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Kings Of The Home Court

With Added Muscle, Bulldogs Keep Streak Alive



Aliza Quiles (5) added 17 points to the board during Zephyrhills' season opening win against Fivay last week.

Photo by Freeze Frame Photo

by Dave Walters

The last time the Zephyrhills boys' basketball team lost on its home court was nearly two years ago to Fivay.

And since Jan. 30, 2015, the Bulldogs have rattled off 13 straight home wins including an 87-45 season opening win last week against, ironically, Fivay.

Physical power was on display with four thunderous dunks – two from Kurt Robbins and two from freshman Harrison Barker.

Robbins led the way for the Bulldogs with 20 points and Aliza Quiles added 17. Also in double figures were Barker with 12 and Tre'pavis Mobley had 10.

"It's great that we got everybody in the game and you can see the comradery on the bench and that's what we've been looking for," said first-year head coach Mike Novak. "It will be a lot harder from here on out, that's for sure."

The Bulldogs roster got a boost this week with additions of members of the football team on the court.

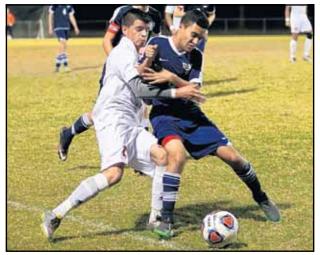
"They haven't practiced a lot, but their intensity is what we needed," Novak added. "They add a lot to what we have out there."

Senior Judgement Glass is happy to see the football players as well.

"I'm grateful," Glass said. "I get more of break now. We have guys we can sub into the game. We have fun."

Robbins, who played on the Bulldogs state Final Four team of a year ago, has been a big part of that home winning streak.

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The Bulldogs lost in Monday's match against Springstead 5-1. The Bulldogs will face off against Nature Coast Tech on Friday.

Photo by Freeze Frame Photo

Springstead Drives Past Zephyrhills

by Keri McAlpine

The Zephyrhills High School boys' soccer team lost Monday night's match against Springstead 5-1. By the end of the first half, Zephyrhills was trailing behind Springstead 1-0. The Bulldogs got on the board when senior Erick Cervantes-Vega scored a goal, with an assist from sophomore Daniel Chacon.

Even though the Bulldogs were able to get on the board in the second half, Springstead charged ahead,

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"We got the win and it's fun to play like that with the dunks when you are winning," Robbins said. "It's always nice to win, big or small."

The Bulldogs are on the road Friday night for a district clash against Wesley Chapel. Tipoff is 7:30. Zephyrhills returns home to keep the streak alive Dec. 6.



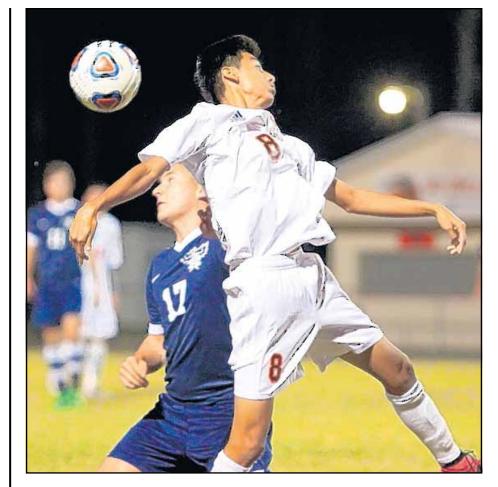
Harrison Barker (14) reaches for the basket while Caleb Rivera Wilson (10)



Kurt Robbins (24) and Judgement Glass (2) were a driving force in last week's winning game against Fivay.



Tre'pavis Mobley (4) scored ten points in last week's game.



Freshman Carlos Morales (8) leaps for the ball during Monday's game against Springstead. Photo by Freeze Frame Photo

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scoring four goals by the final whistle. "We actually came back and

thought we were going to make a game of it, but ... they came back and got us with some long distance goals," said Zephyrhills Head Coach Karl Hinkle.

The Bulldogs are on the road Friday, when they go against Nature Coast Tech at 7:30 p.m. in Brooksville.







