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Zephyrhills Christian quarterback Jacobey Braxton gets ready to fire a pass downfield in last week's Spring Football Classic.

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ZCA Can't Wait Until Fall

Showstoppers Emerge In 48-7 Spring Game

by Dave Walters

Zephyrhills Christian Academy quarterback Jacoby Braxton threw for four touchdowns to Kavbion Marbra – including three in the first quarter – to power ZCA to a 48-7 Spring Football Classic win against Cypress Creek.

The fourth TD came on an 18-yard connection in the second quarter to give the Warriors a 28-0 lead.

"It takes off a tremendous amount of pressure as a quarterback when you have a receiver like him to throw to," Braxton said of Marbra. "He has the best hands in the county."

Javan Smith scored on a 66-yard TD run to help ZCA jump out to a 34-0 lead and TJ Scott added a 55-yard touchdown run to boost the score to 40-0 at halftime.

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'Kick Around' Draws Crowd

Soccer Clinic Creates Lots Of Interest

Story and photos by Dave Walters

Children of all ages came out Saturday morning for a free soccer camp as the Florida Soccer Club – Spirit of Tampa Bay brings youth soccer back to Zephyrhills.

More than 60 children came out for the "kick around" event where coaches worked with different age groups going over basic skills.

The Temple Terrace Soccer Association, Inc., (known as the Florida Soccer Club – Spirit of Tampa Bay) entered into a relationship with the City of Zephyrhills to use the Krusen Field to grow youth soccer for local boys and girls.

"This is just to get the community to know us and for us to get to know the community," said Florida Soccer Club President James Elliott. "There are some really good players out here and it gives some of these younger kids someone to look up to."

Elliott sees the free one-day clinics as an organic way to build a program in Zephyrhills

"Soccer hasn't been here for like 10 years," Elliott said. "It's about spreading the love of the game. It's a passion of mine, and everyone in our



Jalyn Beakley shows her ball handling skills during Saturday's drills.

club at every age. We are trying to extend that passion to the rest of the community."

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Gary Blissett, director of coaching for the Florida Soccer Club – Spirit of Tampa Bay, prepares to demonstrate a drill for some of the 60 children who attended Saturday morning's 'kick around' event at Krusen Field.

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Also on hand to offer expertise was Gary Blissett, director of coaching for the organization. He comes to FSC Spirit with worldwide experience as a former professional player, professional coach and Technical Director.

"This is an amazing turnout here today," Blissett said as he looked at the children in a circle around him. "We were rained out Friday and to have this many come out here shows how much they love the game."

Elliott hopes to develop the recreational youth soccer in Zephyrhills, which could serve as a feeder program to a Zephyrhills competitive team that will play as the Zephyrhills Spirit.



Bree Zanguilder maneuvers through cones set up at Krusen Field.

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With a running clock in the second half, both teams scored as Cypress Creek got on the board on an 80-yard run by Devin Santana. ZCA answered right back when eighth-grader Demetri Wade added a 63-yard touchdown run.

Although the Warriors scored seven touchdowns and nearly held the Coyotes scoreless, coach Mike Smith wasn't satisfied with the performance.

"Too many penalties seems to be the theme with us," Smith said. "We had too many. We had holding, stupid offside calls and other stuff. We have to be more disciplined. That's the deal every time. We'll work on it in the offseason."

Marbra has become one large figure on the radar of Division I programs. He has received offers and Smith reported that 24 college coaches have come to ZCA in a 10day span this spring.

"He is going to land big offers this summer," Smith said.

Marbra complimented his quarterback's progress in the spring that made the passing game so productive.

"He came a long way. We have been practicing. We got the chemistry right and sooner or later it clicked in," Marbra said.

"This fall is going to be a show. Stay tuned."
Smith isn't doubting the Warriors will

return to the playoffs. From what he saw this spring, plus other players returning to the roster, he expects this team will be a force to reckon with.

"We're good and we're strong," Smith said. "We're going to have a good squad next year. We need to cut down on the



Kavbion Marbra (8) and Javan Smith celebrate a touchdown in last Thursday's spring game.

Photo by CSSN

penalties. If we do that, we'll be tough to beat.

"It's been an awesome spring. There is so much unity. There is not a lick of selfishness on this team and that will help us win next season."

Braxton sees this 2018 squad blending very well during spring practice.

