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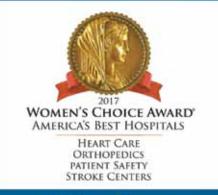
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Get Ready For Tool Time

Harbor Freight Announces Move Into Zephyrhills Market

by Max Zimmerman

A new tenant at Zephyr Plaza will be opening its doors in late September, much to the delight of mechanics, hobbyists and do-it-your-selfers.

Harbor Freight Tools has confirmed they will be setting up shop in the plaza at 5939 Gall Blvd., with the promise of offering "high quality tools at ridiculously low prices."

"We're thrilled to be opening our 63rd Harbor Freight Tools store in Florida and very pleased by the warm welcome we've received in Zephyrhills," said Eric Smidt, president of Harbor Freight Tools.

The California-based company has a tentative opening date of Sept. 26 and anticipates the store will employ 35 to 40 workers, according to Colin Ozar, the marketing manager of the company.

Harbor Freight stocks more than 7,000 items in categories including automotive, air and power tools, shop equipment and hand tools.

"We invite everyone in the Zephyrhills

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City Gives Chief Shears His Way



Zephyrhills Police Chief David Shears, center, stands with, from left, Mayor Gene Whitfield, city councilmen Lance Smith, Ken Burgess, Charlie Proctor, Ken Compton, City Attorney Matt Maggard and councilman Alan Knight after being presented with the new sign for a portion of Eighth Street named after the retiring chief.

Police Chief Retiring At End Of Month

Story and photos by Dave Walters

Zephyrhills City Council made sure the service of retiring Police Chief Dave Shears is never forgotten by naming a section of Eighth Street after the man who dedicated 25 years of his life to ensure the people of Zephyrhills were safe.

From North Avenue to Henry Drive, Eighth Street will share its name as "Chief Shears Way." That stretch of road is also home of the Robert Howell

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98-Year-Old Keeps In Step With Yoga

Classmates Pool Funds For Birthday Surprise

Submitted by Carol Hedman

Before her yoga class began last Wednesday, Eve Cascallano was in for a surprise. Her fellow class members and teacher surprised her with a birthday celebration in honor of her 98th birthday.

Cascallano attends the SilverSneakers yoga at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Creation Health Wellness Center three times a week.

Yoga instructor Michelle Mack coordinated with 30 class members, who all chipped in to buy Cascallano a new pair of bright, multi-color sneakers she had been eyeing for weeks. Mack had worn the same pair during a previous class and

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Eve Cascallano stretches out in a new pair of sneakers she received for her 98th birthday courtesy of the 30-person yoga class she attends three times a week. Photo by Keri McAlpine



Bing, a puppy hound and beagle mix up for adoption by Rescue A Dog, takes a breather after receiving many head rubs.

Woofstock A Barking Success

Hundreds Attend Animal Shelter Fundraiser

Story and photos by Keri McAlpine

Fluffy friends of all shapes and sizes accompanied their humans last Saturday to the third annual Woofstock west of San Antonio.

Hosted by Pasco County Animal Services, money raised from the outdoor gathering goes toward the care of sick or injured animals at the county shelter.

This year's Woofstock had about 70 vendors, more than double than last year's roster, and welcomed at least 400 visitors, not including their animals. The total of funds raised had not been determined by press time.

About a dozen rescue shelters from the area had booths set up, offering information regarding different breeds while volunteers escorted canines up for adoption across the grounds of Florida Estates Winery.

One puppy did get adopted, but overall the event was focused on raising awareness and educating guests on animal services.

The animal shelter in Pasco County is a 'save 90 percent' shelter by trying to save as many animals as possible, according to Andrea Ciesluk, education coordinator for

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Zephyrhills Arrests

Foul-Mouthed Suspect Brutalizes Trash Can Lid

Dylan Luke Mchan, 20, of 38334 B Ave.,



was arrested by Zephyrhills police on May 14 on charges of criminal mischief – under \$200, and disorderly intoxication. Police were dispatched to Zephyr Park, 38116 Fifth Ave., in ref-

erence to a report of Mchan breaking a trash can lid and cursing in the park. Upon arrival, Mchan reportedly was cursing and advised officers he wanted to get into a physical altercation. His eyes were noted as watery and glassy and an odor of alcohol was reportedly coming from his breath. Two witnesses told accounts confirming the before mentioned actions from Mchan. After processing he was sent to the Pasco County Jail.

