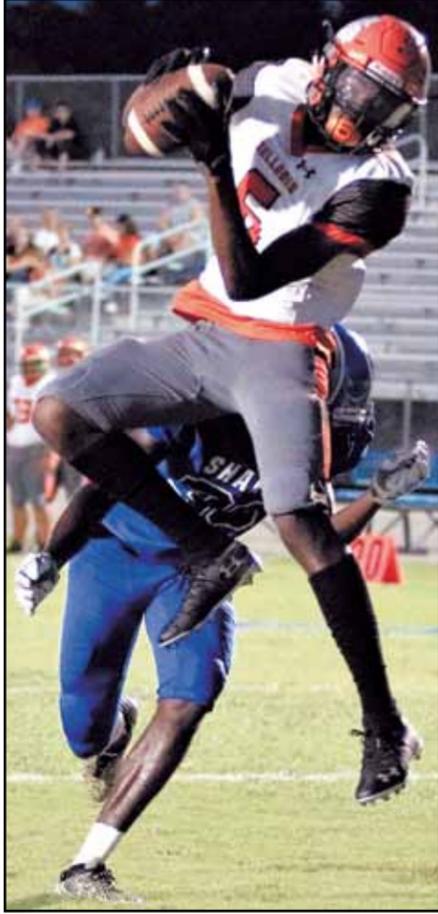


Cruising And Crushing



Tyreese Wigfall hauls in a touchdown reception in the first quarter of Friday's blowout win.

Anclote Latest Victim As Bulldogs Barrel Ahead To 6-0

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

The potent Zephyrhills offense led by quarterback Doug Crawford and a stingy defense powered the Bulldogs to a 44-0 shutout against Anclote to improve to 6-0 on the season.

Friday's win against the Sharks extends the Bulldogs' regular season winning streak to 15 games, dating back to Sept. 1, 2017. The last regular season defeat was a 31-29 loss to Wiregrass on Aug. 25 of last year.

"We're starting to gel. They know their assignments," said Zephyrhills head coach Nick Carroll. "They know their teammates are going to do their job. We're working on it."

Crawford tallied 202 yards of total offense as he rushed for 103 yards and two touchdowns. He was a perfect 6-for-6 through the air for 99 yards with half of his completions going for touchdowns.

"He's understanding our offense and he understands the leverage of the defense to know where to put the ball," Carroll said of Crawford's progress.

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ZHS Volleyball Seniors Play Last Home Game



Zephyrhills volleyball seniors were recognized Monday night during their final home game at Zephyrhills High School. The seniors are Grace Mudge, left, Ashley Dirks, Lauren Kocher, Coach Tawnya Brown-Booker, Emily Glisson, Paige Johnson, Hope Johnson and Madison Pysher.

Photo by **Dave Walters**

ZCA Stops Rival With Big Win

by **Dave Walters**

Zephyrhills Christian Academy and Victory Christian have some history together, but after Friday night's game the Warriors added a reassuring page to

the archive with a 17-5 win.

These two teams are quite familiar with each other with Victory registering a regular season win (20-14) and a

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Karate Staff Receive Special Training



Staff and students of Lake House Karate, 11853 Curley St., San Antonio, recently participated in an 'in-school' training event intended to improve their instructional capacity, and to integrate new curriculum procedures. Master instructors, Black Belts, candidates for Black Belt, and students all took part in this class.

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Boys Golf Wins Conference Title



The Zephyrhills High School boys golf team captured the Sunshine Athletic Conference title this week. The champs are Landon Oglebe, Roddy Kight, Christian Hupp, coach Shaun VanPatten, Trevor Myers, Tristan McCool, John Helms, Carl Jinarow and coach Jeff Hupp.

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playoff win (12-0) against ZCA last season.

Victory Christian (6-1), which entered Friday night ranked No. 1 in Class 2A, was on the losing end of history and ZCA (5-2) was dominant.

The Warriors' running game racked up 178 yards on 33 carries in the first half while the defense held Victory to just 64 yards.

