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On To The **Playoffs**

Nine-Mile War Will Precede **Battle With Nature Coast Tech**

Story and photos by Dave Walters

Zephyrhills clinched the district runner-up spot and punched its ticket to the playoffs with a decisive 56-26 win against Anclote on the road.

For the second straight season, the Bulldogs finish second to River Ridge in the district standings and this time around will open the playoffs Nov. 11 at Nature Coast Tech.

This is the third straight year Zephyrhills has made it to the playoffs and the first time for Bulldog head

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Junior Myles Carter shrugs off an Anclote defender on his way to a touchdown Friday night.

5K Takes Aim At Diabetes



Overall winner and ZHS cross country runner Tommy Locke gives a big thumbs up after finishing the race in 18:47.

Run For The Hills Raised Money For Awareness

Story and photos by Dave Walters

When the more than 170 runners took off from the starting line at the Run for the Hills 5K at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, their thoughts were about getting back to the finish line with a good time.

"We want people to have a starting point for a new passion, like running a 5K," said Creation Health Wellness Center director Casio Jones. "We try to find ways to get active and get involved in their health."

The overall goal of the race was to raise funds to promote awareness for diabetes and diabetes education.

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Members of the Zhills PreciZion team prepare to make a formation while participating in the 2016 U.S. Parachute Association National Skydiving Championships at Skydive Arizona. Photo by David Cherry/USPA

Local Skydiving Team Wins Gold

A local skydiving team based out of Skydive City Zephyrhills won gold medals last week in the intermediate 4-way formation skydiving event at the 2016 U.S. Parachute Association National Skydiving Championships at Skydive Arizona, south of Phoenix.

Zhills PreciZion beat out 26 other teams from around the country to earn

the gold.

The National Skydiving Championships is the country's biggest, most prestigious skydiving competition, drawing nearly 500 competitors from across the country for 10 days of breathtaking skydiving in multiple

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coach Nick Carroll.

"This is a big learning curve for these kids to take every game like it's their last game," said head coach Nick Carroll. "This game was more important to us than the Wesley Chapel game.

"We're going to make noise in the playoffs."

Last Friday the Bulldogs jumped out to a 7-0 lead, but fell behind 13-7 early in the second quarter. Zephyrhills took the lead 14-13 at the 9:12 mark of the second quarter and never trailed, staking a 36-point lead in the third quarter before running out the clock.

Wide receiver Jaquan Sheppard had two touchdowns, one on the ground and another through the air. Running back Myles Carter and Elijah Thomas each added a rushing touchdown.



Senior linebacker Jarrett Black blasts through the banner to lead the Bulldogs onto the field to face Anclote.



Brett Lemay and Sterlin Williams take down an Anclote running back.

"All of us get a chance to score," said Sheppard, who has 12 touchdowns on the season. "It's different from last year. No one knew who we were coming into this year. We are all young and they will know us for a long time."

Quarterback Charles Harrison III passed for 133 yards and a TD and ran for a pair of touchdowns himself. Tre'pavis Mobley had six catches for 102 yards with a touchdown.

"It feels good to get back to the playoffs," Harrison said. "Coach told us to play hard and do whatever we can to win tonight. We got that goal and we're going to the playoffs."

Harrison's touchdown pass came on a 36-yard Hail Mary heave in the closing seconds of the first half where Mobley tipped the ball in the end zone and into the waiting arms of Darius Causey.

"I just threw it up and hoped somebody would get it and somebody did," Harrison said.

"The rule is if you can't catch it, tip

it," Mobley said. "We work on that in practice and that's how it's done."

Adding to the scoring was reserve quarterback Jake Adams, who threw touchdown passes to Sheppard and Nick Loss.

The Bulldogs are back in action Friday for a huge backyard rivalry with Pasco in the "Nine-Mile War."

"It's a great place to play at and we'll do our best to come away with a victory," said Carroll, who started three seasons on the Bulldogs varsity team that played in the rivalry. "It's all about intensity. There's no better feeling as a Bulldog than playing against Pasco High School."

The intensity has already started on social media when Mobley, the brother of Bulldog standout Antwione Sims, started hearing smack talk from a Pasco player.

"He said he is better than my whole family," Mobley said. "We're just going to blow them out like everybody else and go on to the playoffs."