Cameron Tyrell McKnight, 20, of



14801 11th St., Dade City, was arrested by Zephyrhills police on May 12 on a charge of burglary. McKnight reportedly entered the residence victim's through the rear screen

door on May 8 between 8 a.m. and 3:20 p.m., when he removed about \$530 in property from the residence without permission. Witnesses observed McKnight and co-defendant Willie Jamaul Jackson, 21, at the rear door of the residence around 12:30 p.m. and leave the residence in a green Cadillac Eldorado, registered to Jackson's father. Both defenPasco County Jail.

Sherelle Renae Bruce, 37, of 5553



Dakota St., was apprehended by Zephyrhills police on May 7 on a Pasco County warrant charging her with failure to appear - driving while license suspended or revoked. Contact was

made with Bruce at Zephyr Park and she was booked into the Pasco County Jail upon confirmation of the warrant.

William Eugene Cannon Jr., 25, of



6777 Dairy Road, was apprehended by Zephyrhills police on May 2 on a Pasco County warrant charging him with failure to appear - driving while license suspended or revoked. Po-

lice contacted Cannon when responding to a report of a domestic quarrel. He was booked into the Pasco County Jail after the warrant was confirmed.

James Davis, 22, of 4634



Laforce St., was apprehended by Zephyrhills police on May 6 on a Pasco County warrant charging him with failure to appear on a minimum housing/city ordinance violation. He was

confirmation of the warrant.

Jamie Darlene Cowart, 38, of 5517



18th St., was arrested by Zephyrhills police on a charge of domestic battery. During a verbal argument, Cowart reportedly slapped the victim on the upper body causing minor

bruises and abrasions. Cowart and the victim are sisters but do not reside together. Cowart was processed and taken to the Pasco County Jail.

Christina Renee Hills, 29, of 6819 23rd



St., was arrested by Zephyrhills police on May 14 on two Pasco County warrants for failure to appear - driving while license suspended or revoked with knowledge, and a writ

of bodily attachment. Hills was taken to the Pasco County Jail upon confirmation of the warrants.

Kyle Orion Mellerke, 18, of 38424



Second Ave., was arrested by Zephyrhills police on May 12 on a Pasco County warrant for driving while license suspended or revoked with knowledge. Contact was made with

dants were processed and taken to the booked into the Pasco County Jail upon Mellerke at his Second Avenue address. He was taken Pasco County Jail upon confirmation of the warrant.

Roberto Guardado, 46, of 37906 Eighth



Ave., was arrested by Zephyrhills police on May 10 on two Pasco County warrants for failure to appear - driving while license suspended or revoked, and attached tag not as-

signed to vehicle. Contact was made with Guardado at his Eighth Avenue home. He was arrested and taken to the Pasco County Jail upon confirmation of the warrants.

Matthew Christopher Koen, 31,



transient, was arrested by Zephyrhills police on May 14 on a charge of stalking. Koen reportedly 'willfully, maliciously and repeatedly' harassed and arrived at the home of the victim

after being asked multiple times to leave and not return. The victim provided a sworn statement of Koen's actions and advised she is in fear for her life. Koen was processed and taken to the Pasco County Jail.

The information provided in the Zephyrhills Police report is taken from public record. All parties are considered innocent until proven guilty.

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Police Headquarters.

Shears will retire from the department May 31 after starting as a patrol officer with ZPD in 1992, and working his way through the ranks before becoming chief in 2008.

In a covert move to keep Shears from knowing about the street designation, an emergency item was placed on the agenda and a resolution was read honoring the chief.

"I go back to thinking to when they named Eiland Boulevard after Chief Bill Eiland," Shears said. "I think what it meant to him. Having the road in front of the police department named after me, I just can't believe it.

"Putting me in the same category as Chief Eiland and Chief Howell is just odd. I don't feel like I'm the same category as those great men."

Standing with his wife Kimberly and twin daughters Savannah and Delaney, Shears listened to City Council President Alan Knight praise him for Zephyrhills.

