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Bulldogs Go Tropical

Cheerleaders Recount Hawaiian Invitational

by Keri McAlpine

Starting freshman year, cheerleaders at Zephyrhills High School watch as seniors are whisked away to Hawaii for a week of fun, sun and cheering.

Five squad members were able to attend the Oahubased Cheer Hawaii USA camp this year, held at the University of Hawaii campus.

Cheerleaders from across the country attended the



Zephyrhills High School cheerleaders, from left, Lexie Jackson, Annica Morgan, Madison Reidenbach, Alexi Silas and Kassidy Deem in Oahu last month to participate in the 16th annual Cheer Hawaii USA Invitational.

16th annual summer invitational and participated in cheer and dance lessons and leadership classes as they explored the culture and sights of the 50th state.

This year's camp was held June 22 through 29, but Cheer • Continued from Page 2B

it wasn't easy for this year's participants to attend. Bulldogs able to make the trip this year were Kassidy



Dale Palmer is returning to the ZHS court this year as the new coach for the girls' basketball team. Photo by Keri McAlpine

Palmer Holding Court At ZHS Again

Longtime Basketball Coach To Guide Girls Team

by Dave Walters

When it came to finding a coach for the Zephyrhills High School girls' basketball team, athletic director Bruce Cimorelli didn't have far to look.

The coaching search ended as quick as a fast break when he named veteran coach Dale Palmer as the varsity girls' basketball coach.

Palmer's name is synonymous with basketball in Zephyrhills as he paced the hardwoods for more than 30 years.

His career tipped off 42 years ago at the former Zephyrhills Junior High School (now RB Stewart Middle School). He coached the 7th and 8th grade boys and girls teams.

He moved up to Zephyrhills High School where he coached on the junior varsity and varsity levels for both boys' and girls' basketball.

Palmer retired from teaching in 2007, yet still coached for three more years before hanging up his whistle. It didn't dangle on the hook for long as he came back for a season to coach at Centennial Middle School.

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Deem, Lexie Jackson, Annica Morgan, Madison Reidenbach and Alexi Silas.

In order to attend, the girls had to raise around \$2,500 to get their name on the list. Car washes, selling different foods and setting up booths at community events kept them busy this past school year with a dream of Hawaiian beaches in their future.

"It's a really hefty cost and I never expected my parents to just hand me all that. So being able to go out and do things for the community in order to get money back was very hard and it took a long time," Morgan said.

The girls agreed on how supportive the Zephyrhills community was while they were raising funds.

Everyone also agreed on their favorite aspect of the trip: the Hawaiian beaches.

"It was a lot like here but the water was a lot more blue. It was really pretty," Silas, 18, said, clearly remembering the sight in her head.

The girls were taught dances and cheers they are now able to bring back to Zephyrhills and teach their fellow

cheerleaders. The invitational also offered tips and answered questions college cheerleading concerning tryouts.

A challenging, yet rewarding, aspect of the trip was the introduction of different cheering techniques from the other attendees.

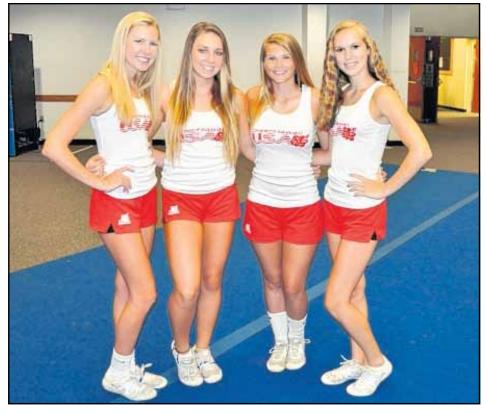
"There's some parts of the country that don't stunt or don't dance ... So when you come to this camp you have to learn how to teach each other and build off of each other in order to ... make a solid team and that way you can perform," Morgan, 17, said. "I thought that was pretty awesome - to see how different it was across the country."

"They have so many different techniques and trying to bring it all together was actually a lot better than I had planned," Jackson, 16, said.

The girls also learned about Hawaiian culture, including traditional dances.

"My favorite part was learning about the 'aloha spirit' and what that means to them," Reidenbach said.

