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# **Cheer Squad Finishes Third in States**

# Victory In Semi-Finals Puts Girls In Rare Company

by Keri McAlpine

After a season of pouring in their blood, sweat and cheers, Pasco High School's varsity cheerleading squad capped off their year by finishing third in the FHSAA State Competition.

Held Jan. 28 in Gainesville at the Stephen O'Connell Center, the squad of 20 competed in the 1A Large Varsity team division.

After clearing the requirement of achieving a raw score of 60 points in the regionals, the girls were already elated when they walked into states, said head coach Dawn Wetherby.

The girls finished first out of five teams in the state semi-final competition held last Saturday just before noon. The first place finish advanced them into the finals, competing against the other top two teams in Florida.

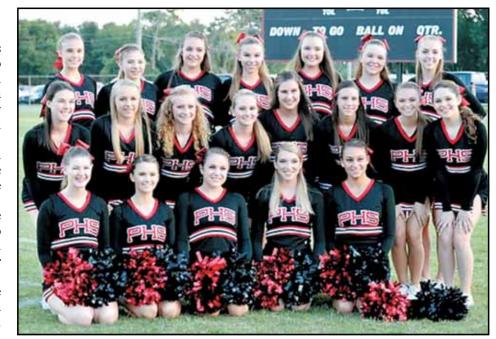
"Number one, winning semi-finals was absolutely just amazing and I was so happy for the girls because they deserved it. Moving onto finals, it was just icing on top of the cake for this year," Wetherby said. "These young ladies worked so hard this year."

Although they would have preferred first or second place, Wetherby said she and the team were "absolutely over the moon" with the results.

When the season first started in June 2016, the girls began practicing two to three times a week for about two and a half hours, adjusting and perfecting their routine.

"They have drive and they have perseverance. They don't shy away from hard work," Wetherby said. "I'm very, very proud of them for that."

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Pasco High School's varsity cheerleading team won third place in their state competition on Jan. 28.

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Pasco junior Haylee Watts (5) looks to pass the ball.

# Girls Lose A Heartbreaker

## Basketball Season Comes To An End At Home

Story and photos by **Jeff Hupp** 

The Pasco Pirates lost in a 41-39 heartbreaker Wednesday night at the hands of No. 2 seed Anclote during district play at the Donald McBath Activities Center.

The Pirates, who started off the season slowly, picked up their game as the season progressed, but couldn't protect an 11-point lead in the fourth quarter of their Class 6A, District 8 matchup.

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# No-Goal Call Ends Soccer Season For Pasco Pirates

Disputed Shot Crushes Valiant Comeback



Senior Corey Mills (7) attempts to keep the ball in Pasco's control. Mills scored two of Pasco's goals in the 4-3 loss against Sunlake. *Photo by Freeze Frame Photo* 

Staff Report

The Pasco boys' soccer season came to a heartbreaking and frustrating end on Feb. 1 when a disputed no-goal call gave Sunlake a 4-3 victory in the Class 3A region quarterfinal.

Sunlake took a commanding 4-1 lead with 15 minutes left in the match when Tariq Michael scored his 41st goal of the season.

But coach Barry Grayling's Pirates didn't lie down.

Corey Mills scored his second goal of the night with 12 minutes left and Tyler Dueker followed with a wild shot off Sunlake's goalkeeper to put Pasco to within one.

But the real drama occurred with five minutes left when Jason Nicollette's shot hit the top of the crossbar and came straight down. Pasco was sure it counted as a goal

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This was the first year in a long time the team was not co-ed, which made for an interesting challenge, especially once they began competing.

"They had been so used to being coed and knowing what teams they go up against, so going all-girl was an entirely new thing for them," Wetherby explained.

Wetherby has coached cheerleading for 18 years, but this was her first year coaching at Pasco, which added an additional challenge. Taking time to get to know one another was definitely important to improve and excel, she said.

Most recently, Wetherby spent five years coaching at Wiregrass Ranch. She gave props to assistant coach Lisa Booker, who aided her in the transition. Last year, Booker led the varsity cheer squad to regionals and states, although they did not qualify for the top five in last year's state competition. They did, however finish first in Best of Pasco.

