

Travis Mickle Takes Silver In Wingsuit Competition

U.S. Sweeps Top Two Spots

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

The skies over Zephyrhills were loaded with the world's best wingsuit skydivers this week and one of the hometown boys brought home some hardware.

Travis Mickle, a wingsuit coach at Skydive City, captured a silver medal in his performance in the first ever World Wingsuit Championships to be held at his home dropzone of Skydive City.



Skydive City General Manager David "TK" Hayes greets the representatives of 22 countries to the World Wingsuit Championships during the opening ceremonies last Thursday night.

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Fox 13 Rocks Pep Rally

by **Jeff Hupp**



On Friday morning Fox 13's Good Day Tampa Bay host Charlie Belcher came to Zephyrhills High School to help celebrate the 9-Mile War between the Bulldogs and the Pasco Pirates.

Fox 13 hypes these type of events during the area high school varsity football season giving fans of each school a chance to battle one another with the winner receiving an over-the-top pep rally.

Fox 13 also podcasted the pep rally live and the amount of school spirit shown appeared to be an overwhelming success.

During the pep rally, the varsity football players and cheerleaders were recognized, as well as the coaching staffs.

The senior class doing the pyramid contest at the Fox 13 Pep Rally last Friday morning.

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Ball And Ferry Win Shuffleboard Championship

Zephyrhills Shuffleboard players Earl Ball and Ron Ferry won the Central District, no. 2 pros, Championship at Betmar on Nov. 4.

They played some close matches but none closer than the semifinals when Henry Strong put on an exciting display, before a large crowd, shooting Ball in the kitchen one right after another.

However that turned out to be the only lost game Ball and Ferry took as they roared back and won games 2 and 3 to go on to win the finals and the championship.



Ron Ferry, left, and Earl Ball won the Central District, no. 2 pros, shuffleboard championship.

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Charlie Belcher from Fox rallying the crowd during the Fox 13 Game of the Week Pep Rally last Friday. Photo Provided

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The rally event is broken up into individual class-seating arrangements with the senior class leading the charge.

As always, the senior class retained the school spirit stick as the loudest class in the rally.

Also at the pep rally was local radio station Hot 101.5 that was spinning some local hot jams while the rally was being televised on Fox 13.

This pep rally is like no other because of the excited crowds and knowledge that it is being broadcast live throughout the Tampa Bay area.

The pep rally must have helped the Bulldog Nation because Zephyrhills went on to crush rival Pasco, 46-0.

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Mickle joined fellow Team USA teammate Chris Geiler on the podium. Geiler earned the gold medal to give the United States the top two spots.

In all, Team USA took five of the top spots in the performance competition.

Mickle's second place performance bested more than 60 competitors from 22 difference countries. He hopes to add to



Travis Mickle from Zephyrhills, right, won silver in the performance flying competition for wingsuit flying. Chris Geiler, USA, center, won gold and Espen Fadnes from Normay took home the bronze. Photo Provided

his medal total this week representing the U.S. in the acrobatic competition. In his speed competition, he exceeded 187 mph and in the distance discipline, he traveled 2.6 miles.

"It was awesome," Mickle said Monday. "The fact that it was done here was great. Chris was flying amazing. I was happy it was another American taking the gold."

The international contingent converged on Fifth Avenue last week for the event's opening ceremonies at Time Square.

According to Skydive City General Manager David "TK" Hayes, the goal was to be satisfied with 50 or 60 competitors. Between performance and acrobatic competition, there were 93 wingsuit athletes competing, including one representing Moldova.

"Moldova? Who knew there was a skydiver in Moldova who was a wingsuiter," Hayes said. "We have countries that have one competitor to fly and have a good time."

Hayes estimates that of the more than 90 competitors, 80 had never been to Skydive City.

"They are going to have a grand old time and they are already talking about coming



Wingsuit skydiving competitors from around the world are in Zephyrhills for the World Skydiving Championships at Skydive City.

back," Hayes explained. "They have a place in the United States to come to that they know is a great place to skydive."