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Local Shuffleboard Players Shine

November Yields Plenty Of Winners

Submitted by Earl Ball

Zephyrhills' top two mixed Shuffleboard teams - Henry Strong and Glenda Brake along with Earl Ball and Lina Marshman - traveled to Melbourne to play in the Florida Shuffleboard Association State Mixed Championship and wound up playing each other for supremacy.

Strong and Brake prevailed on Nov. 14, as both Ball and Marshman missed gamewinning hammers in the first game. After they couldn't close out the game, Strong shot two of Ball's discs in the kitchen, putting them in a hole they could not overcome. In the second game they threw dirt in the hole insuring victory. Ball and Marshman fell into a hornet's nest forcing them to take out some of the game's best, but Strong and Brake played a top team to make the finals.

Saari/Bolivard Win Amateur Championship

Zephyrhills hosted the Florida Shuffleboard Association Amateur Championship at Winters Mobile Home Park on Nov. 17 and 18, and the hometown duo of Raimo Saari and Wilma Bolivard came out on top. The format was singles/ mingles and both won all six of their games on the first day with different partners. As luck would have it they drew each other the second day and won the semis and the championship round without losing a game. They proved home court advantage does exist as both live in Winters Park.

Ruess/Armstrong Win **District Shuffle Championship**

Delane Ruess of Betmar and Linda Armstrong of Lakeland won the Central

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all afternoon.

District Pro Draw Championship at Winter Haven on Nov. 18. It was a hard-fought tournament with Armstrong saving the day in the semis by scoring 25 points on her opponent's hammer late in the game to give them the lead. Ruess scored his first kitchen of the tournament in the next frame to put the game on ice. In the final game, Ruess scored his second kitchen in the last frame to put the game and championship out of reach. It was Armstrong's first Championship in a Florida tournament and she danced a jig and sang a jingle as the crowd roared in approval.

Zephyrhills Pair Take Mixed Championship In Shocker

Second-year Pro Gary McGaffey and District Amateur Sharon Henderson, both of the Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club, shocked the Florida State Shuffleboard Association world on Nov. 23 by winning the Pre-Thanksgiving Mixed Championship in Lakeland.

The world's best players gravitate to Florida in winter to play the pro circuit against the best. In the finals McGaffey



Raimo Saari and Wilma Bolivard



Gary McGaffey

and Henderson whipped Henry Strong and Glenda Brake who were trying to repeat last's year's win. Brake tried to win the first game trailing 71-65 by shooting a 10 for game point but went long. McGaffey then won it with the next hammer. The championship game was won with a late flurry as Henderson came up with an 18-point frame, turning a losing effort into the opportunity to ice the game, which McGaffey did with a frame of 15 and 10



Glenda Brake and Henry Strong



Sharon Henderson

off-putting Strong and Brake too far back to recover. McGaffey and Henderson lost only one game - a nail-biting semifinal match won by one disc on McGaffey's last hammer.

Henderson earned the option to become an instant Pro or to move up one level to State Amateur. She opted for State Am, allowing her to honor commitments to players she is scheduled to play with. She is one more impressive Zephyrhills Amateur.



Delane Ruess and Linda Armstrong



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Church Dinner A 'Gift'

First Presbyterian Hosts Dozens At Annual Meal

Story and photo by Joe Potter

More than 150 people enjoyed a recent community dinner at First Presbyterian

This is the fourth year the dinner has been provided, said the church's senior pastor, the Rev. Denise Lay.

People who arrived for the dinner were warmly greeted and ushered into the sanctuary at 5510 19th St., where they waited until it was time to be seated at a table in the fellowship hall.

A host of volunteers brought people their beverages and plates heaped high with food. The meal included turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, a roll, coffee, tea, punch and pumpkin pie for dessert.

The Nov. 20 dinner was held from 3

p.m. until the food was gone.

Only about 60 people attended when it was first held 2012 but the number has steadily increased each year, Lay said.

She said the community dinner was the church's gift to those who were going to be alone on Thanksgiving Day as well as for people who were unable to prepare their own holiday meal.

