It was great to come

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Normally 9-Mile War rivals, Zephyrhills' Cameron Tucker and Pasco's Zack Williams teamed up to represent east Pasco football on Friday. *Photo by Dave Walters*



Sophia Jones and her daughter accept her medal at Saturday's Reindeer Run.

Run, Run Rudolph Lake Jovita Event Raises Money For Sunrise of Pasco

Story and photos by Sam Newlon

Despite the wet conditions and the temperature in the 40s, more than 100 runners gathered for the 11th annual Lake Jovita Reindeer Run to benefit Sunrise of Pasco County on Saturday.

The event has been a family friendly run since its inception and the ages of the racers this year ranged from 5 to 70 years old. Some participants embrace the holiday spirit by dressing up in festive costumes and runners could be seen wearing reindeer antler headbands and heard running with jingle bells.

The race circles Lake Jovita's south golf course in the gated community off State Road 52. Racers started at the clubhouse and finished next to the putting green.

The overall winner of was Samuel McBride, a cross-country runner for Leto

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Jason Alonso, 11, came in third place in Lake Jovita's Reindeer Run on Saturday morning.

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Pirates Lose One To Rival *Fast Start Gives Zephyrhills The Edge*

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

Zephyrhills jumped out to a 12-2 lead to start the game and never looked back taking down rival Pasco 52-44 at home Friday night.

The Bulldogs led from the opening tip to the ending buzzer to improve to 3-1 on the season, paced by Derico Quiles with 14 points. Anthony Antoine added 13 and Cartrell Strong accounted for10 points.

The Bulldogs held a 15-6 advantage after the opening quarter and stretched

that lead to 23-12 at the half.

Zephyrhills kept the Pirates at bay and continued to have a 10-point lead, 33-23 at the end of the third. The Pirates didn't go quietly as they closed the gap to 33-29 with 6:20 to play and were down 47-44 with 1:17 on the clock.

But the Bulldogs went on a 5-0 run to close out the game for the win.

Pirate Rony Webster had a teamhigh 14 points and 11 rebounds and Jayden Baxter added nine points and 12 rebounds. With the loss, the Pirates dropped to 2-4 on the young season.



Surrounded by four Bulldog defenders Roney Webster surges for a layup against Zephyrhills on Friday night.



Pasco senior Ronald Hambrick looks for running room on the court during the 9-Mile War game hosted by Zephyrhills last Friday.

"I think the guys have to start believing," said Pasco first-year head coach Tellis Scott. "We have a team that is good enough to beat them (Zephyrhills). We need to come out here with fire right off the bat. We have the athletes to do well. They need to catch on quick. If they do, we'll be fine."

For Zephyrhills coach Mike Novak, the big lead to start the game wasn't a reason to slow down.

"It was like we were sleepwalking out there," Novak said. "You see leads like that in a lot of games and kids think it's easy. The next thing you know you let down a little bit and the other team is right back in it.

"It's a rivalry game. When it comes to

this game, it's more than physical play, it's mental as well."

The Pirates and Bulldogs rekindle their 9-Mile War on Jan. 19 in Dade City.

"Hopefully, the next time we see them, we can take them down," Scott said. "It is a big deal. Next time we'll get them in our house. I'm pretty sure we'll do some damage."

While waiting for the rematch, Bulldog Myles Carter is cherishing another 9-Mile War victory.

"It's fun," said Carter. "It's like football all over again. Having bragging rights to beat Pasco in every sport I play is fun. Everybody knew it was the 9-Mile War and we had to come out and contribute and get the win."