"She [Booker] really helped me to be

able to navigate this year. I couldn't have done it without her," Wetherby said.

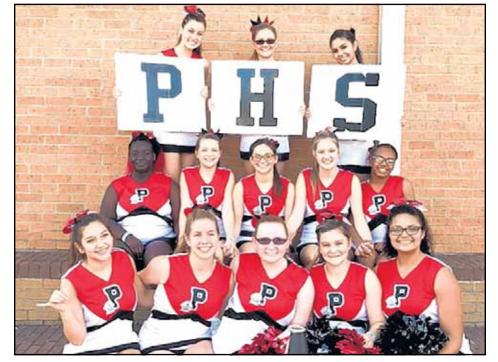
The travel to states was especially rewarding for the team's five seniors, who were able to place before graduating high school.

"Being able to finish out third in the state was definitely not expected but it was just a wonderful way to end the year for these seniors," Wetherby said.

Chiles High School from Tallahassee finished second, with Tampa's Gaither High School taking home the gold.

Pasco's JV Team also performed well this year. Although they are not able to compete in the FHSAA regional or state competitions, the coach made sure they were able to get some competition experience in some smaller competitions and Best of Pasco in December and January, in which they placed in the top five twice.

The cheerleaders get to take a break for the months of February, March and April. Tryouts are in June, and then they will start over and begin preparing for next year's competitions.



The junior varsity squad at Pasco High School also had a good season, finishing in the top five in several competitions.

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The Pirates celebrate a mid-game victory in the Class 3A region quarterfinal held Feb. 1.



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but the referee thought otherwise and the decision ended the season for the Pirates.

Pasco finished 15-6-1, and 7-1-1 in the district.

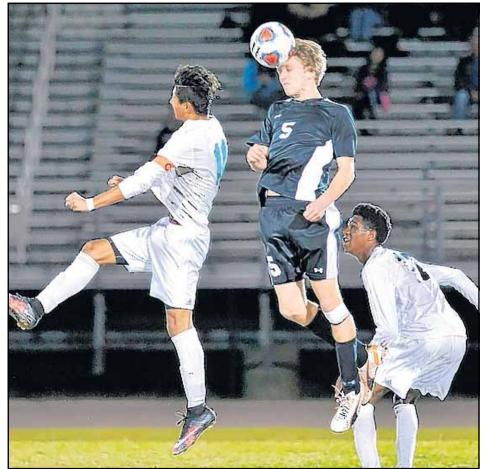
"We played well in the second half," Grayling said. "When we did tactical changes, they could not deal with

Corey Mills up front and went to three in back."

The Seahawks went on to defeat Nature Coast Tech by a score of 3-2 on their Land O' Lakes home turf.

The Pirates will be back again next year and will have some holes to fill from graduating seniors.

"For next year we will be young and rebuilding," Grayling said.



Pasco senior David Hillner (5) jumps into action, heading the ball away from Sunlake competitors in last week's match.

\*\*Photos by Freeze Frame Photo\*\*



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The Pirates beat the Sharks 53-44 three weeks ago but last week were unable to stop Anclote's scoring duo of Lyndsey Mcwhorter and Milca Ferrell.

Mcwhorter finished with a game high

Pasco's Emme Cameron (20) jumps for the ball while Haylee Watts (5) stands by for assistance in the Lady Pirates' last game of the season against Anclote.

14 points and five rebounds and Ferrell posted 13 points and contributed five assists.

Anclote started the game by playing a 3-2 zone defense, which gave the Pirates fits as Pasco was only able to muster six points in the first quarter.

"We changed our defense after our loss to the Pirates earlier this month and that change worked to perfection," first-year coach Brittany Szunko said.

The Pirates started to get things rolling late in the second quarter, pulling closer to Anclote to end the half with a 24-18 deficit.

After halftime, coach Pancho Bronner's squad came out firing and the Pirates pulled out to a 38-27 lead heading into the final quarter.

Pirates senior Micaiah Young finished her high school career at Pasco scoring a game high 22 points to go along with six rebounds and four assists.



Rachel Codling (1) rushes toward the basket in the Feb. 1 game against No. 2 seed Anclote High School.

Pasco also missed six crucial free throws in the final period, making for a dozen missed opportunities in the game.