Lay, who became FPC's senior pastor in January, noted that First Presbyterian Church has been blessed and wanted to bless the community. She was ordained after graduating from Dubuque Theological Seminary in 2015 with a Master of Divinity degree. Lay had previously been director of Christian education at the Presbyterian Church of Inverness for 12 years.

FPC of Zephyrhills is a Stephen



More than 150 people enjoyed the community dinner on Nov. 20 at First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills.

Ministry church. Stephen Ministry congregations equip and empower lay caregivers – called Stephen Ministers – to provide high-quality, confidential, Christ-centered care to people who are hurting.

The church also has a food pantry at 9:30 a.m. on the second Thursday of each month.

The church holds worship services on Sunday at 10 a.m.

Veterans Day Storytime



Marines from the Zephyrhills Marine Corps League, Detachment 1124, went to story time at Barnes and Noble in the Wiregrass Mall on Veterans Day to read patriotic stories. Marines included, from left, were Glenn Shaw, Rod Rehrig, Robert Loring, and on the far right, author Elisa Camara, and Jack Strong.

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Service Of Remembrance Scheduled At Chapel Hill

A brief service will be held on Dec. 8 to encourage people who are grieving during the holidays.

The service will be held from 7-8 p.m. at the Chapel Mausoleum at Chapel Hill Gardens, 11531 U.S. 301, Dade City, said Keith Williams, who is general manager of Hodges Family Funeral Home.

"This is a time for us to let our families know that they are not alone," Williams

This will be the fifth year the service has been held at the Chapel Mausoleum.

Williams held similar services at other cemeteries where he has worked. Michael Hodges thought such a service was a good idea when Williams suggested it to him. The services "have been very well received," Williams said.

Usually about 100 people attend the each year but the Chapel Mausoleum can seat up to 200 people.

The service lasts between 40 and 45 minutes and features holiday music and a speaker who has an encouraging message.

"If they feel lost and lonely it will give them a time of fellowship afterwards," Williams said.

Light refreshments, including coffee, punch and Christmas cookies will be served following the service.

Those planning on attending are asked to call (352) 567-5571 in advance.

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Richland Assembly of God Church – Located at 8527 Old Lakeland Highway in Zephyrhills. Sunday school is at 10 a.m. Worship service is at 11 a.m. and includes inspirational music and a dynamic message by pastor John Faughnan. Bible study is offered on Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Visit www.richlandassembly.com 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.

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.

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. Call (813) 782-7412 for 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.

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.

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.

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.

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 sanctuary 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. 5626 20th St. Joseph's Catholic Church – Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m.- fourth Sundays. noon. Donations accepted on Mondays for information.

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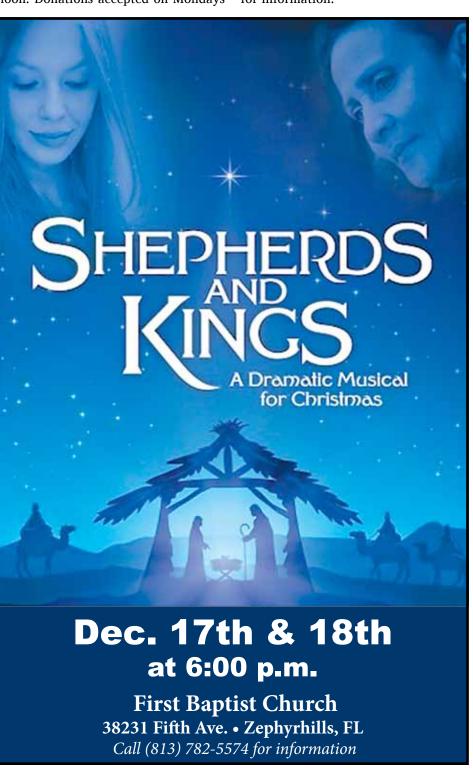
Waters Edge Community Church – Join us at 30200 Overpass Road in Wesley Chapel. Pastor Richard Crist invites you to attend prayer service Sunday at 9 a.m. followed by a worship service at 10 a.m.

First Baptist Church of Crystal Springs – 39607 Central Ave., invites you to weekly services: Sunday school at 10 a.m., Sunday worship service 11 a.m., Sunday night 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.