Victory's defense showed up in the second half by

holding the Warriors to 21 yards on 13 carries and 26 yards passing, which came on a fake punt play.

Javion Hanner's 4-yard TD run on a third-and-1 in the first quarter were the only points the Warriors needed to win even with the missed extra point.

Zephyrhills Christian kept Victory's highly touted running back Cornelius Shaw in check as he ran for 91 yards on 25 carries and no touchdowns. Two

interceptions and a lost fumble kept the Storm at bay.

Victory's deepest drive stalled at the ZCA 17, resulting in a first-quarter field goal that cut the Warriors lead to 6-3.

The only other touchdown came midway through the second quarter when Warriors' quarterback Jacoby Braxton took off to the end zone from 14 yards out on a fourth-and-1 play.

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Mock Election Available To Pasco Students

Brian E. Corley, Supervisor of Elections, Pasco County, in conjunction with Pasco County Schools Social Studies Department, is sponsoring a districtwide student mock election. The ballot with both the Presidential candidate race and the U.S. senate race is available to more than 68,000 students countywide.

Participating students will receive an "I Voted" sticker, and will be able to view the results of their election on the Supervisor of Elections' website, www.pascovotes.com, after 7 p.m. on election day, Nov. 6.

"We couldn't be happier about our involvement in the student mock election

as an addition to our ongoing voter education plan throughout Pasco County Schools," said Corley. "It's never too early to engage our future leaders in the process."

Students cast their ballot using a web-based voting platform known as DoubleClick Democracy which is

supported by KidsVoting USA. A statewide student mock election is provided through the joint efforts of the Lou Frey Institute (LFI) at University of Central Florida and their Florida Joint Center for Citizenship, the Florida Association of Social Studies Supervisors, and the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections.

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"He watches a lot of film and he continues to learn. He is a smart football player."

The Bulldog defense collected its second straight shutout, yielding a meager 51 yards rushing and 52 yards passing to the Sharks.

"The defense is starting to trust one another ... each of them are going to do their job," said Zephyrhills defensive coordinator Bryan Thomas. "They have bought into the idea of what we are trying to preach



Senior linebacker Caleb Keeling gets fired up before Friday's flattening of Anclote.

to them about competitive excellence."

Senior linebacker Caleb Keeling has definitely bought into competitive excellence as he has been a relentless force on the defensive side of the ball. Keeling and Sam Bergeron share the team lead in tackles with 49.

"It's big to get another shutout as we head into these last few games of the season," Keeling said. "This defense needs to capitalize. We're doing the little things right and every week we're getting better."

Crawford sprinted 47 yards for a touchdown on the first play from scrimmage to put the Bulldogs up 7-0 just 24 seconds into the opening quarter. He later passed to Tyrese Wigfall for a 15-yard score to put the Bulldogs up 14-0.

The scoring party continued in the second quarter when Crawford added another rushing touchdown (43 yards) and a passing touchdown (35 yards) to Cartrell Strong.

Zyre Roundtree came through with a 54-yard touchdown run. The defense pressured the Anclote center into a bad snap that rolled through the end zone for a safety. By the end of the first half, the Bulldogs held a 37-0 advantage.

Despite a mercy rule running clock in the second half that sped up the game Crawford was able to add another score with a 30-yard touchdown pass to Jaquan Sheppard to round out the scoring.

"As long as we get to the state championship, I'll

be fine," said Sheppard, who picked up his third TD of the season. "We're looking good. Being 6-0 looks real good."



Zephyrhills senior quarterback Doug Crawford looks downfield for a receiver in Friday's win against Anclote. Crawford was a perfect 6-for-6 on the night, with three completions going for touchdowns.



Zephyrhills receiver Jaquan Sheppard tries to shake an Anclote defensive back in the Bulldogs' 44-0 district win Friday night.



Caleb Keeling and Doug Crawford celebrate after Crawford's 47-yard touchdown run on Zephyrhills' first play from scrimmage.