Zephyrhills coach Nick Carroll talks to Devondric Miller (9) and Javarrius Wilson (32) prior to the start of Friday's 56-26 win against Anclote.



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City Tennis Courts Will Be Built To USTA Standards

by Joe Potter

Zephyrhills plans to have a city-owned tennis center that will be designed by the United States Tennis Association.

The courts will be located on five acres of property within The District At Abbott's Square, a housing development in the works for the city's west side.

There will be 14 to 16 courts and related tennis facilities to accommodate regional and national tournaments.

There will also be 21,000 square-feet of retail space, ball fields, pools, and clubhouses at the Abbott's Square development, which will also include additional recreation.

In exchange for traffic impact fee

credits, both Simons Road and Dean Dairy Road will be improved to city standards.

Those road improvements are anticipated to begin in mid- to late 2017, said Zephyrhills City Planner Todd Vande Berg. Construction is not anticipated to start at the site until those road improvements have occurred, he said.

Meanwhile, the city plans to do some units.

work on the tennis courts at Shepard's Park this fiscal year.

Once built, Abbott's Square will sprawl across 167.52 acres and is zoned for multifamily and single-family development.

The current plan is approved for 124 single-family homes, 44 duplex units, 152 townhome units and 768 multifamily units.

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Members of the Zhills PreciZion team are, from left, Sally Hathaway, Rebecca Ugo, Erica Gorski and Jimmy Xu. Grant Underland is in front. *Photo by David Cherry/USPA*

events, including formation skydiving, vertical formation skydiving, and artistic freestyle and freeflying.

In formation skydiving, 4-person teams exit the airplane more than two miles above the ground and race against the clock to form prescribed geometric formations in freefall before opening their parachutes. A videographer jumps with the team to capture the maneuvers for the judges on the ground.

Zhills PreciZion team members are Erica Gorski, Sally Hathaway and Grant Underland of Tampa, and Rebecca Ugo and Jimmy Xu of Orlando.

About USPA

Founded in 1946 and celebrating its 70th anniversary this year, the United States Parachute Association is a non-profit association dedicated to the promotion of safe skydiving nationwide. It establishes strict safety standards, training policies and programs at more than 240 USPA-affiliated skydiving schools and centers throughout the United States.

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"We have a huge population of diabetics here," Jones said. "Diabetes is a lifestyle issue and ... the more people who get help, the more we can help people.

"We want to use the resources we have to help our community. It's a win-win."

Making up a good portion of runners were members of the Zephyrhills High School Cross Country team, which included overall 5K winner Tommy Locke, who got through the 3.11-mile course in 18:49.

"I love this," said Locke, who also won the event last year. "It's so much fun having the whole community together for a run. It's great to have the team here, too. I love this team."

Bulldogs' coach James Kretschmar used his team to connect with the community and help with a cause that raises awareness regarding diabetes.



Sharon Northrop, left, joins Terry Pruher, the oldest runner at 76-years-old, at the finish line after the race.



Nora Ripley joins Casio Jones of the Creation Health Wellness Center, winning the female under 18 class.

The Zephyrhills High School Booster Club provided the entry fees for all the Bulldog athletes who participated.

"We like to get the kids more involved in ... running in a different atmosphere," Kretschmar said. "We had a lot of personal bests today, so it shows if they are running in a non-competitive environment, they are relaxed and it brings their confidence up."

Terry Prueher, a 76-year-old, who runs two 5K races a year, was the final participant to cross the finish line, but that didn't faze him a bit.

"It's important to finish," Prueher said.
"If you start something you should finish
it. It gives me a good feeling of confidence
when I finish it. I'm not that fastest guy in
the world, but at least I finished."



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Bully-Free Initiative Offering Literacy Training

by Keri McAlpine

Bee Bully-Free will be holding its first literacy coach training session next week at no charge.

The hour-long course will teach potential volunteers positive strategies and techniques on how to help struggling readers build confidence and enjoy reading.

"We're going to make it fun and quick and easy," said MJ Price of Bee Bully-Free. "These are skills folks can also use with their own children and grandchildren."