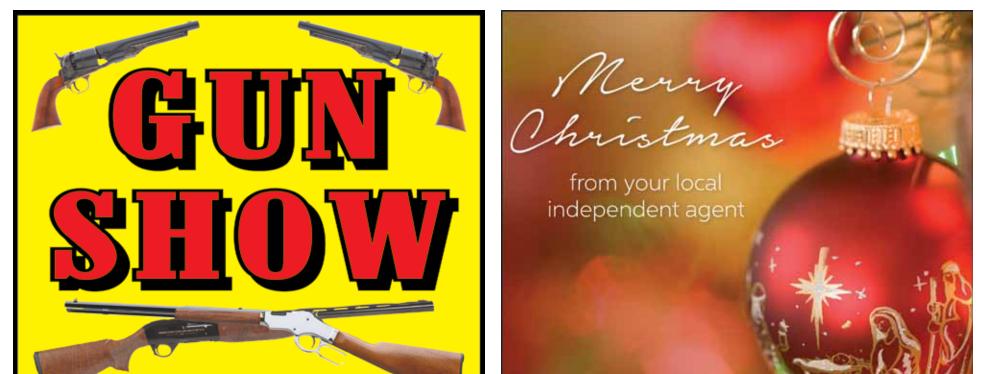
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High School in Tampa. The 14-year-old was training separate from his team to improve his personal time.

Another young racer, 11-year-old Jason Alonso, crossed the finish line in third place overall. His family was cheering him on as he made the final turn to the end and embraced him as he finished the race. When his father asked him if he saw his time, Alonso responded, "I wasn't looking at the time, I was looking at you guys."

For more than a decade the Reindeer Run has

effectively raised money for local charities and nonprofits while encouraging members of the community to get into the holiday spirit. It was unknown at press time the amount of money raised from this year's event.





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Pasco senior lesha Norton prepares to shoot a basket while being flanked by Zephyrhills defenders Paige Photo by CSSN Johnson (3) and Kaylee Brady (4).

Zephyrhills Wins At Free Throw Line Girls Basketball 'War' A Close Contest

by Vincent Pensabene

The 9-Mile War has had some classic games go down to the wire and last Friday's girls basketball game will be added to that list.

The visiting Lady Bulldogs (2-5) snatched one away from the Pirates, 37-35, as Paige Johnson sunk two free throws late in the game to provide the difference.

The score at halftime looked like a football game as Pasco (1-4) was leading 13-7, but both offenses picked up in the second half. Senior guard Kiara Broner scored 10 of her game-high 17 points in the second half for the Pirates, but picked up her fifth foul late in the fourth quarter. Chelsea Jones led all Bulldogs with 10 points.

The Pirates were drawing fouls and heading to the free throw line but were unable to convert on a high percentage of their opportunities, shooting just 11 of 21 from the line.

"I'm always concerned about our free throws, games are won and lost at the free throw line. If we make three more free throws, the game has a different outcome," said Pasco coach Willie Broner. "I was impressed with how my team continued to battle despite having two starters not play and having an issue controlling the ball. I enjoyed this game despite the result, a true classic rivalry game in the 9-Mile War."

"I told them at halftime that we are either down 2 threes or 3 twos. Our offense was sputtering and we need to continue getting fast-break opportunities," said Zephyrhills coach Dale Palmer. "Our team is young, we have no seniors. So for Paige to be able to keep control of the situation is important."

The Bulldogs continue their season by travelling to Gulf High School tonight to take on the Buccaneers (4-3), while the Pirates are also traveling tonight to take on the Wesley Chapel Wildcats (2-4).

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out and put on a show for the community while representing my team. The East teams now have the bragging rights as the best in the county."

Zephyrhills running back Elijah Thomas took a handoff from fellow Bulldog Charles Harrison III and dashed 51 yards for what turned out to be the decisive touchdown giving the East its second win in the three meetings between these two all-star squads.

"I saw a straight line to the end zone," said Thomas, who was named offensive MVP. "My team needed it and they set up the blocks. We didn't want to walk out with a loss. This has been a great experience to be part of with this group of guys."

Bulldog linebacker Zac Masci made his presence known with a forced fumble, a fumble recovery and an interception for the East squad.

