

A Body Of Work

Yoga Teacher Celebrates Anniversary

by Keri McAlpine

The first week of September marked a special anniversary for Jill Catalane. An ultrasound tech by day, Catalane sets aside a couple of hours each week to teach posture, balance and healthy energy through yoga.

After becoming a certified instructor a couple of years ago, Catalane began renting space at Jazzercise Dade City to teach her sporadic classes. For her one-year anniversary teaching at the building at 37931 Heather Place, she welcomed her students for a special “full moon” celebration. Catalane also asked them to

bring in paper products to donate to the studio as a thank you.

Catalane came to rent in the building from attending classes at Jazzercise with owner Kris Dail.

“It has been a wonderful combination – Jazzercise and yoga combine so well together. You get the cardio and strength from jazzercise and a great stretch from yoga,” Dail said.

Jazzercise has been in Dade City since the 1980s, and many students were excited when yoga was introduced in the building – many students attending both

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Photo by Richard K. Riley

Diana Greif, left, Jill Catalane and Kris Dail coordinate in a low lunge.



All those who take a rest on this bench will know who to thank for making San Antonio City Park a beautiful place to be.

Park's Keepers Honored

Bench Dedicated To San Antonio Garden Club Founders

Story and photos by Emily Kochanski

The San Antonio City Park is a focal point of the San Ann community and since 1961 the task of keeping the park's foliage in full bloom has been tended by the San Antonio Founders Garden Club.

A Sept. 7 ceremony was held in the park to dedicate a bench to the original 23 founders of the Garden Club.

Residents and both new and returning members of the Founders Garden Club gathered at 10:30 a.m. to witness the unveiling and blessing of a new bench

and plaque emblazoned with the names of those who took on the task of making the City Park the jewel it is today. The event was hosted by the current members of the Founders Garden Club whose president, Donna Swart, briefly reviewed the park's history and recognized each of the honorees by name.

“We didn't want [the original founders] to get lost in history,” said Swart, explaining the reasoning behind the event. “There isn't anywhere else that the ladies' names are posted, so we just felt like this was an important thing to do.”

Sadly, many of the original founders have either moved on or passed away. Only two of the original 23 members

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City Holds Up Against Irma

Damage Not As Bad As Anticipated

Story and photo by Joe Potter

Some people had damage to their homes, vehicles and other property from Hurricane Irma when it swept through Dade City in the early hours of Sept. 11.

City Manager Billy Poe said trees blocked several roadways including

Southview Avenue, Florida Avenue, Tenth Street, 19th Street and Palm Avenue, and power lines were knocked down throughout the city.

Irma's winds of between 74 and 95 mph also splintered several trees on residential lots and scattered broken limbs far and wide.

Crews under the direction

of Public Works Director/City Engineer Joseph Debono were able to quickly clear streets of after the storm passed, Poe said Monday.

The cleanup was really a team effort, Poe said.

“All the employees from the

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Sports Briefs

PHS Pirates Football

The Pirates (2-1) host Cypress Creek (1-2) on Friday at 7:30 p.m.

PHS JV Pirates Football

The JV Pirates (1-1) also host Cypress Creek (0-2) today at 7 p.m.

PHS Lady Pirates Volleyball

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police department to the utilities and public works departments really stepped up to help Dade City to continue to be the great place that it is. They were getting it for four days straight. I'm just proud to be associated with the men and women of Dade City," Poe said.

Dade City fared better than anticipated because Irma had weakened some before hitting the area. "If it had come in as a Category 2 or a Category 3, as predicted, things would have been a whole lot worse," he said.

City Hall was without power until late on the afternoon of Sept. 12, Poe said.

Other parts of the city were without power for longer, Poe said. The length of time depended on how long it took for the utility customers servicing the affected customers to restore power.

Tenth Street and Whitehouse Avenue experienced flooding from Irma's steady rainfall. The Combined Cycle Cogeneration Plant began pumping water from that area Tuesday after



Southview Avenue was blocked north of Eighth Street by a large tree that was uprooted by Hurricane Irma.

power was restored there. The plant is located at the Dade City Business Center. Poe said he was not aware of any structural flooding occurring in that area. "But it was close."

There were a few minor domestic

disturbances but no looting occurred because of the storm, said Capt. David Duff of the Dade City Police Department.

"The citizens of Dade City remained calm and focused on cleaning up and on their families and there really weren't

any issues," Duff said.

A city commission meeting set for Sept. 11 had to be postponed. Commissioners are scheduled to meet Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m. to hold the first of two public hearings on their fiscal year 2017-18 budget. A second public hearing and adoption of the budget will be held on Oct. 3 at 5:30 p.m.