Participants will explore Orton-Gillingham, Stevenson, IRLA, HiLo Readers, Explore the Code, Primary Phonics, Hooked On Phonics, Pneumonics and other methods to help young readers excel.

attendees will also receive child protection policy training, which will make them equipped and ready to volunteer as a reading coach or volunteer in the school system.

Price said the session will walk volunteers through the Pasco County school district's volunteer application to make the process as easy as possible.

"They don't have to just use it in the district, they can also use it in other avenues as well or with other adults who are struggling readers" Price said of those who wish to participate. No experience or prior training is necessary to attend.

The training session will take place on Nov. 13 from

In addition to receiving training as a literacy coach, 3 to 4 p.m., at the Goin' Postal Headquarters, 4941 Fourth St., on the east side of Zephyr Park. Spaces are reserved for adults age 18 and up. Childcare will not be available.

> Price's son and daughter started Bee Bully-Free about three years ago when they were only four and six years old.

> Class size is limited and interested parties are asked to RSVP by Nov. 11 by contacting drmjpricegp@ gmail.com or leaving a message by calling (813) 782-

> Bee Bully-Free has donated hundreds of books and hosted events such as bully-free dodge ball at local schools to promote friendship.

Patriotic Project Underway At Zephyrhills High School

Students Collecting, Retiring Worn Out Stars And Stripes

by Keri McAlpine

The Zephyrhills High School Junior ROTC battalion has begun collecting old and battered American flags as part of their annual service-learning project.

The old flags will be retired in burning ceremonies held by the students, who will also work to distribute new flags throughout the community.

Glenda Montgomery, ZHS senior and JROTC battalion commander, is leading the effort, which is called Project Patriotism.

"I thought this would be a good way to get our program more involved in the community and at the same time get our community more excited about patriotism and their pride for their country," Montgomery said.

First Sgt. Jimmy McAuley said

the most patriotic students he has taught, so the Old Glory project is a perfect fit for the battalion.

Montgomery recently spoke to city council about the project, and has been going to businesses door to door, asking them to support the project.

"When I came to Zephyrhills, I noticed that the kids are very patriotic here. And I really enjoy that aspect of it," McAuley said. "They want to wear the uniform and represent the flag. They understand the meaning behind it, and that's a great thing."

When members of the community hand in their old flags, JROTC will give them a new flag to display. For now, the battalion's budget only allows them to distribute 4 x 6 nylon flags, which cost about \$20 each. McAuley said the program has raised about \$1,400 since Sept. 26, which will go toward ordering new flags and the burning ceremonies for the old flags.

As of Oct. 13, Project Patriotism had received eight flags, with five of them donated just that day. Montgomery said

Montgomery and her peers are some of the students planned on holding a burning ceremony for the flags once every school quarter. However, if they receive a lot of flags they might switch to once a month.

> The JROTC program has about 130 cadets who will take turns hosting the burning ceremonies in smaller groups.

> "They're pretty rugged. Some of them are ripped, and some of them are just faded," Montgomery said of the retired flags.

> The official flag code suggests to retire a flag "when it's not serviceable," Montgomery said, so it could be up to personal preference as to when it needs to be retired.

> Community members, especially those who turned in an old flag, are welcome to attend the JROTC burning ceremonies, which will be announced ahead of time.

> "I think it will be pretty great. It will be a nice experience," Montgomery said, looking forward to the first burning ceremony. "It's really meaningful to somebody like us, who are so involved in the military lifestyle, to retire a flag."

The battalion has not yet determined

what kind of ritual they will lead. There are the basic steps that must be included in the ceremony - the flag must be burned completely, and the ashes buried after, McAuley said. Personal touches are encouraged, such as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance or the ZHS JROTC creed.

Montgomery and the other students will prepare a brief on Project Patriotism for when higher headquarters will visit the school in March.

To conclude the service-learning project JROTC students will write a paper reflecting on the project's effects on themselves and the community.

"It's an overall battalion effort," McAuley said. "I want everyone to get something out of this. Every kid should feel a since of pride in what we're doing."

Contact JROTC at (813) 794-6283 or projectpatriotismfl@gmail.comto submit a flag or make a donation to Project Patriotism.

Flags can be mailed in to: 6335 12th St., Zephyrhills, FL 33542. Sponsorship opportunities are also available for individuals and businesses.

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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.