Zephyrhills was represented by Allen, Harrison, Thomas, Masci, Myles Carter,

Sterlin Williams and Cameron Tucker.

"Our kids played very well on defense and took off on some long runs on offense," said Zephyrhills coach Nick Carroll, who called the offensive plays. "It's always good when you represent Zephyrhills in such a good way."

Zephyrhills Christian Academy reached the Class 2A playoffs this season with a young squad, but had talented seniors making an impact as Pasco County All Stars.

"It has been a good opportunity to compete," said ZCA running back Dwight Thomas. "These guys on this team are brothers. We come from different schools and we came together as brothers.

"It was very important for us to bring the win back to the East side."

Warrior linebacker Alonzo Sampson was named Defensive MVP for his work shutting down the West offensive efforts. Wesley Chapel's Chaz Neal, who



Ben Hooks of Pasco lines up to block for Zephyrhills guarterback Charles Harrison III in the Pasco County East-West All-Star Game presented by the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

scooped up a fumble and returned it for MVP and Anclote's Noah Williams won the a touchdown, was named defensive line offensive line MVP honor.

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Unique Sedan, Truck Shine At Show

About 120 Vehicles Displayed Dec. 2

Story and photos by **Joe Potter**

Attendance at the Dec. 2 Dade City Car Show was down slightly from last month's, which was the best attended since the event's format was changed in September.

About 120 cars, trucks and motorcycles of varying models and ages were shown under cloudy skies that hinted of rain.

A 1953 Ford C-500 that Wayne Trent drove over from Hudson drew quite a crowd.

Trent has owned the unique truck for 15 years and spent three years restoring it.

A wrecked fire truck in Canada supplied Trent with its 8.3-liter Cummins Turbo diesel engine and transmission.

The cab came from Kansas City and Trent acquired a sleeper compartment for the truck from Louisiana. He uses the truck, which now has more than 300,000 miles on it, on a regular basis to transport boats.

A 1953 Ford Custom four-door sedan belonging to Harold and Laura Turner also captured some attention. Turner bought the sedan three years ago and replaced its original 110-horsepower 239-cubicinch flathead V-8 with a 250-horsepower 302-cubic-inch overhead valve V-8, which came from a 1972 Ford. The Custom has a modern Ford C-6 automatic transmission.

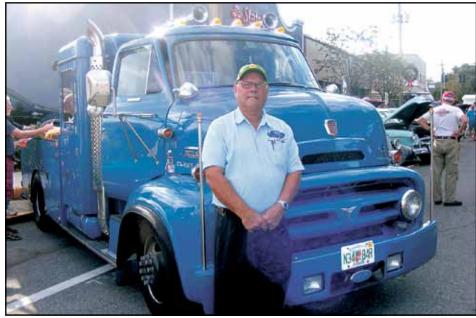
Turner, who operates Zephyrhills Auto Repair near the airport, said he uses the Custom for his daily driver.

An assortment of modern and vintage muscle cars was displayed including Plymouth Barracudas and Furys from the 1960s and '70s, and Dodge Chargers and Challengers from the mid- to late 2000s.

There was also a good representation of Ford and General Motors products



Harold and Laura Turner of Zephyrhills are proud of their 1953 Ford Custom.



Wayne Trent of Hudson has owned his 1953 Ford C-500 for 15 years.

ranging from classic street rods to late model Mustangs and Corvettes.

One person had a 1953 Hudson J at the show while another had an early model Crosley station wagon.

A disc jockey spun some discs with

different types of music to entertain those attending the event.

Area businesses and restaurants stayed open during the show so those attending could do some early Christmas shopping or get a bite to eat.



Several people stopped to look at this sports car that was displayed on Dec, 2.



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Church News

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Temple Baptist Church – The assistant pastor, Micha Felber, will be conducting a special Sunday school class this week at 10 a.m. He will be introducing the church to their new web site, TBCDadeCity.com. In the 11 a.m. worship service Pastor Woodard will continue his series from the Gospel of Luke.