"It's massive for the sport to have the first world championships," said Irish Skydiving team member Stephen Duffy.

"It's starting to grow so fast. It's great to see so many competitors. Ireland is a small country and we have a great team with us.

"It's going to be very competitive and we will see what we can do."

Duffy, who finished the performance discipline in 37th place, noted that in five years, the results have increased by 400 percent.

The opening reception for the wingsuit athletes was held at the Zephyrhills Brewing Company on Fifth Avenue.

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495th Legends Raise \$10,000 For Scholarship Program



Silverado General Manager Sean Klotz welcomes the members of the 495th Legends and the other players for the groups' annual charity golf tournament which will benefit the USF ROTC Scholarship Fund.



The 495th Legends, a veterans support group, have been active for over a decade conducting several golf tournaments each year to raise money in support of veterans and a scholarship fund for USF ROTC students. At this year's Veterans

Day Golf Tournament held Saturday at Silverado Golf and Country Club, the 495th Legends presented a check in the amount of \$10,000 to start an endowed scholarship program in the USF Foundation.



Ronnie Guy of the 495th Legends, a veterans support organization, welcomes its newest member Russ Oney of Zephyrhills VFW #8154.

Photos by Dave Walters

Gulfside Furniture Shoppe Holds Grand Opening

The Gulfside Zephyrhills Furniture Shoppe held its grand opening and ribbon cutting with the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce on Friday, Oct. 28.

This specialty thrift store, located at 36504 State Road 54 in Zephyrhills, is an extension of the five Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes and showcases furniture, art, home furnishings and appliances. The new store offers an excellent alternative for home owners on a budget looking for that unique and finishing touch.

"We have had a soft opening for a couple of weeks now, and have done marvelously. We are on a great path to success," said Linda Ward, President and CEO of Gulfside. "As you know, we are a non-profit organization. This location and our Thrift Shoppes help

offset the cost of care, and we couldn't do it without our community. We are so proud to work with the community of Zephyrhills and embrace our community together in partnership."

All proceeds from the store will benefit Gulfside Hospice & Pasco Palliative Care, and help support patient and family services in Pasco County.

The store will accept donations of furniture, home furnishings, artwork and appliances during store hours. Like the five Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes, the new store will be run primarily by volunteers.

For more information about the Gulfside Zephyrhills Furniture Shoppe or the other five Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes, visit www.GHPPC.org or call (800) 561-4883.



The community and the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce gathered at the new Gulfside Zephyrhills Furniture Shoppe on Oct. 28 for a grand opening and ribbon cutting. The specialty store will showcase furniture, art, home furnishings and appliances. All store proceeds benefit Gulfside Hospice and patient care in Pasco County.

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Bob Maxon, center right, has been in business for 38 years selling and renting motorized vehicles. Marty Rood, left, Peter Karpys and Michael Gray, right, and Jimmy Sweet (not pictured) build and sell the custom carts sold at Jomax Golf Carts.

Jomax Revs Up For Winter Season

Snowbirds Clamoring For Custom Golf Carts

Story and photos by Keri McAlpine

It's evident among most Zephyrhills businesses when the snowbirds begin to rumble their way back to their winter homes. Last week, the folks at Jomax Golf Carts noticed the change in the season, and the pick-up in orders for their custom golf carts.

Owner Bob Maxon has been in the business of renting or selling motorized vehicles for 38 years now and his showroom is currently packed with finished, multi-colored custom carts.

Maxon's wife, Cheryl, said customers get excited to see all of the possibilities when they come into the showroom to pick out a cart.

A common trend is to customize a cart based on a favorite sports team's colors. Having a cart that "pops" allows others to know who it is before they drive up.

"Soon we won't be able to keep the showroom full. They take them off faster than we can put them out," Cheryl said of the returning snowbirds.

As a golf cart professional, Maxon has changed his business model to accommodate an emerging trend among snowbirds. Although he has been offering custom club carts for the past six or seven years, the demand for them has picked up significantly in the past few.