The normal schedule for city commission meetings will resume on Oct. 10, Poe said. (Commission meetings are normally held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall, 38020 Meridian Ave.)

Irma developed on Aug. 30 in the Atlantic Ocean and strengthened into a Category 5 hurricane with maximum sustained winds of 185 mph. It quickly lost strength after having made landfall at the Florida Keys on Sept. 10.

In a historical note, Hurricane Donna was a Category 3 storm when it crossed Dade City's path on the same date 57 years earlier. News accounts of the time estimated damage in the county seat at less than \$50,000.

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Jill Catalane helps straighten out Diana Greif in a triangle pose.

Photos by Richard K. Riley

types of classes.

"She's inspired me and I've inspired her. We bounce ideas off of each other and it's a great partnership between us," Dail said.

Currently, Catalane offers classes on Tuesdays at 7:15 a.m. and 7:15 p.m., and on Thursdays at 7:15 a.m. She is hoping to add more classes should she get more free time.

"I love yoga because everybody can do yoga ... Yoga is for every age, every body shape, and of course discomfort is normal being new to something, but that changes once you take that first step in the door," Catalane said.

Personally, Catalane said she has healed since discovering yoga. Chronic back and shoulder pains have substantially subsided since she began practicing and she hopes to share that relief with others.

"Older people lose posture, balance. With yoga, we practice those so we don't lose those and it really keeps our body a little more healthy," she said.



Kris Dail, left, and Diana Greif reach in a Warrior II pose.

Walk in classes are \$10 and special packages are available. Contact Catalane at (352) 588-0080 or jcatyoga@gmail.com for information on upcoming classes or visit the JCat Yoga Facebook page.



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Theresa Finley completes an application on Tuesday morning for help from FEMA after Hurricane Irma caused a tree to hit her home on Sept. 11.

Cruise Cancelled, Then Tree Drops In

FEMA Help Sought To Restore Power To Woman’s Home

Story and photo by Joe Potter

Theresa Finley had her bags packed on Sept. 9 and was in Gibsonton with friends waiting to embark on a cruise out of Miami on Sept. 10. But a force of nature named Hurricane Irma changed all of that. The hurricane caused the cruise to be cancelled and it also brought a large tree down onto her home on Sixth Street early on Sept. 11. She returned to Zephyrhills on that day after her mother, Ellen Conger, called her and told her about the damage. The house has been uninhabitable and without power since then and Finley said her power company, Duke Energy, has not done much to help her. She was at the Zephyrhills Public Library on Tuesday seeking help from the Federal Emergency Management Administration to try and get electricity restored to her home. Pasco County residents affected by Irma were declared eligible to receive assistance from FEMA last week.

Finley was one of several people who came to a Pasco County Disaster Assistance forum held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the conference room of the library located at 5347 Eighth St. The event was cosponsored by U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson, D-FL, and U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-FL (12th). Finley said Duke Energy personnel who had visited her home told her power could not be restored until the tree was removed. “We don’t know if any of the electronics in the house are damaged,” Finley said. Both she and her daughter have been staying with friends and though FEMA offered to provide a motel room for both she didn’t want to take money that could be used to help others since her family had someplace to stay, Finley said. Nelson’s representatives Shara Anderson and Taleen Mekhdjavakian attended the forum along with Bob Hatfield, who is a member of Bilirakis’ district staff. Hatfield assured Finley after she had completed her application that he was confident she would be hearing from FEMA soon regarding her situation.

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were in attendance, Betty Burger and Stella Barthle. Others sent family and friends in their place. “All of us were gardeners, and there really weren’t many other activities for the ladies of the town,” said Burger. Neither Burger nor Barthle actively participate in the Founders Garden Club today, but they still enjoy witnessing the results of the work that today’s members perform, especially during the holiday season. “The thing that I liked most about being in the Garden Club was Christmas,” recalled Burger. “We would march around the park and sing carols and look at every card that was on display.”

Swart encourages residents from far and wide to attend their “Christmas in the Park” event, which will take place on Dec. 3 and feature the first official lighting of the lights and live entertainment. “Our main event is ‘Christmas in the Park,’” said Swart. “We’ve done it for over 50 years. People in the community set up large Christmas cards and we put up lights and decorations.” As Swart expressed, the 23 ladies of the original San Antonio Founders Garden Club have officially become a part of history. Their efforts have left an indelible legacy, as well as permanent green thumb prints, on the little town of San Antonio.