'We didn't play well tonight and it showed," third-year coach Bronner

said.

The Lady Pirates finished the season at 13-9, 12-4 in the district.

Anclote advanced to win another close contest, 38-34 to knock off No. 1 seed River Ridge.



The Anclote Sharks beat the Lady Pirates 41-39 in the Class 6A, District 8 tournament.

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# **Great Weather For Cruise In**

Over 200 Vehicles Show In Monthly Get-Together

Story and photos by Joe Potter

Beautiful spring like weather helped the Feb. 4 Cruise In to be one of the best-attended events in months.

More than 200 antique or collectible cars, trucks and a smattering of motorcycles were shown all afternoon around the Historic Courthouse downtown. Several hundred people attended and dined at area restaurants or visited local businesses in addition to looking at the various vehicles.

The Downtown Merchants Association sponsored the Cruise In, which included several food vendors and live music by DJ Starvin' Darvin.

Volunteer Randy Spainhour said most of the available parking spaces for the event were filled by noon.

A 1934 Dodge pickup truck owned by John Fontana of Floral City was one of the more colorful



# A V-8 powered 1930s Ford Model A pickup was set up for admirers at last Saturday's Cruise In.

vehicles at the event. He bought the truck more than a decade ago. It has a 1980 Chrysler V-8 that delivers 480 horsepower to the Chrysler 727 automatic transmission. The truck has an 8.75-inch Chrysler rear end.

A 1968 Camaro owned by Rick

Diaz of Spring Hill also drew a lot of attention. The bright blue coupe is powered by a 1,100 horsepower, 496 cubic inch Chevrolet V-8. The engine has an 871 supercharger and produces about 1,000 pound-feet of torque. When it was running, the engine could be heard two or three blocks away.

The 1964 Corvair Greenbriar Sportwagon that Ed and Jeanne Brittman of Dade City brought to the Cruise In was another crowd pleaser. The white and red wagon had a matching interior and could seat up to eight passengers.

Other vehicles shown included a 1930 Ford Model A pickup with a 350 cubic inch Chevrolet that put out 400 horsepower and was equipped with a four-speed transmission; a black 1970s Ford Ranchero GT; and a green 1930s Ford Model A pickup powered by a 289 cubic inch Cobra



This 1930 Ford Model A pickup has a 350 cubic inch Chevrolet V-8 and four on the floor.

# Pasco Spring Sports In Full Swing Track Tennis Baseball

Track, Tennis, Baseball, Softball Teams Look To Improve

by Jeff Hupp

In the hills around Dade City, sports teams from Pasco High are training for their upcoming seasons.

Thoughts of wins and championships are on the mind of Pasco High Athletic Director Tom McHugh.

The Pasco girls track team is returning after the loss of state champion runner Alfreda Steele, but have top sprinters returning. Sidney Rouser and Sarah Ferguson look to fill the shoes of Steele.

Boy's track looks to build on last year's squad by relying on Jerrico Cooley in the 4x800 and the mile events. Track coach Barry Grayling has no time to rest as his Pirate soccer team just finished regional play last week.

This year the girls track team will be managed by Carrick Virtue, the PHS cross country coach who enters his first season as track coach.

The Lady Pirates tennis team has most of its district championship team returning this year. All-Conference players Madison Jender and Nathalie Sawczuk return to defend their titles, and 2nd Team All-Conference player Kayleigh Heather hopes to improve her play.

Coach Donald Charlick hopes some of his incoming freshman can make a big impact on this year's squad.

Pasco's baseball team hopes to improve from last season's 6-19 record and needs to find bats that can replace Jake Starling's .333 batting average.

Pitching should be a strong point as Corey Mills is back for his senior year.

The Pirate baseball team opens up play hosting Sunlake on Feb 24.

The softball program will be coached by newcomer Shabanese Brown, taking over from long time head coach Tom McHugh, who is now the school's athletic director. The team looks to improve from last seasons 9-14 record and returns Jaylin Gant, Rainey Tomkow, Kacie Huber and ace-pitcher Jordyn Kadlub. The Lady Pirates open their season against Mitchell on Feb.17 at home.