"When we came to Zephyrhills they all played shuffleboard and played cards. Now look at your parks - they have Olympic pools, they're going on cruises. It's more upscale, I would say," Maxon said. "So now at these parks they want to get a golf cart and ride in the park. And they want to have a nicer cart; something custom."

With prices ranging from about

\$5,000 to \$6,000, a custom cart allows the buyer to pick out all of the details from colors, seat arrangements and dashboard options.

The custom carts are crafted starting with an average golf club cart. The shop strips it down to the bare bones and then begins to add new pieces, which are all American made, Maxon said.

The mechanics at Jomax rigged up what they call a "rotisserie," which spins the body of the cart like a rotisserie chicken, allowing them to work on the vehicle from all angles.

A custom club cart takes about a week to build and complete, Maxon said.

Jomax offers delivery and pick-up options for the completed carts and has a full service department for repairs and maintenance.

Last year, Jomax offered foreign carts for a cheaper price than the custom alternative, which many found desirable. However, Maxon explained there's no comparing them to the custom club carts.

"The price is what they like to pay, but they want the Cadillac. They want to buy a piece of bologna at the store, but they want to have it taste like a steak, and that's the problem we're getting," with the foreign carts, he said.

Even though Maxon believes the custom club carts are superior, Jomax still offers the foreign carts for anyone who wants them.

Before moving to his current location in 1999, Maxon's original shop, Renco Rental, was located where Walgreens is today on Gall Boulevard.

Jomax Golf Carts is located at 37746 Eiland Blvd., and can be reached by calling (813) 788-5539 or visiting www.jomaxgolfcarts.com.



Jomax Golf Carts has seen a rise in the desire for custom carts, where customers can pick out all of the details from colors to accessories.

Church News

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St. Joseph Catholic Church – A Holiday Bazaar will be held Nov. 19 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Nov. 20 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. We will have angels, hand knit and crocheted baby items, wreaths, baskets, flower arrangements Christmas ornaments, table linens, and more. Lots of one of a kind. Coffee, donuts and lunch on Saturday. Coffee and donuts will be available on Sunday. St. Joseph is located at 38710 Fifth Avenue. Call (813) 788-1825 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.

FBC will host the Gulf Ridge Quartet on Nov. 13 during the 10:45 a.m. service. Everyone is invited to attend this Southern Gospel Music event.

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.

Zephyrhills First Church of the Nazarene – Men's breakfast is held on the first Saturday of each month at 8 a.m. in the Erickson 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.

First Presbyterian Church – Located at 5510 19th St., First Presbyterian Church has an adult Bible study at 8:30 a.m. and worship service at 10 a.m. on Sundays. Dinner is served on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. followed by classes from 6-7 p.m. for all ages, including an adult Bible study. Choir practice begins at 7 p.m. Rev. Denise Lay invites the community to a free Thanksgiving dinner on Nov. 20 with turkey and all the trimmings. Food will be

served from 3-5 p.m. or until there is none left. We are blessed and wish to bless our community in return. Call (813) 782-7412 for more information.

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.

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 have a monthly Fish Fry on the last Friday of every month 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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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.

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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 – 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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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). 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 Elks Lodge #2731

The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge, located at 6851 Wire Road, has many upcoming events. Fish Fry every Friday evening 4:30-6:30 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, Debbie 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 public. 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."

Zephyrhills Historical Association

The Zephyrhills Historical Association will be having a fundraiser at Chili's Restaurant, 7643 Gall Blvd., on Nov. 15 between 11 a.m. and 11 p.m. The association will receive 10 percent of the sales that day for diners who present their "Community GiveBack" flyer. Proceeds will go to the Rosemary Trotman Scholarship Fund. Each year, the association gives an award to a qualified

Zephyrhills High School graduate. The flyers may be picked up at the Zephyrhills Public Library, 5347 Eighth St., or the Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce, 38550 Fifth Ave. Call Patty at (813) 780-8559 for information.

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.