"He has been a leader and has taken this city and molded it into a safe, protected city," Knight said. "He is just somebody I really want to tip my hat to. He knows how I feel about him and all of us feel the same way."

Those mutual feelings for Shears' work prompted the group to decide to designate the street in the chief's name.

"All of us got together and we wanted to do something special for David Shears and his family," Knight said as he presented Shears with the street sign. "We're so proud of you and your family has so much to be proud of.'

Several ZPD officers were on hand to celebrate the occasion with their chief.

City Manager Steve Spina read a proclamation honoring the chief for his service describing him as a "cop's,

"Chief Shears led his department and the men and women working there with quiet resolve, moral integrity and high ethical standards," Spina said.

Police Chief David Shears' wife, Kimberly, and several ZPD officers accompanied him to Monday's city council meeting where he was honored.

Shears had words of advice for his

"Stay safe. Do what's right and you'll be fine," Shears said.





Mountain Music To Their Ears

Elementary Students Hold Dulcimer Recital

Story and photos by Emily Kochanski

The dulcimer, a fairly uncommon stringed instrument, is making a comeback in the music scene, as evident May 15 at Woodland Elementary School where fourth and fifth graders and members of the school's dulcimer club held their fourth recital.

The performance was led by Jeff Felmlee, a volunteer instructor and Michigan native, who has been teaching the students how to play the stringed instrument for the past two years.

According to Felmlee, the dulcimer was first introduced during the Civil War era and is featured prominently in folk and "mountain" music. He has been playing the dulcimer for almost four years, alongside his good friend, Linda Tallieu.

"We heard a woman playing the dulcimer and Linda and I were sort of fascinated by it," said Felmlee. "We ordered one a couple of months later online, and we've been playing ever since. We're mostly self-taught."

In the course of an hour Monday evening, the talented students played



Ty'Kierra Miller, top left, Emily Rutland, top right, Hannah Heilman, bottom left, and Arica Desrosiers, bottom right, jammed with their peers during their fast and upbeat final number, 'Old Joe Clark'.





Hope Tackett, left, Jeff Felmlee, center, and Alyssa Turmel led the rest of the group in 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star'.

a medley of familiar tunes, including "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star" and "Hot Cross Buns".

Felmlee is proud of his students and amazed by how quickly they had conquered the instrument. He believes that almost anyone can master the dulcimer, so long as they have music in their hearts.

"If you've ever wanted to play a musical instrument, take up the mountain dulcimer," Felmlee recommended. "But, you know, we need listeners, too."

The evening ended with refreshments for the players and guests and a raffle. Hannah Heilman was the lucky winner of the grand prize – her very own dulcimer.

Felmlee will return to Woodland next year to teach a new group of students to play the historical instrument and make some beautiful music.



Jeff Felmlee, right, works closely with each student to help them learn the dulcimer. Many of his pupils mastered 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' within 45 minutes.





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May 29 - Memorial Day Service -The VFW Post #8154 will be holding a memorial service at Oakside Cemetery, 5301 First St., at 10 a.m. Call the VFW at (813) 782-7194 for information.

May 29 - AMVETS Memorial Day - AMVETS Post 550 is inviting all veterans to a thank you party on Memorial Day. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be served from noon to 2 p.m. Please bring a dish to pass. All veterans eat free and all others only \$3. A live country/rock band will entertain you from 2-5 p.m. At 5 p.m. a drawing for a Pot of Gold will be held. AMVETS Post #550 is located at 4645 Airport Road in Zephyrhills.

May 30 - Big Brother Big Sister **Orientation** – Come to this orientation session to learn about the Big Brother Big Sister program of Tampa Bay. Held from 5:30-7 p.m. at Wesley Chapel Honda, 27750 Wesley Chapel Blvd. Help to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported one-to-one relationships that change their lives for the better, forever.

May 30 - Insurance and Estate **Planning** – Do you need help getting out of debt or guidance creating and maintaining a budget? Join us for this informative financial series. These classes will be facilitated by Scott Taylor, a University of Florida Extension instructor. Held from 5:15-6:15 p.m. at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. The program is free, but reservations are required. Call (813) 779-6476 for information.