Sunday worship is at 11 a.m.. Wednesday prayer meeting is at 7 p.m. Temple Baptist is located at 37253 Clinton Ave. in Dade City.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

- Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is located at 37015 Orange Valley Lane in Dade City, on the corner of Ft. King Road and Clinton Avenue. Call (352) 567-8424 or visit www. shephillslc.org for information.

Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable items to our food pantry, which is open on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon.

First Presbyterian Church of Dade City – Rev. Dr. Cheryl Duke and the church invites everyone to services.

Scout Troops and Cub Scout Packs meet at the church at 7 p.m. New members are welcome.

Historic First Presbyterian Church, located at 37412 Church Ave., worships every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study is held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study for those 55 and older is every Wednesday at 10 a.m. for study, fun, fellowship and lunch. Call (352) 567-2591 or firstpresdadecity@ gmail.com for information.

Dade City Christian Church – Worship service is 10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Sunday School is held at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday service is held at 6:30 p.m. Women's' Bible Study is Fridays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Middle and high school Awakening is from 4-6 p.m. on Sundays.

The church is located at 11800 Windsorwood Blvd. Contact the church at (352) 518-0072 or dadecitychristian@ aol.com or visit www.dadecitycc.com for information.

First Baptist Church of Dade City -Worship services are on Sundays at 9:15 or 10:45 a.m. and children's services at 9:15 a.m. Nursery is available. A Spanish service is held at 1 p.m. Sunday and youth activities are at 5 p.m.

Bible studies are available Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.. For the children and youth: AWANA for age 4 through fifth grade and middle and high school activities are offered. Visit www.fbcdadecity.org or call (352) 567-3265 for information.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church - Father Krzysztof welcomes you to worship with us. Join us for our Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m. and Sunday Masses at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Daily Mass is held at 7:30 a.m. Confessions are on Saturday at 3:15 p.m. or by appointment. Children have religious education on Sunday mornings and the youth group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of the month.

If you are not Catholic or have been away from the Church, our RCIA group meets on Monday evenings. Visit www. sacredheartdadecity.org for information. The church is located at 32145 St. Joe Road.

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church -Established in 1883, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is a parish community with a rich history and a great future. Located at 32832 St. Anthony Way in San Antonio. Our pastor, Fr. Garry Welsh, as well as our entire parish community, invite you to come and worship with us.

First Presbyterian Welcomes New Pastor



On Dec. 10, the First Presbyterian Church members joyfully and unanimously voted to welcome Rev. Dr. Cheryl Duke as our new pastor. She and her husband, Dick Wenzel, pictured above, will move to Dade City early in January and her first Sunday will be Jan. 7. We will have outstanding guest pastors in December. Our beautifully decorated sanctuary will be open during Church Street Christmas to visit as well as to enjoy nightly entertainment and all are invited. *Photo Provided*

Daily mass is offered Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. and on Saturdays at 8:15 a.m. Our Saturday vigil mass is at 5:30 p.m. and our Sunday masses are offered at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Starting first weekend in December weekend mass times will change to the following: Saturday vigil mass at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday masses at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Confessions are Saturday from 8:45 a.m. or by appointment.

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Fort Dade Baptist Church - Regular services are every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday school for children and adults worship is at 11 a.m. Evening service is at 6 p.m. and midweek Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Ladies Bible Study is held Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. The church is located at 14231 Old Mission Road. Call (352) 567-6183 for information.

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Community & Club News

Centennial Eagles #4399

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Other activities include Sunday bar Bingo at 1 p.m.; dart tournament on Mondays at 7 p.m.; pool tournament on Tuesdays at 7 p.m.; nickel Bingo on Wednesdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.; bar Bingo on Thursdays at 6 p.m.; Friday fish fry from 4:30-7 p.m. followed by a pool tournament at 7 p.m.; and nickel bingo on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Located at 10549 U.S. 301. Call the club at (352)567-9755 for information.