Zephyrhills Art Club

The Zephyrhills Art Club will meet on Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at Alice Hall, 38116 Fifth Ave. The art club is open to anyone interested in art. We will host board elections, a "weather" themed mini-show, and a demonstration. Also, members meet at the following locations to enjoy art: Humana Guidance Center, 7920 Gall Blvd., from 8:30-10:30 a.m. on Mondays; and the Zephyrhills Public Library, 5347 Eighth St., from 1-3 p.m. on Tuesdays. Please come and join us and find out what else may be available. Call (813) 780-8562 for information.

Pasco County Historical Society

The next meeting will be held Nov. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village, located at 15602 Pioneer Museum Road in Dade City. Note this meeting will be on a Thursday evening instead of the traditional Friday. The program will cover Indians in east Pasco County and Shane Forrester will speak. Forrester has been a local east Pasco county resident most all of his life and has served as a hospital administrator for Marion and Hillsborough counties the last 20 years. A covered-dish dinner precedes the program, bring something special to share and your own cutlery kit and beverage. Historical society meetings are free and open to the public. A short meeting will include election of officers for calendar year 2017. Call (352) 567-7449 or contact bookbollard@iCloud.com for information.

Zephyrhills Family Moose Lodge

The Lodge is excited to share three upcoming events open to the public to benefit Toys for Tots. All toys and funds raised for Toys for Tots stays in east Pasco County. Come out and support your local community.

A Toys for Tots Band Marathon will be held Nov. 19 with a steak and shrimp dinner from 5-8 p.m. Admission is one new unwrapped toy or \$5. Lunch will be available from 1-3 p.m. Come hear 20 bands play in 12 hours. Raffles and 50/50s will benefit the kids.

A Poker Run will be held Nov. 26 with stops in Land O' Lakes, Brooksville, and Dade City. 100% payout and all vehicles are welcome. Cost is \$10 per hand plus an unwrapped gift. Spaghetti Dinner to follow for \$5. Here is your chance to see all your local Moose Lodges and discover what the Moose is all about.

A Car Show will be held Nov. 26 from 1-4 p.m. New, custom, antique, or hotrod - bring it to show off. Open to the public. Cost is an unwrapped gift or \$5. Awards to follow. Hamburger, chips and soft drink for \$6 at lunch and a full spaghetti dinner for \$5 from 5-8 p.m. All proceeds to benefit Toys for Tots.

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. Zephyrhills Family Moose Lodge is located at 3211 Gall Blvd. Call (813) 782-1771 for information on any of these events.

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.

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.

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.



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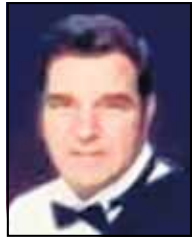
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Obituaries

James Berlie Chauncey
 CHAUNCEY, James Berlie, 91, of Zephyrhills, passed away Nov. 1, 2016. He was born Oct. 26, 1925, in Ft. Meade, to James Burt and Zora Williams Chauncey and retired after 20 plus years with the Pasco Packing Company. He was a longtime member of the Richland Baptist Church and was a U.S. Navy veteran. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Margaret R. Chauncey; five children, Anita L. Payne, Larry R. Chauncey, James A. Chauncey, Keathel W. Chauncey and Debbie L. Larkin; one sister, Estelle Geiger; 16 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held Nov. 5 at Calvary Assembly of God, 13544 US 98 Bypass in Dade City. Burial was Nov. 7 at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell with military honors. Hodges Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Agnes Finch
 FINCH, Agnes, 102, died Nov. 1, 2016. She is survived by children, William Finch, Jane Ray and Sally Mitchell. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Herbert Raymond 'Ray' Hatton
 HATTON, Herbert Raymond "Ray," 74, of Dade City, died Oct. 30, 2016, in Plant City. Ray was born in Lake Alfred on Feb. 1, 1942, to John and Mildred (Mann) Hatton. He grew up in Dade City where attended Pasco High School, was a proud U.S. Marine Corps veteran, having served in several Vietnam theaters. He was preceded in