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 join us for Generations Bible study for all ages starting at 6:30 p.m.

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

Trinity Church of Wesley Chapel – Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and services are at 10:15 a.m. every Sunday. Family Night is every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

We are having our monthly Fish Fry on the last Friday of every month. This month it is Oct. 28 from 4-7 p.m. and 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.

Wesley Chapel Seventh-day Adventist Church – Dr. Calvin Taylor, pianist and recording artist, will appear in two concerts of sacred music on Nov. 5 at the church, located at 33420 S.R. 54 in Wesley Chapel. The first concert will begin at 11 a.m., and the second at 5 p.m. Dr. Taylor has toured around the world and authored several music books. There is no charge for admission. A freewill offering will be received. The public is enthusiastically invited to attend. Call (813) 788-1550 for information.

First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills – FBC, located at 38231 Fifth Ave., is the downtown church. Pastor Rob McKinney invites everyone to visit a going church with a coming Savior.

Our teen ministry (TRUTH Ministries) starts at 6:15 p.m. Director: Jason Hicks. 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 weekday mornings from 6-7 a.m. in the church conference room. Everyone is welcome

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, 6:30 p.m. Children's activities and choir practice are at 6 p.m. Church phone: (813) 782-5574.

Wesley Chapel Church of the Nazarene – You are invited to join us for a traditional church service every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. and an evening service at 6 p.m. Our Sunday school classes start at 9:30 a.m. There is also a Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 6 p.m.

Everyone is welcome and invited to attend any or all of our services. The church is located at 34106 State Road 54 West and you may call (813) 780-7600 for more information.

Zephyr Park Christian Church – We are close to God and close to nature. Located under the large American flag behind Zephyr Haven. We meet every Sunday at 9:30 a.m. with singing and praising the Living Lord. We are giving you a challenge: visit us for four weeks and you will be so blessed you won't be able to stay away. Bible study is available. Call (813) 484-9906 for information.

Faith Baptist Church – Located at 38634 C.R. 54 in Zephyrhills. Pastor Michael Jayne would love to meet you. 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. Check us out on the web at fbczephyrhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-0880 for information.

First Presbyterian Church – We invite everyone to attend Worship Service each Sunday at 10 a.m. On Refresh Wednesday Nights, dinner is served at 5:30 p.m. Small groups for all ages, and adult group classes take place from 6-7 p.m. Adult Bible study is at 7 p.m. and choir begins at 7:15 p.m. Join us at 5510 19th St. in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 782-7412 for information.

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) – Worship with us on Sundays at 10 a.m. at 6040 Eighth St., Zephyrhills (behind the post office).

Communion is available at all of our services and is open for all believers. We have morning and evening Bible studies; an active women's service group, men's breakfast and more. Call (813) 782-1071 for information.

Just Church – Join us at 5221 Eighth St in Zephyrhills. Pastor Ken Ringeisen invites you to services on Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and at 7 p.m. Children's church and nursery are provided during the Sunday service.

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

First Christian Church – Worship is in the fellowship hall at 10 a.m. on Sundays. The church is located at 6040 Eight St. in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 782-1071 or email fcczhills@verizon.net for information.

Thrifty Angel Boutique at St. Joseph's Catholic Church – Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon. Donations accepted on Mondays from 8 a.m.-noon. The store carries gently used name brand clothes, shoes, handbags, jewelry, knick-knacks and household goods. Special sales every week, and throughout the month of October for the store's 10-year anniversary. Please stop in and help us celebrate. There will be gift certificates, door prizes, drawings and a special Halloween sale on Oct. 29. Located at 38640 Sixth Ave. in Zephyrhills. (813) 780-7309.

United Methodist Mission Thrift Shop – The United Methodist Mission Thrift Shop at the corner of Sixth Avenue and 11th Street in Zephyrhills has a nice selection of housewares, small appliances, Christmas decorations, jewelry, books and men's, women's and children's clothing. Store hours are Wednesday and Saturday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.

Waters Edge Community Church – Join us at 30200 Overpass Road in Wesley Chapel. Pastor Richard Crist invites you to attend prayer service Sunday at 9 a.m. followed by a worship service at 10 a.m.