May 31 - Intro to Nutrigenomics - Drs. Duane and Nancy McEndree discuss how foods affect our genes and how genetic differences influence how one responds to nutrients. Call Florida Hospital Zephyrhills Wellness Center (813) 779-6476 for required registration and information. Held from 1-2 p.m. at 38233 Daughtery

June 1 - Ergonomics and the Sitting Epidemic - Learn how posture and daily activity impacts your health.

May 26 - Great Morning to You! Held from 1-2 p.m. at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Free to the public, but reservations are required. Call (813) 779-6476 to reserve a space.

> June 3 - YMCA Summerpalooza Party – The entire community is invited to join the local YMCA to celebrate the start of a summer full of family fun. The free party will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the East Pasco Family YMCA, located at 37301 Chapel Hill Loop. Call (813) 780-9622 for information. The free summer bash will feature a pool party, family fun games, arts & crafts, healthy refreshments, music, prizes and more.

> June 5 - Square Dance Lessons This 10-week program will be held from 7:30-9 p.m., at Strawberry Square, 4401 Boot Bay Road in Plant City. Meet new friends, stimulate your brain, improve your mobility. Casual dress, partner not needed, great wooden floor. Cost is \$3 per lesson and interested dancers must attend in first couple of weeks in order to not fall behind. Call (813-752-0491) or email Keith at keithuns@vahoo.com or Marty at mvanwart@tampabay.rr.com for information.

> June 7 - Parenting Presentation -This presentation, titled 'Helping Your Kids Find a Life Purpose Part II' will be held from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Help your child discover their unique path and purpose. The program is free, but reservations are required. Call (813) 779-6476 for information.

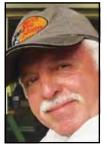
> June 8 - Bingo in the Creation Café - June Bingo in Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Creation Café at 7050 Gall Blvd. will include one of America's favorite treats: chocolate chip cookies. The fun takes place from 2-3 p.m. and includes a presentation by Diane Reith, RN, on the many services provided to patients by the hospital's case management department. There will also be a few games of Bingo for prizes and refreshments. Call (877) 534-3108 and make a reservation.

> June 10 - Attracting Pollinators to your Garden - This seminar will discuss what elements are needed in the home garden to attract butterflies and hummingbirds. If you have wanted to create a habitat for these pollinators, then come to this seminar and learn how. Held from 10-11 a.m. at The Zephyrhills Library, 5347 Eighth St.

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Commentary



First Things **First**

Greg First

The View From The Press Box

I am a high school football fanatic like many who showed up Friday night at Bulldog Stadium in Zephyrhills to watch the Bulldogs take on the Crystal River Pirates. Dade City's Pasco fans traveled to Victory Christian Academy in Lakeland.

I have been the stadium announcer at Bulldog Stadium for more than 30 years. Kerry Ryman has been operating the clock for about that long. Other regulars in the press box are George Schipper who runs the scoreboard along with Nelson Ryman who also gets some scoreboard duties and is a spotter during the game. Having a spotter helps me to recognize those that have made a play that I might have missed. In addition to what's happening on the field all kinds of other things are happening.

For example, different organizations want an announcement made about things going on outside the playing field. This past Friday night was no different. Announcements were made about some awesome Under Armour Dri Fit t-shirts for sale along with Zephyr Cheer selling shirts and announcing a car wash fundraiser the next day at Auto Zone.

Also we give shout-outs to the concession stand especially when they have special items they would like mentioned.

This past Friday the Rymans could not attend but George and I were in the press box along with staff from the Bulldogs who were barking signals down to the field. The advantage of being in the press box for them is you don't get all hung up in the emotion on the field plus you get a bird's eye view of what is happening. George and I let them know we have every single play figured out before the calls are sent in.

I do want to thank Dave Walters for assisting at the game as a spotter. He and my old binoculars made my life a whole lot easier that night.

Most of the regulars were at the game: the Zephyrhills Junior ROTC presented the colors, Little Man was on the sidelines, Nolan Farnsworth was keeping awesome stats, Dave Walters kept Facebook updated with stories and photos, the cheerleaders were giving it their best, and that big beautiful Bulldog tunnel looked better than ever. I want to give a special shout-out to my friend and former colleague Steve Lee. This was his last game at Bulldog Stadium. I wish him the best in his next adventure.