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# **Church News**

Oak Ridge Missionary Baptist Church – Join us for Sunday services at the following times: Sunday school at 10 a.m.; Sunday morning worship service at 11 a.m.; Sunday evening worship service at 5 p.m.; and Wednesday evening prayer/worship service at 7 p.m. The food bank is open from 5-7 p.m. every third Wednesday. The church is located on Kersey Road (just off Coit Road) in Lacoochee.

Richland Assembly of God/Cornerstone Community Church – We have a new name! Richland Assembly of God is now Cornerstone Community Church. We are still located at 8527 Old Lakeland Hwy. in Zephyrhills.

On Feb. 19 the Grove Family will be in concert at 10 a.m.

Service times are: Sunday school at 9 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; children's church at 10:30 a.m.; Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.; and Saturday night service at 6 p.m.

Visit www.mycornerstonecc.com for information.

Come help us build for the future.

Fort Dade Baptist Church - Pastor Ellis Matkin Jr. invites you to join us for regular services, Sunday school at 10 a.m., followed by worship for both children and adults at 11 a.m. Evening worship at 6 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting and Bible Study is held at 6 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Thursday 10 a.m. -12 p.m. All are welcome. The church is located at 14231 Old Mission Road in Dade City. On Feb. 18 we will have a Fish Fry Fundraiser Dinner. A donation of \$8 a plate will include fish, grits, coleslaw and hush puppies. All ages welcome and encouraged to participate. Call the Pastor at (352) 583-4684 or Christie at (813) 714-3989 for information.

**Living Waters United Church** – Feed the City Community Outreach Program 4th Monday Serve will be held on Feb.

27. The event will begin at 11:30 a.m. and end at 1 p.m. We will be serving free hot meals during this time. The church is located at 15034 Hill Road. Regular Sunday worship is held at 10 a.m. Visit the Living Waters United Church Facebook page for information.

Darby Community Church – The church is putting on a fundraiser for our private school, Darby Christian Academy at 6 p.m. on Feb. 11. 'That's Amore!' A Night of Music and Fine Dining, will feature live music by Frank Inversso and his band, along with others. We invite you to come enjoy a wonderful evening including a three course Italian meal and silent auction. Tickets are \$25. Call (352) 588-2440 for information. Contact Anna Beckel at (352) 206-2071, or visit www.darbyfundraiser.com to purchase tickets

Join us every Sunday morning at 11 a.m. for church service led by Pastor Chris Conti. Childcare is available for children ages six and under. Darby Community Church is located at 14745 Bellamy Brothers Blvd. in Dade City. Contact us at (352) 588-2440.

### Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church

– Join us for regular Sunday service at 9:30 a.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.

Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable items to our food pantry, which is open on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.-noon.

First Baptist Church of Dade City – Worship services are on Sundays at 9:15 or 10:45 a.m. and children services at 9:15 a.m. Nursery is available. A Spanish service is held at 1 p.m. Sunday and youth activities are at 5 p.m.

Wednesdays beginning at 6:15 p.m. a variety of Bible studies are available. For the children and youth, AWANA for age 4 through fifth grade and middle and high school activities are offered. Visit www.fbcdadecity.org or call (352) 567-3265 for information.

First Presbyterian Church – The historic First Presbyterian Church, located at 37412 Church Ave., worships every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Call (352) 567-2591 or firstpresdadecity@gmail.com for information.

**Ridge Manor Community United Methodist Church** – Regular services are held at 10:15 a.m. each Sunday at 34350 Cortez Blvd. in Ridge Manor. Call (352) 583-3770 for information.

Pasadena Baptist Church – Located at 35845 Clinton Ave. in Dade City. Our regular worship times on Sundays: Sunday school at 10 a.m.; worship services at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.; and Wednesday prayer meeting at 6:30 p.m. We also have 5th Sunday Singspiration, followed by food and fellowship.

We now have movie night the last Friday of each month. Everyone is invited, no charge, bring a snack and cold drink if you like. Movies are shown in the fellowship hall.

Also, our Pasadena Outreach is available for anyone who may need a little extra help. We offer, clothing, food, and household items. Pasadena Outreach is open on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for clothing and household items and Saturdays from 8-10:30 a.m. for food.