"The team built more of a family this year," Braxton said. "We have come together as one. I can't say much about me. We have a whole team that did this."









Drag Illustrated Cover Star

by Vincent Pensabene

The person who is known as "Lil Country" has been making a big impact on the drag racing community.

Justin Swanstrom is 'just a normal guy from Zephyrhills' with extraordinary talent behind the wheel. Swanstrom was introduced to drag racing by his family at a very young age. He eventually began competing as soon as he had his first car at age 14.

Swanstrom doesn't go by his name anymore. The drag racing community now just knows him by "Lil Country" and got that name because he lived out in the country when he was young. He doesn't really have a ritual of sorts before a race, he just says a prayer to be safe and let him do his best and let the rest happen.

"I was excited when I saw the cover [of Drag Illustrated]. I was told that if I won the race I was at that I would be on the cover and two months later, I was," Swanstrom said. "I loved everything about it, the entire article they did on me and the cover. I even got two plaques made and my family was thrilled to see it as well."

Swanstrom plans on doing one more race in the near future at the legendary Darlington Dragway in Charleston, S.C., early next month, but that's all he has planned for the rest of the summer.

His next mission is to work on his Mustang for a little while and eventually debut it at South Georgia Motorsport Park as 'No Mercy 9'.



Justin 'Lil Country' Swanstrom has gone from a local kid to a national celebrity appearing on the cover of Drag Illustrated.

Bulldogs Run Past Clermont

by Dave Walters

After jumping out to an early lead, Zephyrhills hung on to claim a 27-21 spring game win Thursday against the Knights of Clermont East Ridge.

Leading the offensive charge was Jaquan Sheppard, who scored a pair of rushing touchdowns for the visitors. Sheppard, a receiver, took handoffs on the 'jet sweep' on both scoring plays and hit the end zone.

The Bulldogs also got a touchdown on a quarterback keeper by Tre'pavis Mobley and a big run by Cartrell Strong.

Zephyrhills held a 14-0 lead over the Knights, before the defense gave up their first touchdown of the night.

The Bulldogs added to their lead on Sheppard's second TD to move ahead 20-8. The Knights added a pair of scores before Strong's 25-yard run put the Bulldogs ahead for good.

Zephyrhills will be back on the road in game action Aug. 17 against Mitchell, for the Pre-season Classic. The 2018 season opener will be on Tom Fisher Field at Bulldog Stadium against Wiregrass Ranch High School.

Elks Donate To YMCA



The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 recently donated \$1,500 to the East Pasco Family YMCA. Pictured, from left, are Exalted Ruler Ken Fabiani and Mike Constantino of the YMCA.

Tournament Champions



Congratulations to the Zephyrhills Little League Junior Minors for capturing the Temple Terrace Tournament of Champions on Saturday.

Rockstar Elite Baseball And Softball Summer Training Camps Offered

Rockstar's summer program invites baseball and softball players to participate in this year's programs which will teach fundamental skills needed to excel at all levels, as well as playing in high school and college.

camps, baseball skills camps and college training camps hosted by coach Ryan Pryor as well as guest coaches.

Travel ball, all-star training, private lessons and

Available camps this summer include softball skills memberships are also available. Facilities are located at 11820 Uradco Place #102 in San Antonio. Visit rockstarball.com or call (813) 992-1030 for details including age requirements, prices and dates.



Seville Donates Campaign Money To Thomas Promise



Recent City Council candidate William Seville, right, passes a check to Thomas Promise Foundation Executive Director Joe Simmons. Seville donated the remainder of his campaign funds to the foundation on May 17, which will provide 340 meals to students with limited access to nutritious meals on the weekends

Catch The Bus This Summer

Student Savings With Summer Haul Pass

Whether it's a trip to the beach or reliable transportation to a summer job, the Pasco County Public Transportation Department has students covered with the Student Summer Haul Pass. Pasco County students can ride the fixed-route bus system all summer for only \$20. The special student rate will be effective June 1 through Aug. 31.

Student Summer Haul Passes are available at the following locations:

- · All Pasco County Libraries
- Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller:

West and East Pasco Government Centers

- · Pasco-Hernando State College bookstores in Dade City, New Port Richey andWesley Chapel
- PCPT Administrative Offices: 8620 Galen Wilson Boulevard, Port Richey

Call PCPT at (727) 834-3322 or visit bit.ly/SummerHaulPass for more information about the Student Summer Haul Pass.