Thank you Tyrone Lovett (Radio) for the updates from the Pasco game, I appreciate it.

Both football programs have some great possibilities. Zephyrhills ended up beating Crystal River 43- 21 and Victory Christian narrowly beat Pasco 19 - 14 in the spring tune-ups.

To the fans of both football programs we will look forward to seeing you the middle of August for some awesome high school football once again and I, for one, can't wait. The countdown has begun.

County Offices Closed Memorial Day

Pasco County Government offices, including the Constitutional Offices and the Courts, will be closed on May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. They will reopen on May 30.

The Pasco County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Resources' Offices and Recreation Complexes will be closed on May 29; however, the parks and beaches will remain open from dawn to dusk.

Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) will be closed and bus services will not run on May 29.

The Pasco County Animal Services Administration Office, Adoption Center, Intake/Reclaim Shelter and Field Services will be closed May 29. An Animal Control Officer will be available for emergencies.

The Pasco County Resource Recovery Facility, West Pasco Class III, and the East Pasco Transfer Station will be closed to the public on May 29; however, they will be open to Pasco County licensed, commercial haulers.

The Pasco County Tax Collector's Office will be closed on May 27 and May 29.

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area to visit our upcoming new store ... and see why if you buy tools anywhere else, you're throwing your money away," Smidt said. "We do it by manufacturing our tools at the same factories as the expensive brands, but we cut out the

middle man and pass the savings on to our customers."

The addition of Harbor Freight to Zephyr Plaza will come less than a year after Ollie's Bargain Outlet opened in the shopping center last November.

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Local Nonprofit Boosts 'Eye Power' *Rhythm And Brews Hosts Blink Today Fundraiser*

Story and photos by Emily Kochanski

Most of us take our sight for granted and are able to navigate life with relative ease.

But folks who are visually impaired have a 67 percent chance of being unemployed and living in poverty, and some are even forced to live with someone else just to make ends meet and live a functional life.

One Zephyrhills man is on a mission to help the blind improve their chances of a successful and richer life through advanced technology.

Daniel Light, co-founder of Blink Today, gradually lost his sight after being diagnosed with Cone Rod Dystrophy at the age of nine.

"One of the hardest parts for me has been adapting to being a father and learning how to do all those things," said Light. "My daughter is so amazing, though. She understood, from the moment that she could comprehend all of it that I couldn't see. She used to say 'my daddy lost his eye power."

Blink Today hosted an afternoon



Sunday's event at Rhythm and Brews featured live entertainment. Several talented local bands performed their own songs along with some crowd-pleasing fan favorites.



Daniel Light, right, hosted Sunday's Blink Today fundraiser while his parents Randy, left, and Janet Light distributed food and beverages to guests.

fundraiser Sunday at Rhythm and Brews in Zephyrhills. The event raised a grand total of \$995, and every cent will go towards helping the visually impaired find the same success and happiness Light has found.

The organization is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit for the blind and visually impaired aiming to increase mobility not just in the labor market, but also regarding self-enrichment opportunities. Blink Today also advocates better consumer products and services for the visually impaired.

Light began Blink Today to help provide others with visual impairments with pieces of adaptive technology that will help them overcome challenges in their daily lives, such as special scanners that can allow them to identify objects or read printed text.

He and his family collaborated with Rhythm and Brews to raise money to purchase more of this technology. The event pulled in a great crowd and featured live music, tasty food, a raffle and a corn hole tournament.