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Paul Gavin of Giving Tree Music in Tampa sings, drums and is accompanied Carissa Pitts of Wesley Chapel and Lucia Castillo of Dade City, both working on their Associates of Arts degrees at Pasco-Hernando State College.

Every year the campuses of Pasco-Hernando State College set aside time in the busy schedules of students, faculty and staff to think about unity during Peace Week. This year's Peace

Week events were held Sept. 24 through Sept. 27 at all of PHSC's five campuses.

The four-day event included lectures, discussions and activities ranging from

PHSC Promotes Peace



Wellness consultant and yoga instructor Erin Senack-Daum of Productive Visions held an hour-long 'Chair Yoga' experience Sept. 24 with standing and sitting positions and stretches.

Photos by Richard K. Riley

yoga and tie dying shirts to creating a sand mandala.

At the Dade City campus off Blanton Road a Unity Festival was held for two days on the patio. Individual students as well as clubs and organizations turned up to support the events and even grab a snack for brain food in between classes.

The purpose of Peace Week was written on PHSC's website:

"We pause to recognize that peace is not simply the absence of war, but a constantly changing and fragile ideology that can be threatened if people are not given the opportunity to express themselves and connect with one another. Despite worldwide volatility and political pressures, we must in our increasingly diverse and technologically advanced society, constantly seek understanding and global perspective."

Visit peaceweek.phsc.edu/home for more information on Peace Week and don't miss next year's events.



Kristen Gay of Zephyrhills applies dye to a t-shirt for a creation and colors of her own choice during the Sept. 26 Peace Week activities. She is attending the PHSC Blanton Campus as she earns her Associate of Arts in Nursing.



The music and crafts component of Peace Week were set up under the awnings behind the administration lobby in the center of the Blanton Road campus last week.

Pets of the Week



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Zephyrhills First Church of the Nazarene – A new SHAPE class will begin Oct. 14 and meet on Sundays at the home of Kendall and Gail Deford from 12:30-2 p.m. Contact the office for details.

ZFN Kidscare will be having their Fall festival on Oct. 26. Check out the daycare and support the kids.

Pastor appreciation Sunday will be on Oct. 28. Come show your support for our spiritual leadership team.

Trunk or Treat will be held Oct. 31 from 6-8 p.m. Stop by for a safe trick-or-treating experience, games, decorated trunks and lots of candy.

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.

Cornerstone Community Church – A movie night screening of "Seasons of Gray," a modern-day story of Joseph, will be held Oct. 17 at 7 p.m.

A new Bible study will begin Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. themed "Warfare – winning the spiritual battle."

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 Highway in Zephyrhills. Call Pastor John Faughnan at (352) 567-6494 or visit www.mycornerstonecc.com for information.

Zephyr Christian Church – A fall festival will be held Oct. 20 at the church and open to the public from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. There will be games, fun and food. There will also be someone available to pray with or for you.

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 United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills – A craft show will be held Oct. 20 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. featuring assorted vendors. Lunch will be served. Sponsored by the First United Methodist Women.

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 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.

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.

The social group, Sew & So meets from 1-3 p.m. each Tuesday. The group does crafts, crocheting, knitting, etc. Come, bring a friend and the project you are currently working on. Meet new friends. Ladies and gents welcome.

We are collecting toiletries (shampoo, soap, tooth paste and brushes, deodorant and razors) for the residents of Helping Rock homeless community. We are knitting hats for the cool weather and have directions and needles. Donations will be accepted on Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. or Sunday at the 11 a.m. service. Join us for this worthy cause.

First Congregational Church of Zephyrhills – Our October schedule includes our annual Homecoming on Oct. 28 with Gospel music family: The Peyton's

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 welcomes everyone and is located at 7900 Fort King Road. Contact (813) 780-6027 or fcczh@aol.com for information.