Visit ridepcpt.com for information on PCPT bus routes and schedules.



Allen Morris of Lacoochee brings the Habitat for Humanity BBQ dinners to drive-through customers during the afternoon downpour on May 17. Photo by Richard K. Riley

Habitat Fundraiser Prevails Despite Rain

by Keri McAlpine

Despite some un-ideal weather conditions, volunteers for Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco County held a successful BBQ chicken dinner fundraiser last Thursday.

"It was great. Even though we had basically a monsoon coming down it didn't keep the people away. We had a great turnout and it was a lot of fun," said Laurel Weightman, development director for the local Habitat.

This was the second year the dinner sale was held, sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of Dade City, which prepared and cooked all of the meals.

"We're very grateful Kiwanis is

willing to sponsor this... and put in the time and effort required for this," Weightman said.

In the end, about 460 meals were sold bringing in at least \$5,000 for Habitat, Weightman said. Funds raised will go into the organization's pot for construction projects.

At any point during the fundraiser, about 12 to 15 volunteers were on site, mostly families working on their sweat equity hours for their Habitat homes. Before moving into a Habitat home, potential home-owners must contribute a total of 400 sweat equity hours.

"They had a great time and they didn't mind the rain... so it turned out really well," Weightman said.



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Church News

Joy Fellowship for Women – The next meeting will be May 24 at 6 p.m. at Zephyrhills First Assembly of God, 36322 S.R. 54 (next to Winn Dixie), in the Family life center in the back of the church. The speaker will be Vicki Kelly who will enlighten everyone on how the Lord has worked in her life. There will be a time of worshiping the Lord before she speaks. A light supper will be served and a free-will offering will be taken.

Women of all denominations are welcome. Bring a friend. Contact Linda Barlett at (813) 312-8739 or Sandy at (813) 713-3663 for information and to RSVP.

Zephyr Christian Church – Rolling River Rampage Vacation Bible School will be offered June 17-21 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. with closing night at 7 p.m. on June 22. Children age 3 through 5th grade are welcome. Dinner will be provided. Registration is required.

Sunday services include Sunday school at 9 a.m., morning worship and word at 10 a.m., and evening hour at 6 p.m. Nursery is available for all. Wednesday night services are Bible study at 6 p.m. and youth group at 6 p.m. for children age 3 and up.

ZCC is located at 5940 Dogwood St., on the corner of North Street and 23rd Avenue. Visit www.zephyrchristianchurch.org or contact zephyrcc@aol.com or (813) 782-8893 for information.

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills

– The Rev. Denise Lay is pastor of the church. Attend Sunday worship service at 10 a.m. at 5510 19th St. Communion is observed the first Sunday of the month. Sunday school for adults is at 8:30 a.m. Children and youth are dismissed to classes during the 10 a.m. worship service. A nursery is provided during the service. After worship, stop by the fellowship hall for conversation and a snack.

REFRESH Wednesdays begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m. We then break into separate classes as follows: Kindergarten through first grade; second through fifth grade; F.R.E.S.H. youth group; and adult Bible class at 6 p.m. Choir practice is Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Visit www.firstpcz.org or call (813) 782-7412 for information.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – The 'Welcome Café' serves a free hot meal each Tuesday from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Enjoy being served with a delicious plate of hot food. No reservations or paperwork necessary. The church is located at 6040 Eighth St. in Zephyrhills, behind the post office.

Worship with us on Sundays at 10 a.m. Communion is available at all services

and is open for all believers. Morning and evening Bible studies, an active women's service group, men's breakfast and more are offered. Contact (813) 782-1071 or fcczhills@verizon.net for information.

Healing Hearts Café – Come join us every Saturday evening at 4 p.m. for live praise and worship music, a relevant message, and a free café-style dinner. Our mission is to reach the broken and hurting and give them a place to feel accepted and loved. Hope to see you there. Located at 5320 First St

First Baptist Church – Pastor Rob McKinney invites everyone to visit a going church with a coming Savior.

Our teen ministry (TRUTH Ministries) is held on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. with director Jason Hicks and youth leader Barbara Hicks. Bus transportation is available. The children's ministry (TeamKid!) is held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with director Lorraine McKinney and teachers Carol Arnold and Sarah Lutz.