Lacoochee Cowboy Ministries – Service times are 7 p.m. on Wednesdays. The Lacoochee Cowboy Ministries is located at 39650 Coit Road in Dade City.

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Celebrate Recovery – A new, 12-step recovery program and ministry designed for anyone struggling with life. If you have ever had a hurt, if you have ever had a hang-up in life, or perhaps you have struggled with an addiction, then this ministry is for you. Celebrate Recovery is currently offered in 30,000 churches worldwide. An estimated 1.5 million people have completed the 12 steps. It is offered every Monday night at 7 p.m. year round at First Baptist Church of Dade City, 37511 Church Avenue. Call (352) 567-3265 for information.

Lifestyle Church of God – You are cordially invited to attend Sunday school at 10 a.m. and worship services at 11 a.m. at Lifestyle Church of God, 21345 Sanderson Road, Lacoochee. A Wednesday service is also held at 7 p.m. with a meal preceding at 6 p.m. Call lead pastors Paul or Melissa Kilcrease at (352) 583-3354 or like us on Facebook for more information.

Prophetic Light Gathering Place – We are a Spirit led gathering place where people can worship God without a spirit of religiosity following a scripted form. We're a Spirit-filled and powerful ministry freely exercising the spiritual gifts God has given His church. Our service time is Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Come worship at our historic church at 36134 Clinton Ave. in Dade City.

To submit church news, email your information to Church@PascoNewsPubs. com or call (813) 783-1300 — one week BEFORE the Thursday publication date. Maximum 200 words. Subject to available room and editing.

# **Golf Helps Support Samaritan Project**

The sixth annual Samaritan Project golf tournament will be held Feb. 11 at Silverado Golf & Country Club.

There will be an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start for the event.

The format is a 4-player scramble. People may pair up as a foursome or the pro shop will select members for teams.

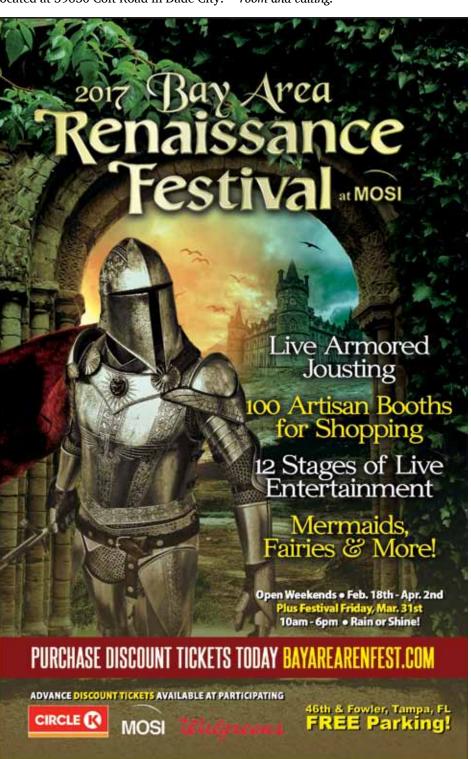
The \$50 entry fee per player includes golf, food and prizes.

Proceeds will benefit The Samaritan Project, a cooperative ministry of local churches, businesses and city government. The Samaritan Project seeks to help residents who need extra help with rent, electric bills or other needs not met through other programs. For assistance or information, please call (813) 810-8670.

Hole sponsorships are available for a \$100 donation. A corporate sponsorship is available for \$500. This is for four players and includes premiere placement of your banner.

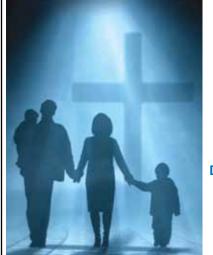
A prize package (optional) is available for \$10. It consists of two closest to the pin awards; a putting contest; closest to the line; 1 mulligan; 1 drink ticket (\$5 from the prize package goes directly to charity.

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# **Community & Club News**

Email Club News to clubs@pasconewspubs.com

### **East Pasco Networking Group**

The next meeting of the East Pasco Networking Group will be Feb. 14 at 7:30 a.m. and our new usual location at The Village Inn in Zephyrhills, 5214 Gall Blvd. and will feature Al Berry, Strawberry Festival Emeritus. As usual, Al will bring his keen sense of humor and door prizes.