Email Church News to church@pasconewspubs.com

First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs – 39607 Central Ave., invites you to join our weekly services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., Sunday worship service 11 a.m., Sunday night worship service 6 p.m., Wednesday night prayer service 6 p.m. Call Pastor John Foster at (813) 767-9307 or email Efoster23@tampabay.rr.com for information.

Grace Café – Join us Saturday nights at 5 p.m. for live praise/worship music and relevant messages all in a cafe style setting at 5320 First St. in Zephyrhills with coffee and food afterwards.

Our mission is to reach the broken and the hurting in our community and give them a place to come where they feel accepted and loved. Call (813) 817-8793 for information.

Our Savior Lutheran Church – Worship with us at 10:15 a.m. at 5626 20th St. in Zephyrhills. Holy Communion is on the second and fourth Sundays. Call (813) 782-1369 for information.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church – We will be having our annual yard sale on Nov. 5 from 8 a.m. until noon. The proceeds will benefit our Shepherd's Shelf Food Pantry.

Join us for Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. and Praise and Worship Service at 1 p.m. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is located at 37015 Orange Valley Lane in Dade City, on the corner of Ft. King Road and Clinton Avenue. Call (352) 567-8424 or visit www.shephillslc.org for information.

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A Fish Fry is held every Friday night from 5-7 p.m. Steak and shrimp dinner is every Saturday night from 5-7 p.m. Lunch is served Monday-Friday from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. The Florida Bermuda Moose Association State Corn Hole Tournament will be held Nov. 5-6 from noon to midnight. The Moose Lodge is located at 3211 Gall Blvd. and can be reached by calling (813) 788-7632.

Zephyrhills Eagles #3752

On Nov. 6 there will be an event to raise money for one of our own. It is a time of need to cover expenses for lodging during their daughter's surgery that will be out of town. There will be drink specials, food and entertainment. 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.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees #390

The next meeting of NARFE, Zephyrhills Chapter 390 will take place Nov. 8 at 12:30 p.m. at Mike's Smokehouse BBQ and Grill, located at 5740 Seventh St. Our guest speaker for this meeting will be Jackie Clark of Star Travel to tell us about trips in which we might like to take part. All federal employees, retirees and survivor annuitants are invited to attend. For seating purposes please call (352) 523-3674 or email hreed10@tampabay. rr.com no later than Nov. 4 if you plan to attend.

Zephyrhills Elks Lodge #2731

The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge, located at 6851 Wire Road, has many upcoming events. Fish Fry every Friday evening 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. Karaoke by Dudley is every Tuesday with dinner at 4:30 p.m. with varying menus. Karaoke begins at 6 p.m. A Veteran's Day Ceremony will be held Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. This is free and open to the public. Guest speakers, JROTC Honor Guard, and patriotic music. This program will be followed by a free light lunch. PER Breakfast on November 13 from 9-11:30 a.m. Omelets to order. Cost is \$6 per person. All events are open to Elks and invited guests. Call (813) 782-4604 for information.

Pasco County Genealogical Society

Join us at our Nov. 12 meeting to hear our noted speaker Debbbe Hagner. The meeting will start at 10 a.m. and the speaker will begin at 10:45 a.m. Meeting at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints at 9016 Fort King Road (State Road 41) between Zephyrhills and Dade City. The topic will be: "How Do You Know You Have The Right John Smith?" Free and open to the pubic. Visit our website at www.rootsweb.com~flpegs/ for information.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary

The Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a craft fall festival on Nov. 12 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be vendors with many items showing their talents. Entrance to the festival is free. There will be booths inside the building, under the pavilion, as well as in the grassy area. If you are interested in becoming a vendor, please call Karen at (813) 780-1558. The Eagles Ladies Auxiliary is a great way to volunteer your time to make a difference in

someone's life. We are a community-based organization that is not for profit located at 4149 New River Road in Zephyrhills. We are "People Helping People."