Betty Burger, left, Stella Barthle and Donna Swart break in the new bench. It was only fitting that two of the honorees and the club’s current leader be the first to take a seat.

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Bingo Brightens Sight Program

Lions Club Volunteers Love What They Do

Story and photos by **Keri McAlpine**

On the first Thursday of each month members of the Zephyrhills Lions Club meet in the club lobby bright and early to deliver the gift of sight.

Lions Clubs across the nation have historically served their communities, but with a focus on helping those who are blind or visually impaired.

The Zephyrhills club supports more than a dozen organizations, non-profits and school sports or clubs through money raised through their Bingo nights.

Held every Tuesday and Friday, Bingo at the Lions Club is always packed with locals who stop by, purchase dinner and Bingo cards hoping to win big. Proceeds go to the local benefactors and the Sight Program.

Any Pasco County resident is welcome to apply – not just Zephyrhills or east Pasco residents.

Applicants must bring documentation to prove they are county residents and to prove their income and insufficient or lack of insurance qualifies them for the



David Reifsteck, left, and Debbie Phelps take a finger prick blood sample of sight program candidates on Sept. 7 at the Lions Club.

free program. Applicants can visit www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/zephyrhills to view a checklist of things to bring.

Eye program volunteer Sandy Crabtree greets visitors at the door, offering them an application to fill out and a number showing their place in line. This month's sight program was short, most likely because of the threat of Hurricane Irma, according to Crabtree, but usually the club receives a couple dozen of applicants per month.

Crabtree said out of four Pasco County Lions Clubs, the Zephyrhills charter, founded in 1943, is the only one offering such a program. After asking several club members how long the Sight Program has been in place, no one knew an exact year but all said it has been around for as long as they can remember.

Next, applicants must undergo a blood pressure check and diabetes screening. Diabetes is often associated with eyesight, according to screener David Reifsteck. Although the club cannot diagnose, they will advise guests whether they should seek further medical attention based on the results of those tests.

"We get to help the community – identify people might have diabetes they didn't know about. And the main concern is diabetes retinopathy is the leading cause of blindness," Reifsteck said. "I just love what I do."

Fellow screener Debbie Phelps sits beside Reifsteck and has volunteered for the eye program since she joined the club five years ago. If she ever wasn't helping with the eye program, Phelps was managing the kitchen, cooking food for the Bingo players.

"When you see people that are sitting here with tears in their eyes saying, 'I'm going to get to go get my eyes examined in three days and get me some glasses,' you can't put nothing on that. I brag about it," she said enthusiastically.

Phelps explained that other clubs around the state cannot compare to the donations the Zephyrhills Lions bring in through the Bingo program.

"We can do what they can't do and that's because of our Bingo players," she said.

After applicants are screened, they are then interviewed by volunteers to confirm they qualify for



Sandy Crabtree organizes the paperwork sight program candidates must fill out prior to their screening at the club.

the program.

"It's a wonderful program. It's just a lot of people don't know it's here. We're trying to get more community awareness for that," said interviewer Carole Thomas.

The sight program helps locals with varying eye problems from acquiring reading glasses to receiving cataract surgery.

Once accepted to the program, the Lions Club will schedule an appointment at one of two participating optometrists, Eye Clinic of Florida or Florida Medical Clinic Eye Care, for a routine eye exam. The club will cover the exam as well as glasses if needed.

If the optometrist sees anything a routine eye exam cannot alleviate, the club will then work with the patient to acquire funding to undergo cataract surgery, corneal transplants or other major surgeries. Funding for these surgeries is acquired through the Lions Club Foundation or Florida Division of Blind Services.

Located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road, applications from any county resident are accepted and reviewed from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The next sight program will be held Oct. 5.

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Church News

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Temple Baptist Church – Pastor Ken and Rachael Woodard recently returned from a 10-day mission trip to Warsaw, Poland. The Woodards visited missionaries Mike and Becky Petersen in Josefow, Poland. Pastor Woodard helped to remodel part of the church and Rachael helped to give 100 quilts to needy people. Temple Baptist has supported the Petersens for more than 20 years. Sunday worship is at 11 a.m.. Wednesday prayer meeting is at 7 p.m. Temple Baptist is located at 37253 Clinton Ave. in Dade City.

River of Life Church – A United Pentecostal Church International, where new life begins. Sunday school starts at 10:15 a.m. with family worship Sundays at 11 a.m. Family Bible study and Children’s church is Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at 37143 Clinton Ave. Call the church office at (352) 521-5919 or reach out to Pastor Jon Matinzi at Pastor@churchdadecity.com for information.