"I loved experiencing the culture and meeting the people. They're so friendly and they're so welcoming to everyone and I really loved that," Morgan said.



Lexie Jackson, left, Annica Morgan, Madison Reidenbach and Alexi Silas back in Zephyrhills following their week-long visit to Hawaii for a cheer invitational. Kassidy Deem, not pictured, also attended the invitational. Photo by Keri McAlpine

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After a four-year hiatus, he's back; replacing Mike Smith, who stepped down to spend more time watching his daughters play basketball in Hillsborough County.

"A lot of people were surprised to see me," said Palmer. "It's going to be fun. I've been around long enough, I can teach a few things out there."

Palmer gets almost giddy when he talks about his return to his home court.

"It is a big honor and the grin on my face is rather large," he said. "It took three days for it to sink in."

Palmer is pushing the program to move past the April scandal when former junior varsity coach Samuel Walker was arrested for inappropriate conduct with a student.

"The actions of a coach don't bleed over to the kids," Palmer said. "It's a black eye for the school and it's one they could not foresee. We have to move on as quickly as we can."



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Bicycling Barber Packs A Punch

Marlon Farr Aims To Be The Best He Can Be

Story and photos by Joe Potter

There's more to Marlon Farr of Zephyrhills than initially meets the eye.

Farr, 40, is a barber, boxer and bicyclist in that order. He began cutting hair at age 13 under the watchful eye of his mother while he was growing up in Howardville, Mo. He received his barber's license in 2000, six years after he moved to Florida.

"It was something I just picked up," Farr said regarding his work as a barber.

He had a barbershop on Meridian Avenue in Dade City for a year before moving to his current location at 14603 Seventh St. in 2006.



Marlon Farr's Outdoor Sport bicycle can handle all types of terrain and allows him to ride from Zephyrhills to Dade City and back for work.

There are a lot of memories tucked into the space where he operates his Team Farr barbershop on the east side of the main drag, just north of Little Cesar's Pizza.

He said he chose the name Team Farr for his barbershop because it reflects his outlook on life.

"Team Farr is about having the will to be good at what you put your mind to. Don't give up on your goals," Farr said.

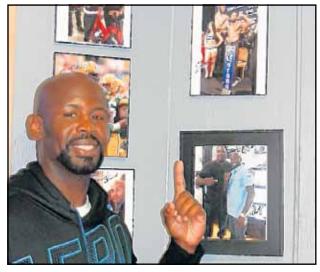
"No matter what the consequences are, you should still strive to be a good person and a good athlete."

Framed posters depicting phases in his life hang on the walls of his barbershop.

Some of them show his accomplishments while competing as a professional boxer since age 35 in the super middleweight division. He has boxed all across the country and one of his bouts was even broadcast live on ESPN. Farr said he plans to fight for another five years.

Framed photographs or posters of his children, who attend Zephyrhills schools, are also prominently displayed.

Farr works out regularly at a gym to help keep himself in fighting trim and to do so he bought a seven-speed Outdoor Sport fat-tired beach bicycle about a year ago.



Marlon Farr points to an autographed photograph of himself taken after one of his professional boxing matches.



Marlon Farr stands behind his barber's chair at Team Farr on Seventh Street in Dade City.

Six months ago, Farr began riding the bicycle from his home south of the Zephyrhills airport to his barbershop. The two-hour round trip ride is a good cardiovascular workout for him, Farr said. He added he wears a 30-pound weighted vest while he pedals.

He doesn't have to take the paved bicycle trail that runs parallel to U.S. 301 between Kossik Road and Dade City Avenue because his bicycle operates as well on dirt as it does on pavement. He usually takes U.S. 301 directly to Dade City but occasionally rides on Wire Road for part of the trip.

"You really have to dig when you are going up that hill at Centennial," Farr said.

Farr said he listens to fight music while he is cycling because it gives him more energy.

"I'm doing whatever I can to stay young," he said.