Zephyrhills Wesleyan Church – Sunday worship services include traditional worship at 9 a.m.; adult Sunday school at 10:15 a.m.; contemporary worship with kids Sunday school at 11 a.m.; and adult Bible study, youth group and kids' ministry at 4 p.m. The church is located at 38924 C Ave. Call (813) 782-7510 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 Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – 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. The church is located at 6040 Eighth St. in Zephyrhills, behind the post office. Contact (813) 782-1071 or fcczhills@verizon.net for information.

Zephyrhills Church of Christ – We welcome you to come visit with us any time you can. We'd love to meet you and get to know you. Our times of services are: Sunday Bible study at 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. We also have midweek Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

We are located at 5444 Fourth St. If you have any questions you can contact our preacher, Kevin Heaton, at (205) 405-7700 or heatonkevin@yahoo.com. You can also reach a couple of our members Joe at (813) 846-9441 or Wayne at (352) 424-0144. Visit zephyrhillschurch.com and acordofblue.wordpress.com for more information.

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 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 8-9 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.

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.

Community Harvest Church – Tom Marino and pastor Dean Knight 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.

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. Pastor Ken Ringeisen welcomes you to the little church with the power of a big God.

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Pasco County NAACP Branch #5630

All members, who are presently members as of April 1 may be nominated for the Office of President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary and the Executive Committee. The next meeting will be today at St. Paul M.B. Church Annex, 14518 Seventh St., Dade City, at 6:30 p.m. This meeting will be the last opportunity to be nominated for an office. On Nov. 10 there will be an election of officers and the executive committee from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

East Pasco Friends of NRA

A banquet will be held at the Dan Cannon Auditorium at the Pasco County Fairgrounds today at 6 p.m. Our Freedom Sponsor is "Defending Conservatism and Democracy" on behalf of Rep. Danny Burgess and Liberty Sponsor RJ Nathe & Son's, Inc. Tickets may be purchased at West Armory off U.S. 301 in Dade City, online, or by calling Robert (Junior) Nathe at (352) 424-2732 or Jean Nathe at (813) 783-4364. Limited tickets available at the door.

Friends of NRA is a key grassroots event that supports thousands of community services related to firearm education, hunter safety, range improvements, youth marksmanship, JROTC and other shooting sports interests. This year we will recognize one of our "Home Town Girls" Ali Jordan who won the "State Champion Light Rifle Category" in her senior year competing through Florida High School Rodeo Association. She also qualified in her junior and senior year to travel to Wyoming for the National Finals.

New this year is a Specialty Cake table by Kim West where you can bid on cakes. The cash bar is provided by "Savory Roots Catering," and a BBQ dinner by Chris Blommel and family. Shop for those holiday gifts, bid on a Safari or come and play the games for a chance to win guns.

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East Pasco Writers Forum

The next meeting will be held today. The forum is a member of the Florida Writers Association and meets once a month at the clubhouse of Country Aire Manor, 10249 U.S. 98, Dade City, from 10 a.m. to noon. Meetings are divided into two sessions: critiques of original works brought by members and visitors; and critiques of voluntary monthly writing assignments, designed to help members and visitors improve their craft. Marjorie K. Nanian, a published writer, leads the group. Call (248) 231-7167 for information or directions to the clubhouse.

Nature Coast Chapter, Florida Native Plant Society

Meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd., Land O' Lakes.

Meetings are free, and all interested parties are invited to attend, to bring questions about their yard, and participate in light refreshments and the native plant drawing. Telephone inquiries are taken by Sandy at (727) 207-1853.

On Saturday at 9 a.m. the Nature Coast Chapter of the Florida Native Plant Society has a field trip to Aripeka Sandhills Preserve, 18000 Aripeka Road, Hudson. Katie MacMillen will be the leader, while we all practice what we learned in her "Plant ID" program the previous Tuesday. Followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant. Contact Gailpar1@verizon.net or (813) 928-1412 if you plan on coming, or have questions.

Visit www.pasconativeplants.org for information.