First Baptist Church of Dade City – Worship services are on Sundays at 9:15 or 10:45 a.m. and children’s 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. Bible studies are available Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m.. 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 – We are still in the process of choosing a new pastor, the decision headed by the Pastor Nominating Committee. Chairman of the PNC is Clay Mickler and members include Bob Sanborn, Gary Carr, Peggy Curington, Eva Harris, Lynn Plazewski

and Jeanie Weightman. Meanwhile, the church has had a variety of outstanding visiting ministers. The church recently celebrated the one-year anniversary of the first time Rev. Chet Okopski was welcomed. The historic First Presbyterian Church, located at 37412 Church Ave., worships every Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study is held Sundays at 9:30 a.m. Keenagers Bible Study is every Wednesday at 10 a.m. where those 55 and older are welcomed for study, fun, fellowship and lunch. Call (352) 567-2591 or firstpresdadecity@gmail.com for information.

Fort Dade Baptist Church – The church would like to invite you to bring your family and enjoy Family Movie Night. We will be showing “God’s Not Dead II” on Sept. 23. Enjoy pizza at 6 p.m. with the movie beginning at 7 p.m. Regular services are every Sunday at 10 a.m. Sunday school for children and adults worship is at 11 a.m. Evening service is at 6 p.m. and midweek Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Ladies Bible Study is held Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. The church is located at 14231 Old Mission Road. Call (352) 567-6183 for information.

Redeeming Grace Family Baptist Church – Sunday services are at 4 p.m. with a fellowship meal following. Located at 37412 Church Ave. in the fellowship hall. We are a Christ-centered, family focused church. Contact (352) 424-4064 or pastorjeremyrgfbc@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page for more information.

St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church – Established in 1883, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is a parish community with a rich history and a great future.

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Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church – Sunday service is 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.

New Jerusalem Church of God – Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. Prayer and Bible study is held Tuesday and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Daily prayer is held Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. A free food and clothing ministry goes year-round – call Pastor May Ross at (352) 567-9775 for information. All are welcome. The church is located at 38442 Tuskegee Ave.

Heart of Worship – Heart of Worship is a family friendly non-denominational church located at 10628 U.S. 301 (at the Market Hill Shopping Center) between Zephyrhills and Dade City. Pastor Tony Disano is committed to his faith in God and preaching the Bible.

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. You are welcome to come early for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Bible study class is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We have a praise team and great music. Family fun night is the last Sunday of the month with activities for children and adults. There are graded school rooms for the children and teens as well as a nursery. All are welcome to attend. Visit www.thehowchurch.org for information.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Father Krzysztof invites you to worship with us. We have our Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m., and Sunday masses are at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Bring the children and the entire family to break open the word of God and celebrate the Eucharist. Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. Our church and early childhood center are located at 32145 Saint Joe Road. Visit www.sacredheartdadecity.org and download the latest bulletin 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. Movie night is 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.

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Pet Loss Support Group
Gulfside Hospice’s team of bereavement counselors are offering a monthly pet loss support group, held the last Thursday of the month at the Gulfside Center for Hospice Care in Zephyrhills, 5760 Dean Dairy Road. The next meeting is Sept. 28. Call (727) 845-5707 for information.

Centennial Eagles #4399
Activities open to members and guests: Sundays: Bar Bingo at 12 p.m.; Music with Karl Sapp from 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays: Pool Tournament at 7 p.m. Wednesdays: Nickel Bingo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays: Bar Bingo at 7 p.m. Saturdays: Nickel Bingo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The Aerie meets the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The Auxiliary meets the first and third Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The club is located at 15924 U.S. 301 in Dade City. Call (352) 567-9755 for information.

East Pasco Amateur Radio Society
Monthly exams for all levels of amateur radio licenses are available on the third Tuesday of every month. The test sessions are held at Saint Leo University, 33701 S.R. 52, at 5:30 p.m. Email k4ex@arrl.net or visit eparsonline.org to schedule a test please or for more 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.

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.

American Legion Post #15
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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 bookbollar@icloud.com or call (352) 567-7449 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 3-4 p.m. at Humana, 7920 Gall Blvd. in Zephyrhills. 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.

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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.

Overeaters Anonymous
Meetings are held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 7333 Dairy Road in Zephyrhills on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome.

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.

Alcoholics Anonymous
If you have, or even think you may have, a problem with alcohol, call (813) 933-9123 (24 hours) for a local meeting or just someone to talk with.

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.

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.