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A Letter From Special Olympics Florida President/CEO

'We Need More Revolutionaries'

Submitted by Sherry Wheelock

July 20 represents Eunice Kennedy Shriver Day. In 1962, Special Olympics founder Eunice Kennedy Shriver began inviting young people with intellectual disabilities to a summer day camp she hosted in her backyard. She called it, Camp Shriver. The goal was to explore the children's skills in a variety of sports and physical activities. That first Camp Shriver grew into what is now known as Special Olympics, a global movement serving more than 4.9 million athletes. Today, Camp Shriver is still an integral part of our program using sports as a vehicle to bring children with and without disabilities together so they have opportunities to develop their motor and social skills, create positive peer relationships and make new

Recently, I was honored to recognize local champions who continue to celebrate Shriver's legacy with the effort that started it all - Camp Shriver. During my visit to the City of Miami Sandra DeLucca Center, I was greeted by heroes and champions enjoying time at their summer camp. Shriver would have been proud to stand by me and recognize the City of Miami and local leaders like Charlie DeLucca for bringing her vision to life. We provide these camps and all of our programs free of cost to our participants and their caregivers to ensure everyone who wants to attend can do so. However, with over 300,000 people in Florida estimated to have an intellectual or



A camper enjoys playing tennis at Camp Shriver, the event which grew into today's Special Olympics.

developmental disability, the need to offer more of these life changing experiences is imperative.

To make this possible, we need revolutionaries like you to help us bring more of these amazing camps to our great state. Shriver proved that one small action can make a lasting impact beyond imagination. Next year is the 50th

anniversary of Special Olympics, and it would be a great tribute to an incredible founder and all of our athletes to offer Camp Shriver in every county throughout Florida. If you are interested in helping us make this possible, please reach out to me directly at sherrywheelock@sofl.org so together we can serve those who need us most.

Sign Up For Annual Robert D. Sumner Memorial Golf Tournament

The Pioneer Florida Museum & Village is currently seeking golf teams, hole sponsors, donations for door prizes and silent auction for the second annual Robert D. Sumner Golf Tournament scheduled for Sept. 16 at Silverado Golf & Country Club.

The event will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The fee is \$50 per player and will be a 4-player scramble. The pro shop can pair individuals to make a team if needed. The player fee includes golf, golf cart and lunch.

Prize packs will be available the morning of the event for \$20 each (cash only). Prize pack contains four closest to the pin, longest drive, one closest to the line, two mulligans and two drink tickets. We will have a silent auction, door prizes, 50/50 tickets and much more.

Silverado Golf & Country Club is located at 36841 Clubhouse Drive in Zephyrhills.

Please take the time and opportunity to spend the day on the golf course and help contribute to the continuation of the understood how important it is to support

Find the application and more information on the museum Facebook page, by visiting pioneerfloridamuseum. org or by stopping by the museum Tuesday-Saturday between the hours of 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Sumner was a Trustee for many years at the museum and was instrumental in moving it to its present location. He was also the fundraising chairman and

the museum so that future generations could learn about the Pioneer Heritage.

The Pioneer Florida Museum & Village is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preserving Florida's Pioneer Heritage. The museum is located one mile north of downtown Dade City, off U.S. 301 at 15602 Pioneer Museum Road in Dade

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Church News

Atonement Lutheran Church – Vacation Bible School will be held July 24-28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Cost is \$15 per child. For each addition child (per family), the cost will be \$10. Please send in a bag lunch. Snacks will be provided. Counselors from Luther Springs will be volunteering for the week long program. Call the church at (813) 973-2211 to reserve a space. We are located at 29617 S.R. 54 in Wesley

Vine Church - We are a family friendly church located at 4743 Allen Road. The pastoral staff is comprised of senior pastor Carlos Santana, associate pastor John Englada and youth pastor James Bishop.

We are a non-denominational, nontraditional church where God's Holy Spirit is in control of all services. Service times are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Children are welcome. Pasco County Mobile Health Unit and a mobile shower unit are with us every second Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Food is provided for all who utilize these services.

Vine Church provides food for the less fortunate on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 4:30 p.m. in Zephyr Park, and Saturday at 8 a.m. in New Port Richey's Sims Park.