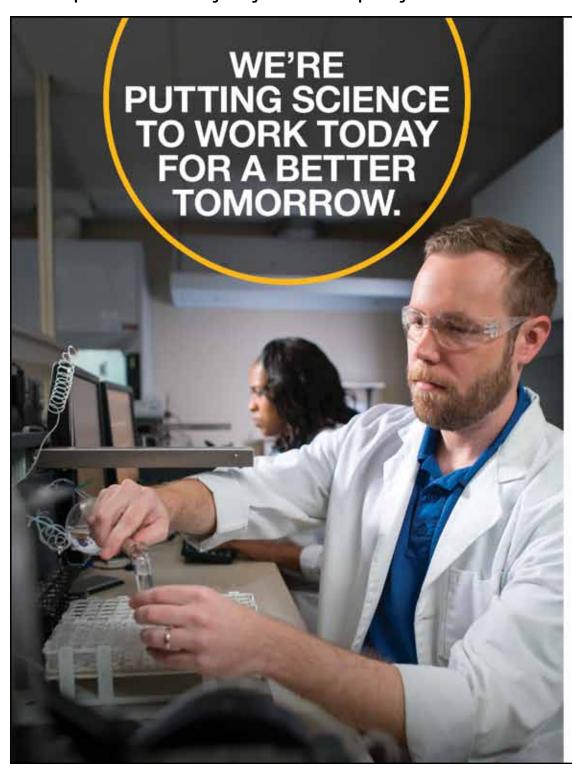
Even without his sight, Light has had huge success as a parent, wrestling coach and substitute teacher, but working with Blink Today has been his crowning achievement.

"[Blink Today] gave me a lot of motivation," Light said. "It gave me purpose ... it's given me more confidence and given my life meaning."

Light's parents pitched in at Sunday's event as well. His mother, Janet, is grateful to Blink Today for helping her son become the successful and confident individual he is today, despite his impairment.

"I couldn't be more proud," she said.
"He's such a good person, a good human
being, and a wonderful father. I'm so
thrilled that he has found focus. He's got
an amazing mind and this just gives him
so much drive."

For those who would like to help the blind and visually impaired, log on to www.blinktoday.org for more information.



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Many canines, including Mickey, dressed in their best for the May 20 Woofstock event to raise funds for the Pasco County animal shelter.



A horizontal Buffy enjoys belly rubs from her walker and Pasco Animal Services volunteer Erica Manack while sitting in the shade and listening to music at Woofstock last weekend.



Amy, a long-haired dachshund, smiles up at her chauffeur while enjoying the sights and smells at the third annual Woofstock hosted by Pasco County Animal Services.

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the shelter. Ciesluck said about three to five animals come into the shelter a month with an injury that needs surgery or treatment. When money is the only thing preventing an animal from having necessary treatment to make them adoptable, Woofstock comes into play.

"We try to save as many dogs and cats as we possibly can. A lot of them come in hit by cars or sick or things like that, so this [Woofstock] funds our sick and injured account so we can actually save these animals so they don't have to be euthanized," Ciesluk said.

While Woofstock focuses heavily on dogs, all animals were welcome.

Florida Skunk Rescue made an appearance, helping to spread the word about the fluffy creatures, which have personalities described as a mix between cats and dogs, according to Kathryn Wysocki of Florida Skunk Rescue. The skunks have their stink glands removed for obvious

Making her rounds with a unique friend was Ray Jacobson, who carried Ziki, her 14-month old ring tailed lemur on her shoulder. Jacobson and Ziki were excited to attend Woofstock together for the first time.

"Anywhere there's animals I'm in," Jacobson said. "He's a celebrity wherever he goes."



Ziki the 14-month old ring-tailed lemur and owner Ray Jacobson drew attention everywhere they walked during last weekend's Woofstock fundraiser.

In addition to rescue services, Woofstock offered an array of vendors selling everything from food, leashes, collars, dog treats and everything else under the sun for man's best friend. Florida Estates Winery donated a percentage of their profits from sales and wine tastings to Animal Services.

A stage welcomed three local bands, who entertained under the winery's tree canopy for the all-day event.

Currently, the animal shelter has more than 100 dogs available for adoption, and kitten season is in full swing so there are plenty of feline friends available as well. Foster parents for kittens are also needed at the shelter. Pasco County Animal Services is located at 19640 Dogpatch Lane in Land O'Lakes and can be reached by calling (352) 521-5194.



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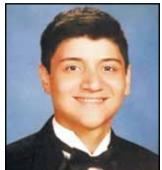
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Zephyrhills High School's Graduation Ceremony will be Thursday, May 25, 8 p.m., at the University of South Florida Sun Dome



"My initial plan after high school is to attend [the University of South Florida]. During my time there, I hope to become a Green and Gold guide, involve myself in many clubs and maybe run for a position on the student council." del Toro said. "I am majoring in Health Sciences, and plan to enter the USF Physical Therapy school, and my dream is to one day open up my own rehabilitation center to help patients with their injuries."