East Pasco Democratic Club

The next meeting will be Monday starting at 4:30 p.m. at Omari's Grill at Scotland Yard Golf Club, 9424 U.S. 301. Meeting ends at 6 p.m. and then reconvenes at 6:30 p.m. at the Dade/Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce Candidate Forum at East Pasco Adventist Academy, 38434 Centennial Road. All friends of the Democratic Party are invited. Limited menu of fine food available at 4:30 p.m. Visit www.eastpascodems.com or call (813) 383-8315 for information.

Garden Gate Garden Club

The next meeting will be held Oct. 18 at the Magnuson Hotel, 5734 Gall Blvd. The public is invited to hear a speaker discussing the new garden clubs, with the meeting following. Refreshments are served at 9:30 a.m. with the meeting beginning at 10 a.m. Contact Vicky at (813) 782-8004 for information.

NAMI Pasco Support Groups

The Pasco County Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) offers two types of support group meetings each month – one for those living with mental illness and another for family and friends of those with mental illness. This covers all brain disorders, including, but not limited to OCD, depression, bi-polar, schizophrenia, multiple personalities, etc.

The NAMI Family Support Group is held the first and third Tuesday of each month from 7-8:30 p.m. at Atonement Lutheran Church, 29617 S.R. 54, Wesley Chapel.

The NAMI connection Recovery Support Group – open only to those with a mental illness diagnosis – is held for those age 18 or older every Wednesday in New Port Richey. Call (727) 992-9653 or visit www.namipasco.org for additional information.

Pet Loss Support Group

Gulfside Hospice is offering a monthly pet loss support group for community members. The group meets on the last Thursday of every month at the Gulfside Center for Hospice Care in Zephyrhills, 5760 Dean Dairy Road, from 3-4:30 p.m. Upcoming dates include Oct. 25, Nov. 29 and Dec. 27.

For information about the support group, call Merritt at (727) 845-5707. The group is being offered in conjunction with Gulfside's Pet Peace of Mind Program, which keeps pets and people together during hospice care. Call (800) 561-4883 or visit www.ghppc.org to find out more about Gulfside's Pet Peace of Mind program or to become a volunteer with the program.

United Daughters of the Confederacy

The club's Betty Lykes Stringer Chapter is collecting Christmas toys for the children in the Guardian ad Litem program. These are children who have been removed from their homes for their own protection and who had to leave most of their belongings behind.

The chapter is also collecting non-perishable food items to donate to local food banks.

We are an organization that is concerned about preserving history and honoring our ancestors as well as all veterans. If you are interested in joining this fine, non-profit organization or learning more about us contact Anne Brown at annebro@gmail.com or (352) 345-8740.

Come visit us to hear some great historical programs and learn about our Real Daughters, who are ladies, still living, whose fathers served in the War Between the States.

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 at 6 p.m. Thursday meat raffle is from 5-8 p.m. with Spinlok playing – tickets for the meat raffle are \$2 each. Friday is our famous Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. with other menu choices available. Music starts Fridays and Saturdays from 7-10 p.m. On Sundays join E-bowling at 1 p.m. with music from 5-8 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

Bingo is held every Thursday. Doors open at 4 p.m. and games begin at 6 p.m. giving players plenty of time to get ready for the games. Bingo is open to the public to attend. We serve hamburgers, hot dogs and/or sandwiches with fries etc. starting at and food service stops at around 5:45 p.m. in order to get ready for the fun. Pie and ice cream are served at intermission around 7:30 p.m.

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.

Ladies Oriental Shrine Cairo Court #97

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.

Zephyrhills 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.

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.

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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Joyce Brady

BRADY, Joyce, 78, passed away peacefully on Sept. 25, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. She attended New River Church and was a devoted wife of 61 years, loving mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother. Her husband, Jack Brady of Dade City, survives along with daughters, Jacqueline (Kerry) Kleppinger of Sarasota and Melanie (David) Hope of Tampa; six grandchildren, Jesse, Donnie, Matt, Kristin (Mitch), Carly, and Cambria; and four great-grandchildren, Noah, Taegan, Harper, and baby Jack. Her daughters, Rhonda Hapeman and Cristal Crews, preceded her in death. A celebration of life will be held on Oct. 13 at 1 p.m. at New River Church, 4210 Ernest Drive, Wesley Chapel. Whitfield Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Anthony R. Burch Jr.