death by his parents, sisters, Janelle Nikolai and Leona Hovik; and brother, Wayne Hatton. He is survived by his children, Tammy Marcus of Plantation, Sonja Sims of Zephyrhills and Jerry Ezell of Dade City; a brother, Lynn (Shirley) Hatton of Dade City; and several grandchildren and nieces and nephews. Hodges Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Marie Goodman
 GOODMAN, Marie, 46, of Tampa passed away Nov. 3, 2016, under hospice care. Marie was born May 26, 1970. Survivors include her parents, sister and nieces. A memorial gathering was held Nov. 6 at Hodges Family Funeral Home in Zephyrhills.

Tammie Hayes
 HAYES, Tammie, died Oct. 24, 2016. She is survived by her husband, Carl Smith; children, Phillip Munsell, Victoria Smith-Mickle and Heather Moyer. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Theresa V. (Szlosek) Hwalek
 HWALEK, Theresa V. (Szlosek), 87, of Wesley Chapel, died Nov. 3, 2016. She was the wife of the late Walter Hwalek Sr., and leaves five children, Walter Jr., Suzanne, Donna, Sharon, and David, along with many nephews, nieces, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was born on June 16, 1929, daughter of the late Walenty and Amelia (Zajac) Szlosek in Southbridge, Mass. She leaves her brother, Walenty Jr. of Southbridge, Mass., and sisters,



Wanda Zach of Auburn, N.Y. and Bertha Siekierski of Southbridge, Mass. She was predeceased by her brothers, Edmond, Stanley, Winslow, John and Peter; and her sisters, Louise Peterson, Rose Szlosek, Rosie Paciokowski, Helen Roberts, and Stephanie Szlosek. Theresa was a registered nurse on the orthopedic floor and retired from St. Joseph's Hospital in Tampa. Visitation will be on Nov. 10 at 11 a.m. and Catholic Rites of Christian Burial will be held in the Chapel at noon at Hodges Family Funeral Home, 36327 S.R. 54, Zephyrhills. She will be laid to rest at Oakside Cemetery in Zephyrhills. A celebration of her life will follow services.

James McClaskey
 McCLASKEY, James, 62, died Oct. 20, 2016. He is survived by children, Beverly, Billie, Jason and Trevor. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Willie Eugene Tabor
 TABOR, Willie Eugene, 86, of Zephyrhills, died Oct. 29, 2016. He was born Aug. 18, 1930, in Williamstown, W. Va. He served in the U.S. Navy for seven years during the Korean Conflict aboard the USS Essex. Mr. Tabor is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Barbara; four children; a sister; and four brothers. Graveside services will be held Nov. 10 at 1 p.m. at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Whitfield Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituaries are provided as a public service free of charge on a space available basis. If you would like an obituary included in the Zephyrhills Free Press please email jpotter@pasconewspubs.com or call (813) 783-1300.

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Students Say Zephyrhills A Good Place To Live

Parks, Stores, Restaurants Cited As Worthwhile Amenities

by Keri McAlpine

A stack of unique, handmade brochures was recently delivered to Main Street Zephyrhills with the mission of attracting visitors to the city.

The pages were covered with No. 2 pencil-drawn sketches and haphazardly spelled words from the students at Chester W. Taylor Jr. Elementary School.

Dozens of the brochures were collected from the four second grade classes at the school after students had spent four weeks working on a project that begged the question: how would you convince people to move to Zephyrhills?

The pupils spent countless hours focusing on the geography of Zephyrhills, what it means to be a citizen, what amenities their city provides for them and even the impact that snowbirds have on the city's finances.

The brochures displayed three columns for students to express their favorite aspects of the city, including two reasons why Zephyrhills is "a cool place to live", and a space to voice their overall opinion on the city. Each question was accompanied by a drawing.