Kiwanis Club of Dade City

This service organization meets every Tuesday at noon at the American Legion Hall, located at 37745 Church Ave. in Dade City. Lunch is followed by a speaker on current topics of interest to the club. Kiwanis is a worldwide organization whose focus is on the children of the world. The Dade City club's primary focus is on helping the children of east Pasco County. Guests are welcome to come to a meeting and learn more about how we support children in our community.

American Legion Post #15

Join Dade City Post #15 every Saturday night for Karaoke with Rick starting at 6 p.m. Saturday dinners are available from 5-7 p.m. Music jams are every Wednesday night, but when the snowbirds go home we will have to practice Karaoke for those who want to try new songs, just watch, or sing Karaoke for the first time in a friendly environment. Refreshments available for purchase along with a full-service bar.

Regular business meetings are conducted on the second Monday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend.

We are located in beautiful downtown Dade City at 37745 Church Ave. Join us in support of all veterans and hometown heroes. Call (352) 518-0021 for information.

Community Cycling Ride

Ride leaves from the parking lot next to 14112

Eighth St. in Dade City at 8 a.m. every Saturday and is approximately two hours long with a varying pace depending on skill levels. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Josh or Kaleigh Thornton at wickedawesomeracing@gmail.com for information.

Chess Club

The Hugh Embry Library Chess Club meets Wednesdays from 5-7:30 p.m. We have boards and pieces so bring your winning attitude and chess clock if you prefer to use one. Meetings are held at the Hugh Embry Library Meeting Room, 14215 Fourth St. in Dade City. Contact Glen Thompson at bookbollard@ iCloud.com or call (352) 567-7449 for information.

Zumba for College Scholarships

Every Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. Come dance for \$3 per class at La Onda Dance Club, 37518 Lock St. in Dade City. All proceeds go to graduating seniors college scholarships. Email griveras@mail.usf. edu for information.

East Pasco Amateur Radio Society

Monthly exams for all levels of amateur radio licenses are available on the third Tuesday of every month. The test sessions are held at Saint Leo University, 33701 S.R. 52, at 5:30 p.m. Email k4ex@arrl.net or visit eparsonline.org to schedule a test please or for more information.

Military Order of the Purple Heart

Chapter #705 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is calling all combat wounded veterans to join us promoting patriotism, history, fraternalism and assistance. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at AMVETS Post #550, 4645 Airport Road, Zephyrhills. Life membership is available for all combat wounded veterans, their dependents and survivors, for \$50, payable in two convenient payments of \$25 each. Call Earl McMillan at (813) 782-3425 or email emcmillan1@verizon.net, or contact Guy Patterson at (864) 561-6644 for information.

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If you have, or even think you may have, a problem with alcohol, call (813) 933-9123 (24 hours) for a local meeting or just someone to talk with.

Support Group for Grieving Adults

Adults who are grieving the death of a loved one are welcome to participate in an ongoing grief support group, offered at no charge by HPH Hospice. The group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month, from 3-4 p.m. at Humana, 7920 Gall Blvd. in Zephyrhills. No registration is required. An HPH bereavement counselor facilitates the group and one can attend as often as they'd like. Call HPH at (800) 486-8784 for information.

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This program gives people support as they seek to break their tobacco addiction. It is a two hour session to guide the group members toward a successful quit attempt. Learn about Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and receive free NRT. Call (813) 929-1000 for information on free tobacco cessation classes.

Al-Anon Support Group

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. There are local day and evening groups throughout the area that meet weekly. Call (352) 697-0497 or visit www.nfldistrict5.com for meeting locations/times and more information.

Narcotics Anonymous

Information about various Narcotics Anonymous meetings that are held several days a week in East Pasco may be obtained by calling (813) 527-3853. Narcotics Anonymous can help those who have drug problems and who are willing to participate in the program. Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with any of the places at which its meetings are held.