East Pasco Democratic Club

The next meeting of the East Pasco Democratic Club will be Nov. 21 in the meeting room at the American House at the Commons, 38130 Pretty Pond Road in Zephyrhills. There will be light refreshments at 6:45 p.m. with the meeting at 7 p.m. The East Pasco Democratic Club is open to all Democrats and welcomes new members. Contact Dottie Brisley at (317) 402-8211, dottieb18@gmail.com or visit their website at www.eastpascodems.com for information

Zephyr Lodge #198

"On The Level Casino Night" will be held on Dec. 10 from 5-11 p.m. at the Lions Club, located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road. Poker, Craps, Black Jack, Roulette, Slots, a scrumptious buffet style dinner, cash bar, and many great prizes will be featured. Sponsorships are available, and all sponsorship funds will benefit local charities. Event sponsorships are \$400, event/table sponsorships are \$500, individual table sponsorships are \$200, and 2 table sponsorships are just \$300. Raffle items, gift baskets, gift cards, and gift certificates from local businesses are welcome. Contact Daniel Krouse at (813) 426-7314 or via email at danielkrouse85@gmail.com for information.

AMVETS Post #550

AMVETS Post #550 is inviting everyone to make reservations for our New Year's Eve party which includes a catered dinner of Pot Roast or Rotisserie Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans or corn, dinner rolls, tossed salad and dessert. There will also be drawings, snacks, champagne and music by the famous Arlington Road Band. Tickets include reserved seating at \$25 per person. You don't have to be a member to join us for these events.

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. and the kitchen is open from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m. Wednesday is Queen of Hearts at 5 p.m. You can also join in or just listen at the Jam Session from 4-7 p.m. Thursdays is Karaoke from 6-9 p.m. Friday is our famous Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. with several other menu choices available. Entertainment is from 7-10 p.m. Steak Dinners are on Saturday's from 4-7 p.m. and a variety of entertainment from 7-10 p.m. Sunday 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.

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. Friday Night fish fry is back starting Oct. 21 from 4:30-7 p.m. for \$9. Wednesday Night Dinner by The Auxiliary is from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at \$7 each (except steak at \$9) beginning Nov. 2. 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.

Narcotics Anonymous Hotline

Information about various Narcotics Anonymous meetings that are held several days a week in East Pasco

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

Overeaters Anonymous

Meetings are held at the Seventh-day Church, located at 7633 Dairy Road in Zephyrhills on Mondays at 5:30 p.m. and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Newcomers welcome.

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.

Disabled American Veterans #65

The Zephyrhills Disabled American Veterans Chapter 65 meets on the second Thursday of each month at 5325 Eighth St. The office is open for claims on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. The office may be reached by calling (813) 355-4889.

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 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.

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.





PCPT Offers Free Rides To Polls On General Election Day

The Pasco County Public Transportation Department (PCPT) and Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Brian E. Corley want to remind voters that they can ride the bus free to polling places on General Election Day, Nov. 8.

Voters can show a valid Voter Information Card to ride the bus free Nov. 8 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

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For more information on poll locations and to see a sample ballot, please visit the Supervisor of Elections website: www.pascovotes.com.

For more information on PCPT bus routes and schedules, please visit www. ridepcpt.com.

Early Voting Ends Saturday

Voters can avoid the Election Day lines by casting their vote this week. Early balloting began last week and ends Saturday.

Election Day is Tuesday.

The Pasco County Supervisor of Elections Office has chosen New River Library, 34043 State Road 54, as the Zephyrhills location to cast your vote early. The balloting will take place from

7 a.m. to 7 p.m. through Saturday.
If you have registered on or before

If you have registered on or before Oct. 18, you are eligible to vote. Voters should bring a current and valid photo and signature ID with them to the polls. Acceptable forms of identification include, but are not limited to, a Florida driver's license or state identification card, public assistance ID, military ID or a concealed weapons license.