Church visitation is every Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekdays from 6-7 a.m. in the church conference room. Everyone is welcome.

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. Children's activities and choir practice are at 6 p.m. Call the church at (813) 782-5574. First Baptist Church is located at 38231 Fifth Ave. in Zephyrhills.

Vine Church – Worship services are held Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. at 4743 Allen Road. Come as you are; everyone is welcome. Meals are provided for the community on Wednesdays and Fridays at 4:30 p.m. by the park pavilion next to the Water Park at Zephyr Park. A mobile medical unit provides healthcare services for those with no medical insurance at Vine Church on the fourth Thursday of each month. A mobile shower unit provides hot showers at Vine Church from 7-9 a.m. Mondays and Fridays. Call (813) 446-3821 or (813) 298-3232 for information.

Community of Christ – Pastor Mary Martin welcomes you to Sunday services with Sunday school at 9:45 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. located at 7334 16th St. Call (941) 896-1838 for information.

Our social group Sew & So will not meet this summer and will join together again in the fall.

One of our outreach programs is helping the Thomas Promise Foundation on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to pack weekend food bags at 4424 Gall Blvd., in the last building south in the Thomas and Son lot. Join us to help those in need.

Zephyrhills First Church of the Nazarene – Men's breakfast is held on the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in the Errickson Auditorium. Women's study group meets at Creative Souls Café on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. Women's prayer meetings are held Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and contemporary worship is at 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening services start at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays midweek classes for all ages begin at 6 p.m.

ZFN is located at 6151 12th St. in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 782-7032 or visit zfnfamily.org for information.

First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills – Pastor Jim Thomas invites everyone to visit our growing church. Sunday worship includes: traditional worship service at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.; and contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship is held in Cooper Hall behind the sanctuary from 9-10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Adult Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children's church is held at 10:45 a.m.

The church is located in downtown Zephyrhills at 38635 Fifth Ave. Visit www. fumczhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-5645 for more information about our programs.

First Congregational Church of Zephyrhills – Our schedule of services include: Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m., Sunday school at 9 a.m., Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Our ladies group (the G.A.L.S) meet at noon on the first Monday of each month. Our men's breakfast is held on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Our pastor is Rev. Joe Kler, our choir director is Rev. John Strauss and our pianist is Dee Schultz. The church is located at 7900 Fort King Road.

Email Church News to church@pasconewspubs.com

Faith Baptist Church – Sunday morning worship service is held at 10:15 a.m. Growth groups for children, teens and adults are held Sundays at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. children ages 4-11 meet as well as adult Bible study and prayer meeting. Friday is teen night – call the church for further information.

The church is located at 38634 C.R. 54 East in Zephyrhills. Faith Baptist Church has been loving the Zephyrhills community for 44 years, providing answers for a changing world, strengthening marriages, and giving practical help in times of trouble. Visit fbczephyrhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-0880 for information.

Zephyrhills Wesleyan Church – An after-school program L.E.A.P. (Learning Enrichment Activity Program), designed to help students in the community is offered. The program will offer homework help as well as opportunities for students to enrich their learning potential in reading, math, music, art, science and more. For information visit www.zwconline.com and select the L.E.A.P. tab or call (813) 782-7510 ext. 703.

Traditional Sunday worship is held at 9 a.m., Sunday school at 10:15 a.m., and contemporary worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday student ministry for grades K through 12 is held at 6 p.m. The church is located at 38924 C Ave.

St. Elizabeth Episcopal / Anglican Church – Service times are Saturdays at 4 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The church is located at 5855 16th St. (corner of 12th Avenue and 16th Street). Everyone is invited to attend. Our Sunday school meets at 9 a.m. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.



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Community & Club News

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Pasco Alzheimer's and Dementia Support Group

The Alzheimer's Family Organization now has a new support group in Pasco County.

This meeting will be held every third Wednesday of the month at 3:30 p.m. at CARES Crescent Center, at 13906 Fifth St., Dade City.

These groups are for family members, caregivers and others interested in learning more about coping skills of loved ones with Alzheimer's Disease and dementia. These meetings are free and everyone is welcome.

Contact support group leader Lora Morrison at (813) 215-4455 for information.