Contact Nils Lenz at (813) 782-9491 or nilslenz@gmail.com; or Vicky Jones at (813) 431-1149 or donlvicl@yahoo.com or manager@palmtreemhp.com, or any of our board members for information or suggested topics you would like to hear about or to suggest specific speakers.

If you would like to speak, contact us now to schedule your time, as we are currently scheduling for 2017.

### **Pasco County Genealogical Society**

You're invited to our Feb. 11 meeting from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Church of the Latter Day Saints, 9016 Fort King Road. Our speaker will be Susan Lewis Well. Her topic will be Deeds: An Insider's View. A land records office has a rhythm to the days and weeks, and seasons to the year. The speaker has 25 years of experience in real estate and is ready to share how genealogists can use the nature of the land records office to their advantage. Learn what information to expect from a deed and how to extract the relevant facts from the unfamiliar wording. Call (813) 546-9294 for information.

### **East Pasco Writers Forum**

The forum now meets in the clubhouse of Country Aire Manor, a mobile home retirement community located at 10249 U.S. 98 in Dade City. Our thanks to Marjorie Nanian and her family for making the clubhouse available.

The writers critique group meets every second Thursday morning of each month at 10 a.m. The next meeting will be Feb. 9. Meetings are divided into three sections: the first section for critiques of original works brought by members and visitors, the second section for critiques of the voluntary monthly writing assignment, and the final section, reserved for a lesson designed to help members and visitors improve their craft. Meetings last between two and three hours. Lynn Merrell, a published writer and editor, leads the group. Call Merrell at (352) 583-0041 for more information or directions to the clubhouse.

### Centennial Eagles #4399

Friday Fish Fry is from 4:30-7 p.m. Fish, shrimp, and ribeye steak dinners, with choice of baked potato, French fries, or onion rings as well as other sides and dessert. Charlie Williams provide music from 6-9 p.m. Come for dinner and stay for dancing.

Weekly events include: Sundays – Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for 1 p.m. Bar Bingo. Jam with the G.O.C band from 4-7 p.m. Monday – Dart Night at 7 p.m. Steel tipped and soft tipped. Tuesdays –Pool Tournament at 7 p.m. Men's Night drink specials. Wednesdays – Card night at 7 p.m. Ladies Night drink specials. Thursdays – Bar Bingo at 7 p.m. Fridays – Fish Fry and Charlie Williams. Saturdays – Queen of Hearts drawing at 8 p.m.

Aerie meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Auxiliary meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The Eagles are located at 15924 U.S. 301. Call (352) 567-9755 for information.

### **Kiwanis Club of Dade City**

This service organization meets every Tuesday at noon at the American Legion Hall, located at 37745 Church Ave. in Dade City. Lunch is followed by a speaker on current topics of interest to the club. Kiwanis is a

worldwide organization whose focus is on the children of the world. The Dade City club's primary focus is on helping the children of East Pasco County. Guests are welcome to come to a meeting and learn more about how we support children in our community.

### **Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City**

Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City meets on Thursdays at the Hampton Inn, on U.S. 301 in Dade City, at 7 a.m. We are seeking potential new members that can bring fresh ideas to the club, serve the community and help eradicate polio. Come and join us for breakfast.

### American Legion Post #15

Join us Saturday nights from 6-9 p.m. for Karaoke with Rick. Saturday dinners available from 5-6 p.m. Sing along, laugh, and meet old friends. A Music Jam happens every Wednesday from 7-9 p.m. Bring your instrument and join in or just listen to the music and sing along. Refreshments are available for purchase. The lodge features a full service bar. American Legion Post #15 conducts regular business meetings on the second Monday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend. We are located at 37745 Church Ave. Join us in support of all veterans and Hometown Heroes. Call (352) 518-0021 for information.

### **Narcotics Anonymous**

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.

### **Tools to Quit**

This program gives people support as they seek to break their tobacco addiction. It is a two hour session to guide the group members toward a successful quit attempt. Learn about Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and receive free NRT. Call (813) 929-1000 for information on free tobacco cessation classes.