The end of summer "Back to School Fun Fest" is planned for Aug. 5 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Community Harvest Church - Dr. Tom Marino and pastor Dean Kight invite you to Community Harvest Church, a place to call home. Sunday worship services are at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m. Wednesday worship and prayer service is at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome and is invited to attend all services. Full church fellowship dinners are held twice a month. The church is located at the corner of U.S. 301 and 16th Street near Enterprise.

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 leaders Barbara Hicks and Kaylee Hickey. Bus transportation is available.

Church visitation is every Monday at 5 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.

Just Church - Join us at 5221 Eighth St. in Zephyrhills. Pastor Ken Ringeisen invites you to Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m., led by Karl Bayles, followed by the anointed Word of God preached. 'JC Gang' is our children's church ministry run by husband and wife Jeremy and Jessica Hinz. Evening mid-week service begins at 6:30 p.m. until we are released by the Holy Spirit. Current series is free. Pastor Ken Ringeisen welcomes you to the little church with the power of a big God.

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. Church bowling is held the second Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. at Pin Chasers.

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. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for Generations Bible study for all ages.

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First Baptist Church - Pastor Rob Zephyrhills. Call (813) 782-7032 or visit zfnfamily.org for information.

> Christway Baptist Church - Come visit our church located at 38543 Fourth Ave. in Zephyrhills. Sunday service times are: Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 5:30 p.m. There is also a mid-week Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call (813) 838-0086 or visit christwaybaptistchurch.com for information.

> Trinity Church of Wesley Chapel -Sunday school is at 9 a.m. Traditional service is held at 8:30 a.m. and a contemporary service at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. Family night is every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. There is a monthly Fish Fry on the last Friday of every month from 4-7 p.m. The price is \$7 for fish, two sides, dessert and a drink. The church is located at 33425 S.R. 54 in Wesley Chapel. Call (813) 788-2898 for information.

> Cornerstone Community Church -Service times are Sunday school at 9 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; children's church at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.; and Saturday Night Life at 6 p.m.

> Worship with us at 8527 Old Lakeland Hwy. in Zephyrhills. Call Pastor John Faughnan at (352) 567-6494 or visit www. mycornerstonecc.com for information.

> First Congregational Church of **Zephyrhills** – Regular church service is at 10 a.m., with Sunday school from 9-9:45 a.m. An evening Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are currently studying First Corinthians.

> The Men's Breakfast is held in the education building at 8 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month.

Our Men's Work Group (aka The God

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Squad) performs small handy work for our church members in need.

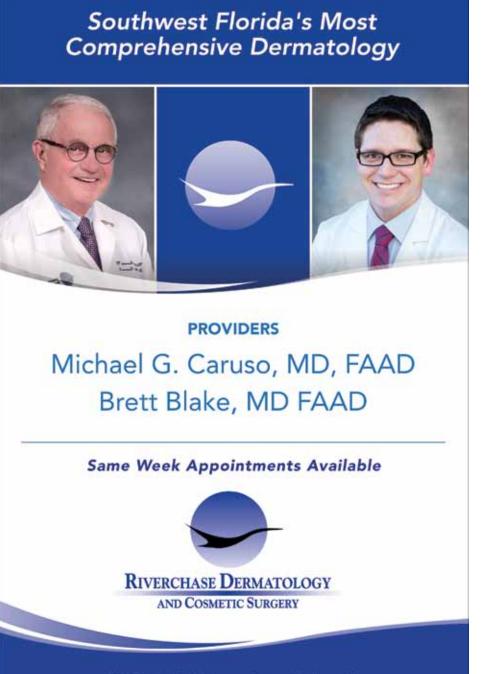
The church is located at 7900 Fort King Road. Visit www.fcczhills.org or contact the office at (813) 780-6027 or fcczh@ aol.com for information. Office hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Heart of Worship - Heart of Worship is a family friendly non-denominational church located at 10628 U.S. 301 (at the Market Hill Shopping Center) between Zephyrhills and Dade City. Pastor Tony Disano is committed to his faith in God and preaching the Bible.

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. You are welcome to come early for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Bible study class is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We have a praise team and great music. Family fun night is the last Sunday of the month with activities for children and adults. There are graded school rooms for the children and teens as well as a nursery. All are welcome to attend. Visit www.thehowchurch.org for information.