BURCH, Anthony R., Jr., 85, of Zephyrhills, passed away on Sept. 28, 2018. He was born on Oct. 10, 1933, and was formerly of East Taunton/Lakeville, Mass. until moving to Florida in 1998. He joined the U.S. Army in 1951 and was with the 101st Airborne Ranger's during the Korean War. He spent more than 50 years sulky racing, car racing, and pony pulling all over the United States. The love of his life, Jean Burch, preceded him in death in 2012. His son, Wayne (Paula) Burch of East Taunton, Mass, survives along with his son, Anthony B. Burch of Zephyrhills, and his daughter, Lori (Bob) Botelho Sr. of Zephyrhills; and his brothers, Harry Burch of Taunton, Mass and Danny Burch of Berkley, Mass, along with several nephews and nieces. He was also a proud Papa of six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to your favorite charity. A celebration of life will be held at a later date.



Janice M. Bush

BUSH, Janice M., 73, of Zephyrhills, passed away Oct. 4, 2018, surrounded by her loving family. She was born March 22, 1945, in Jacksonville to William Edwin and Margaret (Perkins) Grogan. She loved and enjoyed her family. Her husband, Roger Clyde Bush, Sr., survives along with daughters, Michelle (Dan) Reed Knowlton and Angela (Garret) Bush Cardwell; sons, Skip (Caron) Reed Jr., Roger C. Bush Jr., and James T. (Tara) Bush; brothers, Joe (Susie) Grogan and William J. Grogan; sister-in-law, Dorothy Starnes; 20 grandchildren, and five great grandchildren. Her parents preceded her in death along with a son, Danny Reed. A celebration of life will be held at 12 p.m. on Sunday at 37529 Sky Ridge Circle in Dade City. Whitfield Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Kenneth J. Edy

EDY, Kenneth J., 69, passed away Sept. 27, 2018. His siblings, Carol, Daniel, George, James, and Susan, survive. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Vera L. Halstead

HALSTEAD, Vera L., 84, of Zephyrhills, passed away Sept. 30, 2018. She was born Aug. 15, 1934, in Cannon, W.Va. to John D. and Ruby Marie Gould Rice. She moved to the area nine years ago from Woodbine, Ga. where she had been active with Meals on Wheels and the Woodbine Church of God. Her six children, Kenneth Halstead, Gerald Halstead, Debra Fry, Larry Halstead, Connie Clinton and Kelly Clinton, survive along with six siblings, John Rice, Tom Rice, Bob Rice, Joe Rice,

Jerry Rice and Janet Hendrix; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and one and a half great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held in West Virginia where she will be buried at Rice Cemetery in Cannon, W.Va. Hodges Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Paul D. Loder

LODER, Paul D., 79, of Zephyrhills, passed away Oct. 2, 2018. He was born June 14, 1939, in Madison, Wis., to Keith and Evelyn (Brunsell) Loder. He was a Legionnaire of the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge, a member of the Zephyrhills Eagles Club, a member of Madison Bowling Hall of Fame in Wisconsin and enjoyed golfing. His wife, Jean of Zephyrhills, survives along with his son, Chris (Jacki) Coren of Zephyrhills; daughter, Kim (Bruce) Arnold of Dade City; three grandchildren, Staci, Stephanie and Katie; and five great-grandchildren, Natalie, Lilliana, Jayce, Emery and Lincoln. Family received friends on Oct. 8 at the Whitfield Funeral Home chapel.

Lorraine Louise Morel

MOREL, Lorraine Louise, 81, passed away on Oct. 4, 2018. Her husband, Roger, survives along with sons, Glen, Ken, David, and Steve, and 12 grandchildren. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.