Zephyrhills Toastmasters Club

Meetings are held every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Microtel Inns and Suites, 7839 Gall Blvd. Toastmasters International is a non-profit educational organization that teaches public speaking and leadership skills through a worldwide network of clubs. We welcome anyone interested in improving their public speaking skills to join us this Thursday. Contact Michelle Petrie at (352) 807-1552 or president-5038718@toastmastersclubs.org for additional information.

Zephyrhills Lions Club

On the first Thursday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. applications are accepted from Pasco County residents for basic eye care through our Sight Program. To qualify please see a list of required documents by visiting www.eclubhouse.org/sites/zephyrhills or by contacting our clubhouse at (813) 788-1441. Clubhouse hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The clubhouse is located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road.

Come join our Tuesday and Friday night Bingo, the largest Bingo in east Pasco. Doors open at 3 p.m., first Bingo session begins at 6 p.m., second session begins at 8 p.m. so come for one session or stay all night. Our kitchen opens at 4 p.m. with a delicious array of freshly prepared foods and desserts. Daily Specials, when available, are \$5.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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.







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AMVETS Post #550

Monday is Bingo from 1-4 p.m. and the kitchen is open from 12-2 p.m. Every Tuesday is Karl Sapp from 4-7 p.m. with the kitchen open from 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday is Ship, Captain and Crew from 1-3 p.m.; the Queen of Hearts is at 5 p.m.; and Corn Toss is also on Wednesdays. Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. is a meat raffle. Friday is our famous Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. with other menu choices available. Saturday steak dinners are from 4-7 p.m. Entertainment is from 7-10 p.m. on Fridays and 4:30-6:30 p.m. on Saturdays. On Sundays join E-bowling at 1 p.m. AMVETS is located at 4645 Airport Road in Zephyrhills. Find us on Facebook or call (813) 780-8180 for information.

Elks Lodge #2731

The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge is located at 6851 Wire Road. A fish fry is held every Friday evening from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with music and dancing. Menu is fried or baked haddock, shrimp or baked chicken, baked potato or French fries, coleslaw or applesauce. Cost is \$10. All events are open to Elks and their invited guests. Karaoke with Dudley is every Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Summer hours are currently in effect - please see the Lodge bulletin for details. Call (813) 782-4604 for information.

VFW #8154

Located at 3954 Paul S. Buchman Highway (State Road 39). Post and Auxiliary meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Wings and Things will be from 2-6 p.m. on Sundays with music from 5-8 p.m. Monday Meat Drawings begin at 4:30 p.m. with music by Billy Cole from 4-7 p.m. Fish Fries are served on Fridays from 4:30-7 p.m. with music following from 7-10 p.m. Come enjoy and participate in Karaoke on Saturdays from 5-8 p.m. Call (813) 782-7194 for information.

Zephyrhills Family Moose Lodge

Mondays - Corn Hole Toss, 7 p.m. in the SQ and spaghetti/chicken dinner from 5-7 p.m.; Tuesdays - Ship Captain Crew at 2 p.m. in the SQ, darts at 7 p.m. and taco Tuesday from 5-7 p.m.; Wednesdays – Dance on Hall Side and Karaoke with Cathy on SQ Side Wind Night from 5-7 p.m.; Thursdays - Live music in SQ from 2-5 p.m.; and burgers from 5-7 p.m.; Fridays – Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. every Friday.

All events are for members and qualified guests. Public Bingo on Thursdays at 6:30 pm is open to the general public. The lodge is located at 3211 Gall Blvd. and can be reached at (813) 782-1771.

Narcotics Anonymous Hotline

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





Zephyrhills Eagles #3752

Smoking and non-smoking Bingo is held every Saturday at 1 p.m. Come early to enjoy our kitchen's burger sliders two for \$2. Friday fish fries are from 5-7 p.m. and stay for Billy Cole Karaoke from 7-11 p.m. Monday night is good home cooking for \$6. Wednesday and Thursday are open menu items, and Sunday morning breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Stop in to visit and stay for a while. Calendars are on Facebook at Zephyrhills Eagles #3752 or call (813) 780-1558 for information.

Eagles Ladies Auxiliary

The Eagles Ladies Auxiliary is a great way to volunteer your time to make a difference in someone's life. We are a community-based organization that is not for profit located at 4149 New River Road in Zephyrhills.

Marine Corps League

The Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Curtin Detachment #1124 of the Marine Corps League (MCL) are looking for a few good Marines and Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Navy Corpsmen to join their ranks. The MCL meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #8154 located at the southeast corner of State Road 39 and Tucker Road at 3954 Paul S. Buchman Highway in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 788-5676 for information.