Obituaries

Email Obituaries to jpotter@pasconewspubs.com

Richard Paul Crandall

CRANDALL, Richard Paul, 79, of Zephyrhills departed this life on Oct. 19, 2016, at the Gulfside Center for Hospice Care in Zephyrhills. He was born on Dec. 12, 1936, in Leonardsville, N.Y. He was the eldest son of Paul and Irene (Roberts) Crandall. He was educated in New York State and earned his B.S. degree there as well. On Oct. 14, 1956, Richard married the love of his life, Joan Marie Elliott. He was an electrician and employed by T.H.Green Electric for many years. Upon moving to Florida with his family in 1976, Richard became a licensed insurance agent with National Standard Life Insurance. He was very successful and won many awards and accolades. He obtained his electrical license in Florida in 1993 and he and his son, Stephen, established their own electrical business, Richard Crandall Electric. His son, Stephen, continued the business when Richard retired 14 years ago. Richard was a member of the United Methodist Church in Leonardsville, N.Y., and became a Baptist when the family moved to Florida. He was a member of the choir and loved to sing. Richard also enjoyed numerous hobbies which included skeet shooting, snowmobiling, bowling, golfing and fishing. Richard planted a rose garden for his wife's enjoyment when she became disabled. He will always be remembered for the breathtaking rose garden that he tended to. He considered the rose garden to be his "ministry" and he blessed hundreds of people in the community with a visit and a bouquet. Richard and Joan were true soul mates and enjoyed 59 years of marriage. Richard was predeceased by Joan, as she passed away on June 27, 2016. Richard was an extremely dedicated husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was loved, cherished and respected greatly by all of his family. He is survived by his brother, Lawrence A. Crandall, and his wife, Brenda; his daughter, Elizabeth (Crandall) Parent, and her husband, George, of Clearwater; his son, Stephen H. Crandall and his fiancee, Jennie Boyd, of Zephyrhills; and his daughter and loyal caregiver, Catherine E., and her husband, Michael A. Hussey, of Zephyrhills; her grandchildren, Elisia (Rickard) Briscoe of Wesley Chapel, Zachary A. Rickard and

his fiancee, Brooke Habel of Clearwater, Katy (Crandall) Beddingfield and her husband, Blake, of Eatonton, Ga., and Kari E. Crandall and her fiance, Christopher Bradshaw, of Eatonton, Ga.; his great -grandchildren, Chandler and Carisma Briscoe, Kalli and Blakely Beddingfield and Lauren Brooke Rickard, who was just born on Oct.14, Richard and Joan's anniversary. A Celebration of Richard and Joan's lives will be held from 4-7 p.m. on Nov. 5 at Hodges Funeral Home, 36327 State Road 54, Zephyrhills. Interment will be on Nov. 7 at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. The family requests that any donations be made to Gulfside Center for Hospice Care in Zephyrhills for the extraordinary care that they provide.

Delores Garbrick

GARBRICK, Delores, 83, died Oct. 23, 2016. Services were held Oct. 25. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Easter M. Jones

JONES, Easter M., 90, of Zephyrhills, passed on October

25, 2016. She was born April 9, 1926. She is survived by her children, Sheila Helms and Charles Jordan; sister, Lessie Shirey; six grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren. We all love you, and will see you soon. A funeral service was held on Oct. 28 at Hodges Family Funeral Home's U.S. 301 Chapel in Dade City. Committal and in-



terment follow at Floral Memory Gardens Cemetery.

Brian J. Murch

MURCH, Brian J., 73, passed away Oct. 20, 2016. He was born May 13, 1943, in North Conway, N.H., to Malcolm and Lena (Barnes) Murch. Mr. Murch was a member of the First Presbyterian Church where he served in the choir. He also served as an Elder, Trustee, and in the chorus at Bet Mar Acres Village, and enjoyed woodworking. He is survived by his wife, Janice (Huntley) Murch; a brother, Ronald (Carol) Murch; a sister,

Janice Murch; and many nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews, who held a very special place in his heart. He was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Carol Jean Murch; and two brothers, Bruce and Sherman Murch. Services will be held Nov. 5 at 1 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church. Interment will be held in Bridgeton, Maine. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Allen Skinner

SKINNER, Allen, 77, died Oct. 22, 2016. He is survived by his wife, Janice, and siblings, Robert, Daryl and Ann Rothi. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Tammy Welch

WELCH, Tammy, 51, passed away Sept. 17, 2016 in

Texas. She lived in Zephyrhills all of her life. She is survived by her sons, Scott (Brittany) Welch, Robert (Mandy) Welch; and three grandchildren, Landon, Aubrey and Luke Welch. She is also survived by her mama, Anna Welch. Tammy worked at East Pasco Medical Center as a dietitian when it first opened. Tammy was preceded in

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death by her father, Phillip Hiott. Tammy was buried at Geiger Cemetery on Oct. 16. She will be missed and always loved.



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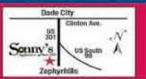
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