Henry C. Nesbit

NESBIT, Henry C., 82, of Ridge Manor, passed away Oct. 6, 2018. Born in Richland, he graduated from Zephyrhills High School in 1954. He was a stellar athlete in school, playing football (known as Mr. Touchdown), basketball, and baseball. He continued his love of sports and was a much sought after fast pitch softball pitcher. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1954-1958, sailing mostly in the Pacific Theater. He was within seven miles of two atomic and one hydrogen bomb blasts in the Bikini Islands. After the Navy, H.C. worked for Weyerhaeuser for 40 years where he was a print master and a supervisor. During retirement he worked as a handyman. His parents, William Henry and Edith Pierce Nesbit, preceded him in death along with one brother, Marian, and one son, Terry Barnes. His loving wife of over 40 years, Dianne, survives along with his sisters, Hilda (Gene) Baker and Murrel (Johnny) Dozier; children, Kenneth (Pat) Nesbit, Randy (Debbie) Barnes, Cliff (Omyra) Nesbit, Lynn (Lonnie) Sims, and Sheryl (Von) Webb; 14 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces and nephews. Henry was a life-long Southern Baptist. He loved singing gospel music and he and his wife were members of the New Glory Bound Singers for more than 40 years. He was a deacon and founding member of the Family of God Baptist Church. Viewing and funeral services will be at Sunset Funeral Home and Memory Gardens, 11005 N. U.S. Hwy. 301, Thonotosassa, beginning at 11 a.m. on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Family of God Baptist Church Building Fund, Zephyrhills.

Janet Audrey (Wright) Porter

PORTER, Janet Audrey (Wright), 79, passed away on Oct. 6, 2018, at the American House in Zephyrhills. She was born on Dec. 13, 1938, in Floral Park, N.Y., to Frank and Pauline (Dorr) Wright. Janet was the youngest of three children. She graduated from Sewanhaka High School in Floral Park, N.Y. and was employed by the Town of Smithtown, N.Y., as a principal library clerk. Her parents preceded her in death along with her brother, Frank, and her sister Margaret (Heinrich). Her husband, Robert, survives along with three children, Robert and his wife,

Cheryl, Donna Gilmore and her husband, Thomas, and Steven; eight grandchildren, Robert Porter, Alexander Porter, Christine Porter, Thomas Gilmore, Jessica Gilmore, Jamie Gilmore, Chloe Groves and Lyle Walley; and great-granddaughter Quinn Groves. Services were held at Hodges Family Funeral Home in Zephyrhills on Oct. 10.

Lonnie Eugene Prater Sr.

PRATER, Lonnie Eugene, Sr., 60, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 30, 2018. John Prater and David McMullen preceded him in death. His loving mother, Blanche Franke, survives along with brothers, Gary Prater, Michael Prater, Rodger Prater and David Prater; sisters, Deborah Kirk and Brenda Sysol; children, Lonnie Prater Jr., Jerald Prater, Billy McMullen and Tiffany Miller; grandchildren, Parker Phillips, Riley Phillips, Brianna McMullen, Corey McMullen, Dee Dee McMullen and David McMullen. He will be missed. A celebration of life was held on Oct. 6 at Country Air Villas Club House. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangement.

Brantley E. Smith

SMITH, Brantley E., 77, of Zephyrhills passed away Sept. 29, 2018. He was born Dec. 15, 1940, in Zephyrhills to the late Cullen and Matilda "Tillie" (Reutimann) Smith, Sr. He enjoyed farming, golfing, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. His wife, Susan Nichols Smith of Zephyrhills, survives along with five children, Mindy Smith of Dunedin, Carey Smith of Temple Terrace, Julie Smith of Brooksville, Jeff Reutimann of Zephyrhills and Greg Reutimann of Zephyrhills; six grandchildren, Kyle, Bryna (Mark), Chance, Reece, Garrett and Connor; one great-grandchild, Matthew; three sisters, Patty (Larry) Bazzell of Zephyrhills, Judy (Bobby) Hilton of Zephyrhills and Susan A. Smith of Columbia, S.C.; a brother, Cullen "Buddy" Smith Jr. of Zephyrhills; and his former wife, Carole Smith of Zephyrhills. His brother, Stephen Smith, preceded him in death along with a son, Brantley E. Smith. A funeral service was held on Oct. 6 at the First United Methodist Church. Interment at Smith Cemetery was private. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Louise Thoma