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. is Summer BLAST for children ages 4-11 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.



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Pasco County Historical Society

The next meeting will be held July 21 at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road. A covered-dish dinner precedes the program, bring something special to share. Please bring your own cutlery kit, disposable plates and your beverage of choice. Historical society meetings are free and open to the public. Contact Glen Thompson at (352) 567-7449 or bookbollard@iCloud.com for information.

This meeting's program will be modeled after a 1990 newspaper headline and how the control of an independent newspaper with a strong journalistic tradition was being threatened by a hostile corporate investor whose motives were suspect. The speaker, Andrew Barnes, will describe the dramatic story of this historic event which occurred during his career in journalism. Barnes is a retired editor and chief executive officer of the St. Petersburg Times, now known as the Tampa Bay Times.

East Pasco Networking Group

The next meeting will be held July 25 at 7:30 a.m. at The Village Inn in Zephyrhills, located at 5214 Gall Blvd. This month's meeting will feature Beth Aker, executive director of East Pasco Meals on Meals, EPNG Board Member and award recipient of the Prestigious EPNG Standing Ovation Award. Beth will be speaking on human trafficking.

Contact Nils Lenz at (813-) 782-9491 or nilslenz@ gmail.com, or Vicky Jones at (813) 431-1149 or donlvicl@yahoo.com or manager@palmtreemhp.com for information or suggested topics or speakers you would like to hear If you would like to speak, contact us now as there are only a few open dates.

Ladies Oriental Shrine Cairo Court #97

The members of Zephyrhills Cairo Court #97 of the Ladies Oriental Shrine are collecting new items for the Shriners Hospital for Children for their Christmas in July celebration, which will be held in August. JoAnn Caldwell will collect all donated items on July 24. Please call (813) 469-0439 to find out what is needed or locations for drop off

The local LOSNA group, Cairo Court #97 of Zephyrhills, meets on the third Wednesday of each month (September through May) at the Zephyrhills Masonic Hall at 5950 12th St.

Heartbeat Support Group

If you or someone you care about is affected by heart disease, Florida Hospital Zephyrhills invites you to attend its monthly Heartbeat Support Group from 3-4 p.m. on July 26 in the Creation Health Wellness Center's Education Room located at 38233 Daughtery Road.

Rick Larson from Medtronic, a biomedical engineering company, will speak about stents and how these are effectively used in procedures to widen narrowed or obstructed arteries or veins. This procedure is referred to as angioplasty. Deb Moore, RN, director of interventional cardiology at FHZ, will facilitate. There will be plenty of time for questions. No reservations are taken for this free group.

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 4:30-6:30 p.m. with other menu

choices available. Entertainment is from 7-10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays join E-bowling at 1:30 p.m. AMVETS is located at 4645 Airport Road in Zephyrhills. Find us on Facebook or call (813) 780-8180 for information.

Pet Loss Support Group

Gulfside Hospice's team of bereavement counselors are offering a monthly pet loss support group, held the last Thursday of the month at the Gulfside Center for Hospice Care in Zephyrhills, 5760 Dean Dairy Road. The next meeting is July 27 with following meetings to be held Aug. 31 and Sept. 28. Call (727) 845-5707 for information.

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. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics.

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.

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.

Disabled American Veterans Chapter #65

We offer free assistance to veterans with benefit and claims issues. A certified service officer is available Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointments are not necessary but are appreciated. We are now located at the American Legion Post #15 building at 37745 Church Ave. in Dade City. Appointments only during July and August.

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.

VFW #8154

Veterans of Foreign Wars #8154 is located at 3954 Paul 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 continue to be from 1-6 p.m. on Sundays with music from 4-7 p.m. Monday Meat Drawings begin at 4:30 p.m. with music by Billy Cole from 5-8 p.m. Come enjoy and participate in

Karaoke on Saturdays from 5-8 p.m. Call (813) 782-7194 for information.

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.

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.

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 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.

Zephyrhills Family Moose Lodge

Mondays – Corn Hole Toss, 7 p.m. in the SQ and Spagetti/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.