2017 ZHS Salutatorian Sarah First

"I plan on attending the Burnett Honors College and majoring in mechanical engineering. I hope someday to work at Disney, later pursuing a career in acting and eventually running for President of the United States," First said. "I'd like to thank my family for always for inspiring in me ambitious goals and giving me the skills to accomplish them."

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Cascallano said they were the "most beautiful shoes" she had ever seen. Classmates smiled as she was presented flowers while wearing a tinsel covered party hat. Another yogi crocheted a shawl for Cascallano, to keep her warm in the well air-conditioned building.

Once her presents were opened, Cascallano returned to the shoes, immediately putting them on and testing them out.

Cupcakes and cookies were served



A surprise birthday celebration was held for Eve Cascallano, orchestrated by her yoga classmates on May 17 at the Creation Health Wellness Center.

after class. Cascallano said she would "remember this day for the rest of her life."

The now-98-year-old has outlived 17 United States presidencies. Woodrow Wilson was president when she was born May 17, 1919. "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" was the number one song that month on the radio and Charlie Chaplin was beginning his film work on "The Kid."

Born in small Francistown, N.H., Cascallano lived in small towns in that same Monadnock Region in southern New Hampshire until she was 43. She has two daughters and considered caring for them her career, as well as taking care of two daughters of her best friends.

She remarried twice, moving with her second husband to Fort Lauderdale in 1979. From there she moved to Zephyrhills where she met her last husband.

Throughout her life, Cascallano loved to dance. She began with ballroom dancing, which led her to other forms including square dancing. That kept her in shape for what was next: yoga. About five years ago she joined the local wellness center.

"I'd like to tell everybody here to do yoga," Cascallano said during her preclass birthday celebration on May 17. "It limbers me up in the morning."

Cascallano said there is no secret to her longevity.

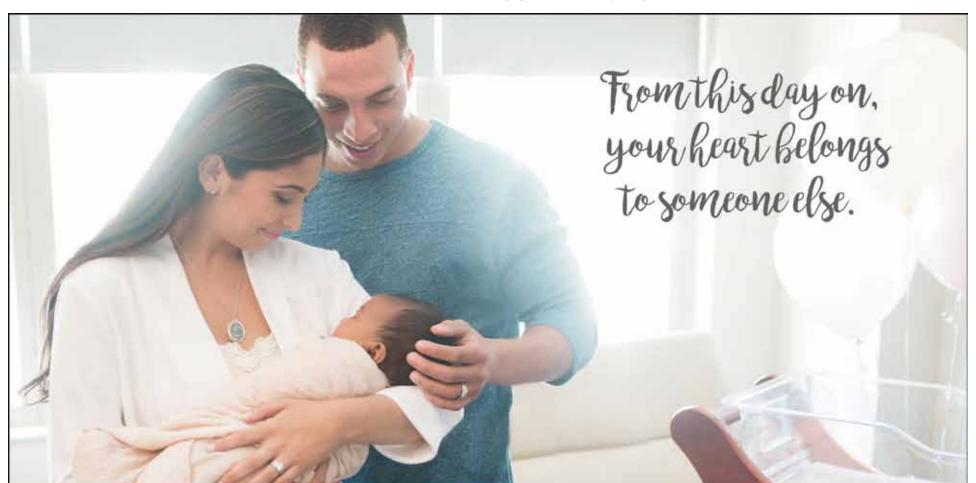
"I was blessed. That's all. I took care of my body. I didn't drink. I didn't smoke," she said, adding how she doesn't take any medication, with the exception of a baby aspirin.

Cascallano still lives by herself, although now that she is 98, said she is thinking of having the housekeeper come twice a month.

A fellow yoga classmate, Roger Wolf, picks Cascallano up for class, along with Norma Meddlicott who will celebrate her 95th birthday in June.



A yoga classmate helps 98-year-old Eve Cascallano fit into her new sneakers.



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