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.







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Pasco County Genealogy Society

William Harris, Supervisor for the Florida History and Genealogy Library, will speak at the Dec. 10 meeting at the LDS Church, 9016 Fort King Road in Dade City. The PCGS meeting is held from 10 a.m. to noon and the speaker's program will begin after the business meeting, usually around 11 a.m. Call Janet Avery at (813) 546-9294 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.

National Active and Retired Federal Employees

The next meeting of NARFE, Zephyrhills Chapter #390 will take place at 12:30 p.m. on Dec. 13 at Mike's Smokehouse BBQ & Grill, located at 5740 Seventh Street in Zephyrhills. This meeting will consist of our annual holiday luncheon and the election and installation of chapter officers for 2017. District Vice President, Roland Moore will be on hand to conduct the installation and bring us his annual message. All federal employees, retirees, survivor annuitants and spouses are welcome to attend. Anyone interested in attending should call (352) 523-3674 or email at hreed10@tampabay.rr.com by Dec. 9 so we may provide a "head count" to the restaurant.

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.

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. All events are open to Elks and invited guests. Call (813) 782-4604 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 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.

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. Look us up on Facebook or visit www. shrinershospitalsforchildren.org for information about the Shriner's Hospitals for Children.

Zephyrhills Family Moose Lodge

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.

Alzheimer's Support Group

American House presents an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers on the first Thursday of every month from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease is one of the most difficult jobs. That's why American House Zephyrhills is offering a support group led by Anna Davis, LPN. No RSVP is necessary. Just come and get support from other caregivers. American House is located at 38130 Pretty Pond Road. Call (813) 400-2263 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous

If you have or even think you may have a problem with alcohol, call (813) 933-9123.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary

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 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.

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.

Zephyrhills Eagles #3752

Smoking and non-smoking Bingo is held every Saturday at 1 p.m. Come early to enjoy our kitchen's burger sliders – two for \$2. Friday fish fries are from 5-7 p.m. and stay for Billy Cole Karaoke from 7-11 p.m. Monday night is good home cooking for \$6. Wednesday and Thursday are open menu items, and Sunday morning breakfast from 8-11 a.m. Stop in to visit and stay for a while. Calendars are on Facebook at Zephyrhills Eagles #3752 or call (813) 780-1558 for information.

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.

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.

Zephyrhills Humana Walking Group

Take steps to a brand new you. Our group meets in downtown Zephyrhills at Zephyr Park, 38116 Fifth Ave., every Tuesday and Wednesday from 8:30-9:30 a.m. Open to the public at no cost. The walking group is a great opportunity to meet new people, get in shape, feel great and have fun. Led by a trained fitness instructor. Call (813) 780-7300 for information or visit us in person at the Humana Zephyrhills Guidance Center, located at 7920 Gall Blvd.





Obituaries

Alan Burnett

BURNETT, Alan, 73, of Zephyrhills, and formerly of Howell, Mich., passed away Nov. 21, 2016. He was born Nov. 3, 1943, in Childersburg, Ala. He was an educator and coach at Brighton High School for 27 years and coached football and basketball at Howell High School from 1974-1980. In 1991, he finished his coaching career at Whitmore Lake High School and Ann Arbor Gabriel Richard High School. Al dedicated his life to youth sports. Along the way he influenced many young men to be leaders and better men. In his later years, he adopted Berkeley Preparatory School of Tampa as a fan and scout and was an avid supporter of their athletic programs. His love of America will continue on with anyone he came in contact with especially his wife and son. The world is a better place because he was here. He was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his beloved wife of 51 years, Barb; one son, Alan Burnett II; three grandsons, Alan III, Nathan and Preston; and his best friend, Dr. Phil Milner and family. Hodges Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Floyd 'Ozzie' Osgood

OSGOOD, Floyd "Ozzie," 86, passed away Nov. 21,

2016, in Zephyrhills after a short battle with leukemia. He was born in Potsdam N.Y., on Aug. 19, 1930. He is survived by his wife, Evelyn, and daughter, Gaynel (Tim) McLendon of Zephyrhills; a son, Ralph (Kathy) Osgood of Hudson; daughters, Sherry Maynard of Ithaca, N.Y. and Marilyn Gaydosh of Seneca Falls, N.Y., as well



as 15 grandchildren, 41 great grandchildren and 10 great-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by sons Donald and Bryan Flynn and daughter Veronica Young Thornton. Please join the family in a celebration of life that will be held at Sandalwood Mobile Home Park Club House, 5325 Dianthus Street, Zephyrhills, on Dec. 2 from 4-7 p.m.