Senior Golf Group

Our senior golf group plays rotating courses each Wednesday in Pasco and Hillsborough counties year round. Meet new golfing friends and get a group rate. Call Walt Bockmiller at (813) 527-8211 for information.

Zephyrhills Historical Association

The Zephyrhills Historical Association meets every first Tuesday at the Zephyrhills Public Library, 5347 Eighth Street. The business meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. Contact Clereen Brunty at (813) 782-8763 or clereen@tampabay.rr.com for information.





Obituaries

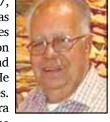
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James 'Jimmy' Walsh Furman

FURMAN, James "Jimmy" Walsh, 70, of

Zephyrhills, passed away July 6, 2017, in Wilkesboro, N.C. Mr. Furman was born Sept. 5, 1946, in Tampa to James Rich and Clara Alene Woods Johnson Furman. He was a diesel mechanic and owned Furman Trucking Company. He served in the United States Marines. Survivors include his wife, Debra Pinkston Furman of the home, three



daughters, Emilyrose Anne Furman of Bradenton, Anne Furman of Bradenton, Toy Tammy Gann Furman of Plant City and Sebrina LeAnne Furman of Keystone Heights; along with two sons, James Walsh Furman Jr. of Plant City and Christopher Brian Furman of Zephyrhills; seven grandchildren, Kristina Leigh Ann Raper, Ian Furman, Cody Chaney, Mathew Chaney, Chase Chaney, Brynlee Nicole Furman and Baylee Anne Furman; two greatgrandchildren, Eli Bartley and Eston Alexander; five sisters, Barbara Ann (Brad) Bartlett of Zephyrhills, Joleen Wilmoth of Thonotosassa, Mary Debra (Brian) Wilmoth of Thonotosassa, Kathleen Victoria (Bing) Bartlett of Thonotosassa and Cheryle Jeanne (Larry) Stone of Thonotosassa. In addition to his parents, a brother, Josef Stephen Furman, preceded him in death. A memorial visitation and celebration of life were held at Hodges Family Funeral Home in Zephyrhills on July 14. He was laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell following the service.

Alvin B. Hazen

HAZEN, Alvin B., 96, passed away July 7, 2017. Alvin was born in Chicago, Ill. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and was later a postal mail carrier for the United States Postal Service. His stepson, Dan Cowen, survives along with three grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His wife, Mary, preceded him in death. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Wendy Kay Madaras

MADARAS, Wendy Kaye, 66, passed away July 8, 2017. Her loving family survives. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Norman E. Pepper

PEPPER, Norman E., 88, of Zephyrhills, formerly of Londonberry, N.H. and North Reading, Mass., died on July 13, 2017. He was the husband of the late Marlene G. Doyle Pepper. He was born on Jan. 5, 1929, in Chelsea, Mass., to Charles A. and Caroling P. (Jellett) Pepper. He grew up in Revere, Mass. He joined the North Reading Fire Department after moving to North Reading and served for many years and retired as a captain. During this time he also worked for many years at Munroe Fuel as a truck driver and burner technician. He belonged to

the North Reading Masonic Lodge and was Past Master. He also was a Scottish Rite Mason, Valley of Boston and was a Shriner at Alleppo Temple. For many years he loved to spend summers with his family at a camp in the White Mountains of New Hampshire that he built with his wife and family. He was a kind and quiet man who had a natural talent for fixing anything. He will be missed by all his family and friends. He moved to Londonberry in 1976 and, after retiring in 1978, he continued to do oil burner work until moving to Zephyrhills in 1989. He worked for various security guard companies for many more years. While in New Hampshire and Florida he was an active member of various Baptist churches until his medical issues started preventing him from doing so. His loving sons, Steven E. (Susan Iudlicani) of North Reading, Charles W. (Paula) of North Reading and Daniel J. of Zephyrhills survive along with his grandchildren, Sabine(Marco), Eric (Joline), Jennifer (Gordon), Jason and Ricky and his greatgrandchildren, Ashley, Amber, Erica, Alexa and Caleb. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Gwendolyn 'Gwen' Polk