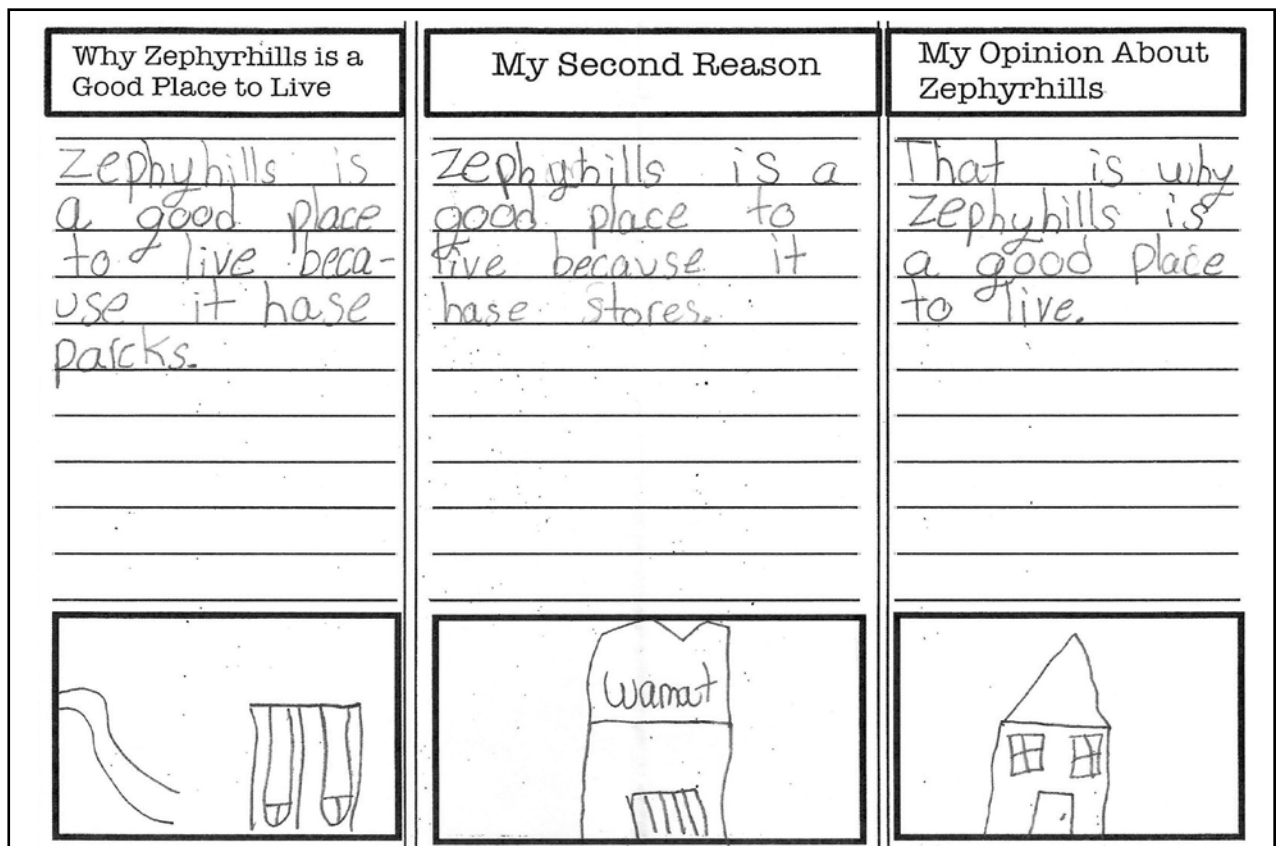
"It was really neat to see how the kids viewed the city itself and what attracts them to it," said Amanda Clark, director of Main Street Zephyrhills, who received the brochures once they were completed. "We were really appreciative of it."

Many students referenced Zephyr Park, the different stores and restaurants they like to visit, and the city's desirable location in Florida as some of their top reasons others should consider living in Zephyrhills.

Second grade teacher Marabeth Ward said the project was a success, but next year she will try to have the kids focus on things that make Zephyrhills unique rather than on things other towns have, such as Walmart or Golden Corral.

Ward helped create the "Zephyrhills unit" before the start of the school year. The project was designed to keep the children engaged and give them more freedom to decide what form of learning works best for them.