### **Alcoholics Anonymous**

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

### **Overeaters Anonymous**

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

### **Dance Lessons**

For a donation of \$2, Hatfields Country Music is offering line dance lessons every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. Couples country dance lessons will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 p.m. Hatfields is located at 4024 Paul S. Buchman. Call (813) 779-4555 for information.

### 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.

### **Bariatric Support Group**

Bayfront Health Dade City's bariatric support group meets every other Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the hospital's Medical Plaza I, classroom 108, 13100 Fort King Road. Contact Dina Erickson at (352) 521-1170 or Dina.Erickson@BayfrontHealth.com for information.

### **Support Group for Grieving Adults**

Adults who are grieving the death of a loved one are welcome to participate in an ongoing grief support group, offered at no charge by HPH Hospice. The group meets the second and fourth Monday of each month, from 2-3 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church, located at 38710 Fifth Ave. in Zephyrhills. Meetings are held in the library of the religious education building. No registration is required. An HPH bereavement counselor facilitates the group and one can attend as often as they'd like. Call HPH at (800) 486-8784 for information.

### **Senior Golf Group**

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

### **Tri-County Tennis League**

Join to enter a fun filled tennis league playing in Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Men's and women's leagues are available. You play matches locally home and away. Team play divisions are 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 open. Call Walt Bockmiller at (813) 527-8211 for details.

### Senior Softball League

Our senior (over 60), slow pitch softball league plays games in the fall and winter on Friday mornings at the Collier Park Complex in Land O Lakes. Our North Tampa Bay Sr. Softball (NTBSS) League is for fun and fitness. Ladies 55 years and older can register and play. For more information on softball, call Jim McCausey at (813) 399-9110. For other senior sports call Walt Bockmiller at (813) 527-8211.

### **Chess Club**

The Hugh Embry Library Chess Club meets Wednesdays from 5-7:30 p.m. every week. We have the boards and pieces so bring your winning attitude and chess clock if you prefer to use one. Meetings are held at the Hugh Embry Library Meeting Room, 14215 Fourth St. in Dade City. Contact Glen Thompson at bookbollard@iCloud.com or call (352) 567-7449 for information.

## **Zumba for College Scholarships**

Every Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. Come dance for \$3 per class at La Onda Dance Club, 37518 Lock St. in Dade City. All proceeds go to graduating seniors college scholarships. Email griveras@mail.usf.edu for information.

### **Community Cycling Ride**

Ride leaves from the parking lot next to 14112 Eighth St. in Dade City at 8 a.m. every Saturday and is approximately two hours long with a varying pace depending on skill levels.

All skill levels are welcome. Contact Josh or Kaleigh Thornton at wickedawesomeracing@gmail.com for information.





# **New System to Improve Heart Attack Patient Outcomes**

Bayfront Health Dade City announced they have launched a new web-based data network system to help improve heart attack patient outcomes. This new technology offers emergency medical services (EMS) and hospital teams tools to work together to help improve clinical and operational efficiencies. Bayfront Health Dade City's use of this system has the goal of reducing time to treatment, known as doorto-balloon time (D2B), for patients in east Pasco County who experience a dangerous type of heart attack known as STEMI (ST-segment elevation myocardial infarction).

STEMI poses a serious threat to the heart muscle and can result in death or serious disability for the patient. The more quickly patients receive treatment, which may include balloon angioplasty and stent placement in the cardiac catheterization (cath) lab, the more likely they are to have a positive outcome. D2B time refers to the interval from patient arrival at the hospital to inflation of the balloon catheter within the patient's blocked artery – the shorter the D2B time, the greater the chance of survival.

The web-based data network system is designed to connect EMS teams and hospital personnel with emergent patient data, and to help increase workflow so that a patient can receive treatment as quickly as possible. The system enables paramedics in the field to alert hospital care teams and provide them with critical patient data so they can quickly identify STEMI patients, determine where

to route them for care, and have staff prepared before the patient arrives.

"This system will help us reduce time to treatment for STEMI patients," said Wayne Ruppert, Cardiovascular Care Coordinator, at Bayfront Health Dade City. "Studies show that time from onset of symptoms to treatment is critical to improving survival and outcomes for these patients. Having this new system will enable us to better meet the guideline of treatment as recommended by the American Heart Association and the American College of Cardiology."