Marine Corps League Auxiliary

The Marine Corps League Auxiliary meets the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Zephyrhills V.F.W. Post #8154 located at 3954 State Road 39. Call Vanice Holland at (772) 480-0658 for information.

American Legion Post #118

The honor society of American veterans, the 40/8, is now in Zephyrhills. Our promenades are the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 am. at American Legion Post #118. American Legion Zephyr Post #118 meetings are held the third Wednesday of the month at 5340 Eighth St., Zephyrhills, at 7 p.m. Auxiliary meets at 1 p.m. the third Wednesday. The club is open for Legion members, veterans and guests at 3 p.m. Monday-Saturday and Sunday at 1 p.m. Canadian veterans are welcome. Membership is open to all eligible veterans. Call (813) 782-0481 for 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.





Obituaries

Rose Marie Graham

GRAHAM, Rose Marie, formerly of Hamden, Maine, died on May 14, 2018, in Zephyrhills. She will be dearly missed by her many friends and loved ones. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Rose Ellen Hills

HILLS, Rose Ellen, 83, passed away May 16, 2018. Her loving family survives. Whitfield Funeral Home handled

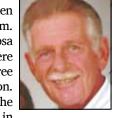
Joan Pearl Miller

MILLER, Joan Pearl, 87, passed away May 15, 2018. Her daughters, Sue West and Sally Dettmer, and other loving family members survive. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Barry Fay Prim

PRIM, Barry Fay, 75, of Zephyrhills, passed away May 17,

2018. Barry was born Feb. 18, 1943, in Saginaw, Mich., the son of Fay Oren Prim and Irene Matilda (Pagel) Prim. Barry married Kathleen Therese Rupsa on April 4, 1964, and they were divorced in 1973. They had three children, Cynthia, Kristi and Jason. Barry met Terri Eddlemon when she was visiting Santa Catalina Island in



July of 1977 and they married on Oct. 28, 1978. Barry worked various jobs and owned a taxi company for a number of years until he sold it and settled into another facet of the tour business. He drove a tour bus and enjoyed this for many years. When Terri retired from her job they moved to Florida in March 2000. Barry enjoyed golfing and volunteered to run leagues and was president of the golf association for a time. He belonged to Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731 since April 2008 and was one of their favorite Bingo callers. Barry and Terri loved to travel and visited many faraway places out of the country as well as all of our 50 states. His wife, Terri, of Zephyrhills, survives along with children, Cynthia Ann Bartolone of Costa Mesa, Calif., Kristi Lee Pridemore, also of Costa Mesa and Michael Ray{Nelly) Eddlemon of Mobile, Ala., Terry Wayne (Jennifer) Eddlemon of Highland, Calif., Lynda Ann Eddlemon (Vinny Divinsky) of Zephyrhills and Cheryl Mai Eddlemon of Ontario, Calif. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren and one greatgreat grandson. His father preceded him in death in 1974, along with his mother in 1991, brother, Terry Frederick 1997, and son, Jason Garret Prim in 2003. Services were held at the Elks Lodge on May 23. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Laurie J. Potosky

POTOSKY, Laurie J., 68, passed away May 13, 2018. Her children, William Potosky Jr. and Tricia Schnuth, survive along with five grandchildren. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Ruth Naomi (Robbins) Stearns

STEARNS, Ruth Naomi (Robbins), 87, of Zephyrhills, passed away on May 14, 2018, after a long battle with complicated health issues. She was born in Tampa, raised in Turkey Creek, and graduated from Turkey Creek High School. Ruth loved flowers and watching golf on TV. She was a capable mate on her sailboat with her husband.

She was a Licensed Practical Nurse who cared deeply for her patients and their families. She had a beautiful smile, great wit, and made many friends throughout her life. She was predeceased by her husband of 35 years, Thomas "Tom" Stearns in 2012. Her parents were James Boswell and Lucy Robbins. Her sons, Hubert C. (Joellen) and Dwight (Donna), survive along with her daughter, Joyce Eileen (Mert); 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Her wishes to have her remains mingled with those of Tom and spread over the Gulf of Mexico will be honored. Please keep her in your hearts and cherish the soul she had. Services were held May 18 at Whitfield Funeral Home.

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