Since the brochures were to be delivered to a real organization in town, Ward said that made the students



A brochure explaining why Zephyrhills is a great place to live, written and illustrated by a second grade student at Chester W. Taylor Jr. Elementary School. The project was designed to have students learn about communities and citizenship.

more invested in their work and determined to learn.

The project unit was designed to go along with the "Learner-Active, Technology-Infused Classroom," a teaching method based on a book written by Nancy Sulla. Chester Taylor adopted this method of teaching three years ago.

"The teaching itself is a lot more student-driven," Ward said. "There's a lot less teacher time standing up there and talking for 45 minutes and a lot more time for the kids to do activities."

For the Zephyrhills unit, Ward explained that when covering the concept of citizenship, students would have the option to read an article or watch a video about citizenship; they could work in groups or by themselves. The classrooms are set up with different seating options

such as round classroom tables, a "pod" in the center of the room, or beanbags off to the side.

"I really love it. It's a lot of work for teachers up front because you're pulling multiple activities to teach one concept, where in the past you say 'we're all going to do this one thing at the same time'," Ward explained. "But, I'm told in coming years it pays off."

Staying on task, checking things off of a to-do list, and learning which method of learning works best for them are "life goals that are going to translate as they get older," Ward added.

This is the first year that the second grade teachers at Chester Taylor are adopting the new teaching method. Since school started in August, Ward commented that she has seen "great improvements" in the students already.

Bugs Swarm Into East Pasco

by Keri McAlpine

The Florida Bug Jam motors into Dade City this weekend, and that can only mean one thing: all games of 'punch buggy' must either take a hiatus or go full throttle. (Does anyone play that game anymore?)

For 28 years now, Volkswagen lovers from across the country, and even the globe, have been travelling to Pasco County to converse and swap stories with fellow VW enthusiasts. This year's two-day event will take place at the Pasco County Fairgrounds, 36722 S.R. 52, on Saturday and Sunday.

Last year about 800 Volkswagen bugs, buses and other models sprawled across the fairgrounds. Organizer Randy Yoho said people have come from as far as Japan or Germany to attend the legendary Bug Jam.

Last year was a record breaking year for Bug Jam attendance. Yoho said he is not sure if this year will beat it, but it will still be a great turnout, like always.

The VW car show will be held Sunday with 62 different classes with judges walking the grounds, inspecting hundreds of groovy wheels, sparkling engines and classic rides. Fun games, live music, food and merchandise vendors and the VW swap meet will be featured both days.

Saturday will serve as a pre-car show party with a day packed full of different events including the traditional VW parade. The parade will begin at 2 p.m. and follow a police escort into downtown Dade City, where drivers will park and mingle before returning to the fairgrounds. Live music, food and craft beers will be available downtown.

Volkswagen Beetles take a lot of maintenance to keep them running, Yoho said, and for VW owners, it's a way of life. "It's a pretty mellow group. People are



The fairgrounds open Saturday at 11 a.m., and Sunday at 9 a.m. General admission is \$10 per day. Children 10 and under attend free with a can of food donated. Parking is \$5.

just having fun. They have an interest in the cars and that's what the bond is," Yoho said. "They come to see friends they've known for 20 years from coming to the Bug Jam."

Bugs on the Track is back at the fairgrounds, where VW owners can test their wheels on the specially designed dirt track. Big Storm Brewery will be providing refreshments throughout the day and Caribbean Chillers, a Jimmy Buffet tribute band, will take the stage at 7 p.m.

Not to mention one of the biggest Volkswagen swap meets on this side of the Mississippi will be held all day for car owners to find the perfect addition to their bug.

For out of town visitors, the Bug Jam poker run on Saturday morning will allow them to take their wheels for a spin throughout the back hills of East Pasco.

The fairgrounds open for the Bug Jam at 11 a.m. on Saturday and at 9 a.m. for the car show on Sunday.

Visit www.floridabugjam.com for information, a complete schedule of events, and how to register your Volkswagen.

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