Ricky W. Rice

RICE, Ricky W., 64, went home to be with the Lord on Nov. 19, 2016. He was born May 5, 1952. He was a devoted and loving husband of 47 years and was a dedicated father and grandfather. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Patricia Rice, and surviving family. Other survivors include a daughter, Ann Crews; sons, Donald (Carolann), David (Mindi), Derick and daughter Holly Rogers; brothers, Gary Rice, Eddie Rice, Junior Blankenship and Tommy Jackson; sisters, De Hussey, Debbie Patton, Donna Rice, Rita Slone, Betty Blankenship, Sandy Stenton and Tootsie; and grandchildren, Robert Crews, Eva, Elissa and Sadie, Emily and Joel Rice, Owen and Oliver Rice. A Celebration of Life will be held at New Walk Church on Dec. 2 at 11 a.m. Hodges Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mary Swinburn

SWINBURN, Mary, 82, died Nov. 20, 2016. She is survived by two sons, Larry and Joey; a companion; and several brothers and sisters. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

John Miller

MILLER, John, 67, died Nov. 11, 2016. He is survived by two children, Michelle and Shawn; and one sister, Marian. Whitfield Funeral Home was 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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Bethlehem Rises In Richland

Christmas 'Walk' Draws Thousands To Replica

by Joe Potter

The walls have been going up at Richland Baptist Church since October, but they aren't designed to keep anyone

The church at 40443 Stewart Road will use them to invite people to attend its annual three-day Walk Through Bethlehem program — a one-third-scale replica of the ancient city — that begins Dec. 9.

The 1,300 to 1,500 people who will visit this year will have as realistic an experience as possible thanks to the enormous efforts of the small Richland Baptist congregation, said the Rev. Mark Warren.

The pastor said it takes about 100 volunteers to host the event that takes place from 6-10 p.m. on Dec. 9 and 10, and 6-9 p.m. on Dec. 11.

Visitors will be taken on a guided tour during which they will see people

portraying merchants, tax collectors, census takers, Roman soldiers and ordinary citizens. There will more than a dozen different shops in the market place. The shops that will be set up will be stalls that offer various wares, including vegetables, spices and fruit. Volunteers at other shops will offer to polish metal sheets and brass.

The residents and merchants of ancient Jerusalem will be excitedly talking about the much-anticipated birth of a savior in Jerusalem, which had less than 1,000 residents at the time of Christ's birth.

There will be a small synagogue featuring a rabbi instructing children. A manger scene around the corner will feature soft lighting falling on the faces of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

The New Testament identifies Bethlehem as the birthplace of Jesus Christ, and the Richland church near Old Lakeland Highway has been recreating the blessed event for more than 20 years.



Bread was the main staple at this shop in a previous Walk Through Bethlehem.

The church didn't hold Walk Through Bethlehem last year, Warren said, because volunteers needed some time to rest and get ready for this year.

"It is our gift to the community," Warren said of the event.

There will be opportunities for people to talk to someone about their spiritual condition after finishing the Walk Through Bethlehem if they wish to do so, Warren said.

There is no charge to take the guided tour of the city. However, Warren said, people who want to may make a free-will offering to help cover expenses for this year's event.

Warren has been senior pastor at Richland Baptist for 2 1/2 years. Previously he was senior pastor at Westside Baptist Church in Zephyrhills.

More information about Walk Through Bethlehem may be obtained by calling (352) 567-2990, or by visiting the church's website at www.richlandbc.org.



This man and woman show how spices were sold at the time of Jesus' birth.

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Market vendors show how tools were used in a workshop in ancient Jerusalem.







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