Obituaries

Jennifer O'Berry Bacon

BACON, Jennifer O'Berry, 49, of Dade City, passed away Dec. 4, 2017. She was born May 17, 1968, in Tampa, to Ivan D. and Patricia Ann Freed Galster. Her husband, Larry Harcrow, survives along with son, Eric O'Berry; daughter, Ellie Bacon; mother, Patricia Ann Galster Pieroni; and sister, Pamela O'Berry. Her daughter, Christina O'Berry, preceded her in death along with her father, Ivan Galster; and sister, Sandy Gieras. A Celebration of Life service was held Dec. 9 at the U.S. 301 Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home and she was interred at Dade City Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations in her memory to the Humane Society or the Red Cross.

Karee Nichole Shive Parks Cooksey

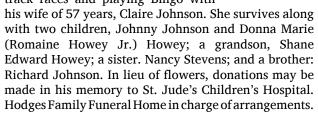
COOKSEY, Karee Nichole Shive Parks, 39, passed away Dec. 3, 2017. She was born May 11, 1978, in Dade City. She was a lifelong Zephyrhills resident. Karee loved her family and friends and enjoyed helping others. She had a big heart and a beautiful smile. One of her favorite things was to play Secret Santa. Karee was a member of the Zephyrhills Lions Club, Girl Scouts of America and a dedicated member of the Zephyrhills Toys for Tots campaign. She worked as an executive assistant at the University of South Florida and at Saint Leo University. Her beloved husband and soulmate, Darren, survives. While they only had a few short years together, those were the happiest of her life. Also, her mother, Melodie Parks survives, along with five step children; two step grandchildren; sisters, Lexis Parks and Jennifer Tish; a brother, James Stafford Jr.; and her step mother, Joy

Stafford. Her father, George Parks Jr., preceded her in death along with her beloved grandmother, Elawanda Shive; brothers, James and Robert Parks; and her biological father, James Stafford Sr. Services were held Dec. 11 at Whitfield Funeral Home.

Leo Johnson

JOHNSON, Leo, 75, of Ridge Manor, passed away Dec.

7, 2017, in Dade City. He was born July 12, 1942, in Canton, Ohio, to Thomas Johnson and Rose Mitchell. Leo and Claire moved back to Dade City 12 years ago from West Palm Beach. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles in Dade City and he loved to attend the dog track races and playing Bingo with



Luis Rosales Jr.

ROSALES, Luis Jr., 17, of Dade City, passed away Dec. 1, 2017. He was born Nov. 30, 2000, in Zephyrhills, to Luis Rosales Sr. and Juanita Ramirez and was a student at Pasco High School. His mother and stepfather, Juanita Ramirez and Guillermo Uribe, survive along with his grandmother, Juanita Ramirez; aunts and uncles, Carmen Ramirez, Antonio Ramirez, Santos Ramirez, Jesus Ramirez, Ruthie Ramirez, Gorge Zapata and Gerardo Rosales; sisters, Sol and Maya Alvarez; and numerous cousins and friends. Services were held Dec. 6 at the Disciple of Christ/Disipolo de Cristo Church. Burial followed at Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Judith Ann Twyman

TWYMAN, Judith Ann, 75, of Ridge Manor, passed

away Nov. 28, 2017. She was born Feb. 5, 1942, in Louisville, Ky., to Raymond and Joyce Fitzgerald Dixon and was a retired beautician. Her husband, Wendell Twyman, survives along with her father, Ray Dixon; five children, Rick Smith, Michael Smith, Elizabeth Rosatelli, Jennifer Turner and Stephanie Levy; three siblings,



Gerald Dixon, Randy Dixon and Peggy Gill; 10 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. A viewing was held on Dec. 1 at the U.S. 301 Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home. Flowers will be gratefully accepted or those that wish may make a donation in her memory to a charity close to their hearts.

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