POLK, Gwendolyn "Gwen," 85, of Dade City died July 8, 2017. Mrs. Polk was born in Bowling Green to Oscar V. and Gladys (Brooks) Knight and was a resident of Dade City for many years. Being a dedicated wife and mother, she constantly supported their many endeavors and made sure her family always came first. She was a Godly woman who was extremely active in her community. She was a longstanding member of the First United Methodist Church of Dade City, the United Methodist Women's Ministry, The Dade City Woman's Club and The Dade City Garden Club. Also, she served many years as the den mother for the Boy Scouts of America, volunteered as a pink lady at Humana Hospital-Dade City and was crowned the 1950 Strawberry Queen. As a breast cancer survivor, Gwen spent many hours sharing her story and words of encouragement as an advocate with other breast cancer patients. She had a passion for doing for others and was always first to prepare a special meal, baking a cake and made sure the needs of others were met before those of her. Anyone who knew her knew her home and heart was open to them as she cherished doing for others. She was preceded in death by her son Fred in 1999 and is survived by her husband of 66 years Freeman; children, Ray and Margaret Polk of Dade City, Tim and Sharon Polk of Zephyrhills, Sandy and Barry Hayes of Lakeland and daughter-in-law, Charlotte (Polk) and Richard Back of Dade City. Other survivors include a sister, Peggy Leadbetter of Morgan, N.C. and a brother, Jimmy Knight of Punta Gorda; 11 grandchildren, Kelly Smith, Shannon Jeter, Justin Polk, Tommy Polk, Alicia Guanio, Michael Polk, Bobby Polk, Christina Polk, Timmy Polk Jr., Chase Simonds and Chelsea Ryan; 23 great-grandchildren, Joshua, Todd, Makenna, Ty, Nathan, Houston, Hardy, Mason, Ella, Matt, Cauy, Julie, Carly, Savanna, Connor, Aiden, Kaya, Elijah, William, Brynleigh, Patrick, Savannah and Izzie. A celebration of life was held

July 11 at the First United Methodist Church of Dade City. In lieu of flowers the family request that you consider donations to the Youth, Children and/or Daycare Programs at the First United Methodist Church in Dade City. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Theodore T. Reinhard

REINHARD, Theodore T., 73, passed away July 4, 2017. His wife, Eileen, and his loving family survive. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Charles Rewis

REWIS, Charles, 53, died July 5, 2017. Siblings Pauline (Robert) Barros and Leroy Regis survive. A memorial service was held July 14. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.



Clark D. Sutton

SUTTON, Clark D., 69, of Zephyrhills, passed on July 16, 2017. A funeral service will be held July 20 at 11 a.m. at Hodges Family Funeral Home's U.S. 301 Chapel in Dade City. The family will receive visitors one-hour prior, 10-11 a.m. Mr. Sutton was a veteran of the United States Army and will be laid to rest at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, following the funeral service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Clark's memory to the charity of your choice.

Donald R. 'Donnie' Wilkerson Jr.

WILKERSON, Donald R. "Donnie" Jr., 62, a 30-year resident of Crystal Springs, left us all on June 30, 2017, to continue on and start eternity with Sheila Wilkerson, his late true love, soul mate, best friend and life partner. He passed away from a broken heart that is now complete and no longer broken. He was born Dec. 14, 1955. His daughter, Jamie (Daniel) Ashmore; granddaughter, Marisa Ashmore; father, Donald R. Wilkerson Sr.; mother-in-law, Jean Johnson; brothers, Ronnie, Danny, Rod Wilkerson, Robert (Georgia) Johnson; and sisters, Katie (Shannon) Wilkerson, Connie Foreman and Karen Allen all survive along with among many cousins, nephews and nieces. His wife, Sheila; mother, Ann Wilkerson; and father-in-law, James Johnson, preceded him in death. Services were held July 10 at Hodges Family Funeral Home with burial following at Floral Memory Gardens in Dade City.



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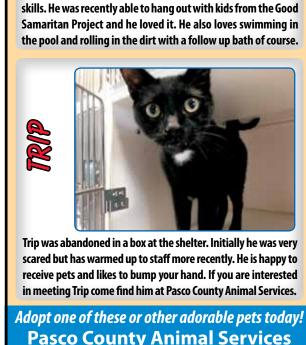




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