THOMA, Louise (Hepler), 76, of Zephyrhills passed away Oct. 3, 2018. A native of Muskegon, Mich., she was born on Nov. 8, 1941, to Fred Hepler and Beatrice (Hanson) Hepler. Her sister, Florence DenBoer, survives along with sister-in-law, Marilyn Hepler; nieces, Nancy Charles, Diana Hepler, and Kelly (Mike Karp) Hepler; nephews, Dave Barney (Jean), Tom (Robin) Hepler, and Jeff Hepler. A memorial service was held on Oct. 11 at Bible Missionary Church in Zephyrhills. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.





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If You Plant It, They Will Come

Gardening 365 Draws A Large Crowd Of 'Growers'

Story and photos by Emily Kochanski

San Antonio Park became a veritable jungle on Oct. 6 as the small town welcomed the second installment of the annual Gardening 365 event. Presented by the UF/IFAS Pasco County Master Gardeners, the six-hour Edibles-themed affair featured various vendors selling a variety of plants and garden accessories and included educational lectures and activities for both children and adults.

The event has grown exponentially since its first run last year. A total of 27 plant vendors were in attendance as well as several non-profit organizations from Pasco County and several educational booths. Throughout the day, guests were invited to browse a selection of flowering, decorative, or fruit or vegetable-bearing foliage while learning about the flora at

the same time.

"At our educational booths the public could learn about saving water, Florida friendly plants, organic culturing and such," said Jessica Eile-Keith, Master Gardner trainee and chairperson for the event. "Guests will receive a lot of helpful advice. We would like for people to know how to grow their own food."

In keeping with the theme of "Edibles," the event featured a wide range of food producing plants, including apple, banana, and olive trees to name a few, and offered both seasoned gardeners and first-time growers expert tips about maintaining their plants and enjoying the "fruits" of their labor.

"This year's event was based on the mindset that if you can grow ornamentals, you can also pop in a nice little herb or try to grow some tomatoes as well," Eile-



The San Antonio Park was decorated in a rainbow of blossoms and blooms for the second annual Gardening 365 event Saturday.

Photo by Richard K. Riley

Keith said. "My feeling is that if you grow something yourself, you're more careful about it. It's also a great way for kids to get to know where some of the food they eat comes from."

Kids also spent the day learning about the importance of pollinators, such as bees and butterflies, through arts and crafts. Youngsters received insightful information about some of their favorite insects while painting rocks to look like ladybugs or decorating butterfly wings made from coffee filters.

"Without pollinators there would be no food," said Eile-Keith. "We hope that kids will take this information about all of the good bugs home to their parents. They are the best educators."

The event attracted a significantly larger turnout than its previous installment and Eile-Keith couldn't be more pleased. She is hoping that the knowledge the community gained at Gardening 365 will inspire them to help keep Pasco County's greenery in full bloom.

"The community of plant growers is such a nice one," Eile-Keith said. "Growers are very helpful and encouraging. And



Insects weren't the only wildlife making an appearance at the event. The wide-eyed Mama Cass from the Florida Raptor Center attracted a lot of attention from patrons.

when you see someone go home with a plant, you're also seeing them leave with a smile on their face."



Deborah Henry, left, and Shelly Nuss enticed patrons with their assortment of colorful garden accessories from the Grumbles House Antiques and Garden Shop.



Kids learned about bees, butterflies and ladybugs while crafting and coloring them.



As both a visual and educational treat, an exhibit featured an assortment of Florida's colorful butterfly species.



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