Bayfront Health Dade City was proud to report the first activation of the new system resulted in a 12 minute D2B.

# **Readjustment Counseling For Vets**

Starting in January, the Pasco Vet Center has been providing weekly Readjustment Counseling Services for all Veterans living in Wesley Chapel and surrounding areas. Available appointments are 9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 11 a.m. on Fridays at the Pasco-Hernando State College Porter Campus, 2727 Mansfield Blvd. in Wesley Chapel. Please call the Pasco Vet Center at (727) 372-1854 to schedule an appointment.

Services provided include counseling for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, Military Sexual Trauma, bereavement counseling, marriage and family counseling, and resources like VA benefits information and suicide prevention referrals. All services are confidential and provided at no cost to the Veteran and family members.

Veterans and family members

BROCKINGTON, Olia Mae, 59, passed on Jan. 29,

2017. She was born March 5, 1957, to the late Julia

Stafford. Olia attended the public schools of Pasco

County. Olia worked as a housekeeper for many years.

She loved life and lived it to the fullest and will be

greatly missed by all who knew and loved her dearly.

She is survived by her husband, Earl Brockington Sr.;

her loving children, Earl (Harriet) Brockington Jr.,

Clarica Lee Brockington, Christine Mixon Brockington,

Shalanda Brockington and Lashawnda (David) Marbra;

17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings,

Joseph Stafford, Leroy Stafford Sr., Robert Searight

and Betty Searight; and a host of nieces, nephews,

cousins and other sorrowing relatives and friends.

Visitation will be held Feb. 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Milton

Olia Mae Brockington

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The Vet Center Program was established by Congress in 1979 out of the recognition that a significant number of Vietnam era vets were still experiencing readjustment problems. Vet Centers are community based and part of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. The goal of the Vet Center program is to provide a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to eligible veterans in order to help them make a satisfying post-war readjustment to civilian life. VA operates 300 Vet Centers across the country and 50 mobile Vet Centers. Visit www.vetcenter.va.gov to learn more.

# A Heartbeat Away From Heart Expo

Individuals interested in learning about heart disease prevention and management can register for Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' free MEGA Heart Expo from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m. on Feb. 16, at the East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 7333 Dairy Road in Zephyrhills. Doors open at 8 a.m. and light refreshments will be provided.

According to FHZ, this is the largest heart education program the hospital will offer in 2017. Besides a heart health fair, attendees can participate in complimentary screenings including blood pressure checks, a complete lipid profile to determine one's cholesterol, leg and vein screenings and EKGs. One must schedule an EKG appointment when making their Expo reservation.

Additionally, six cardiologists will give presentations on heart disease prevention, atrial fibrillation, congestive heart failure, sleep apnea and its effect on the heart, coronary and peripheral artery disease, and venous disease.

The MEGA Heart will also be on display and attendees are encouraged to take a guided tour of the world's only portable, inflatable, walk-though heart exhibit. The MEGA Heart is 26 feet long, 16 feet wide and 13 feet high. Visitors enter through the largest vein that feeds the heart, called the superior vena cava, and exit through the aorta, the largest artery that leaves the heart.

Reservations for the Expo. Call (877) 534-3108 for information and reservations.

# **Obituaries**

Funeral Home, 13950 Fifth St., in Dade City.

## James Rick Craig

CRAIG, James Rick, 55, passed away on Jan. 31, 2017. He was born to James and Iona Craig in Willoughby, Ohio, on Sept. 27, 1961. Rick is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Joan; daughters, Caitlin (Brian) Carr and Corinn (Ricardo Castro) Craig; son, Trace Craig; mother, Iona Craig; brother, Mark (Tammy) Craig; nieces, Jessica and Caleigh Craig; and dogs, Charley and Topher. He was a vice president and managing director with IBM for 29 years. Rick was the founding father of the Craig Brothers FUBAR Annual Golf Tournament. He was a devoted Cleveland Browns fan, who despite moving all over the country kept his season tickets "just in case." He was a loving husband, father, son, and brother. He

also loved his two dogs and enjoyed contributing to the ASPCA and the Humane Society of Rogers, Ark. Hodges

Email Obituaries to jpotter@pasconewspubs.com



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