Al-Anon Support Group
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. There are local day and evening groups throughout the area that meet weekly. Call (352) 697-0497 or visit www.nfldistrict5.com for meeting locations/times and more information.

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.

East Pasco Writers Forum
The forum meets in the clubhouse of Country Aire Manor, 10249 U.S. 98 in Dade City, every second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Meetings are divided into three sections: 1) for critiques of original works brought by members and visitors, 2) for critiques of the voluntary monthly writing assignment, and 3) a lesson designed to help members and visitors improve their craft. Meetings last two to 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.

Zephyrhills Lions Club
On the first Thursday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. applications are accepted from Pasco County residents for basic eye care through our Sight Program. To qualify please see a list of required documents by visiting www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/zephyrhills or by contacting our clubhouse at (813) 788-1441. Clubhouse hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The clubhouse is located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road.

Come join our Tuesday and Friday night Bingo, the largest Bingo in East Pasco. Doors open at 3 p.m., first Bingo session begins at 6 p.m., second session begins at 8 p.m. so come for one session or stay all night. Our kitchen opens at 4 p.m. with a delicious array of freshly prepared foods and desserts. Daily specials, when available, are \$5.

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.

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Obituaries


Lulu Jean (Hacker) Back
BACK, Lulu Jean (Hacker), of Zephyrhills, was peacefully called home to the Lord on Sept. 9, 2017, in Tampa, with family by her side. After moving to just inside Hillsborough County from Ohio in 1958, she and her young family settled in Zephyrhills in 1960, where she resided for more than 57 years. She was a tireless and giving mother who devotedly worked with her husband, Emanuel Burton Back, as business manager and bookkeeper for Back Construction, as well as in their apartment business later in life. He preceded her in death in 2011. Her six children, Alice (Randy) Batenhorst of Raleigh, N.C., Richard (Charlotte) Back of Dade City, Betty Jean (Barry) Bahr of Palm Harbor, Charles Back of Lutz, Barbara (Jack) Schwey of Zephyrhills and William “Bill” Back of Zephyrhills survive along with 13 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren and two grand dogs. Private services were held at Chapel Hill Gardens in Dade City. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Moffit Cancer Center Foundation. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Betty Lou Honeyman Blessing
BLESSING, Betty Lou Honeyman, 91, passed away Sept. 13, 2017, at Heartland of Zephyrhills. She was a long-time resident of Dade City and spent many years in Key West before returning to this area to be near her children. Betty was born in Miami County, Ohio, on May 4, 1926, to Robert and Dorothy Honeyman and she grew up on a dairy farm. While living there, she met her husband, Robert (Bob) Blessing, in high school. They were married after he returned from the New Hebrides Islands where he had been stationed while serving in the Navy during World War II. After 54 years together, Bob preceded her in death in 2000. She was also predeceased by her brothers Ned, Bobby and Ben Honeyman. Her sister, Karen (Chris) VanSchaik, survives along with four children, Brant (Beth) Blessing of Dade City, Charlotte (Les) Krapf of Kissimmee, Danny (Marjean) Blessing of Opelika, Ala. and Chuck (Ginger Potwin) Blessing of Dade City; 14 grandchildren, Bart Blessing, Benjie Blessing, Shelly Hearn, Lindy Story, Bradley Blessing, Jeremy Blessing, Beau Blessing, Ruth Blessing, Sarah Rudolph, Amelia Blessing, Emily Tyson Blessing, Margaret Blessing, Elizabeth Blessing and Daniel Blessing; and 18 great-grandchildren. After a dozen years of farming and four children, she followed Bob’s dream of moving to Florida! They bought the Gray Moss Inn in Dade City in 1959. During those years Betty was very busy with running the Inn and raising her family. She could always be seen at her children’s many athletic events, cheering and smiling! She also built circuit boards when she worked at Honeywell in Tampa. After retirement, she and Bob moved full time into the Key West home they had been building in stages over several years. Friends and family came to visit often and Betty introduced them all to the beauty and wonders of God’s creations in the waters of the Keys. In the years following Bob’s passing Betty divided her time between tending her palms and mangroves in the Keys, treasure hunting at yard sales with her daughters and granddaughters in Kissimmee and traveling to far-away places. She enjoyed attending family events all over Florida and bird watching from her porch on Lakeside Drive in Zephyrhills. She was always busy and on the go. Betty loved God, her family and life! We loved Betty and will miss her greatly! Memorial services will be held Sept. 23 at 3 p.m. at the U.S. 301 Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home in Dade City.




Corine Vivian (Swartzlander) Fallin
FALLIN, Corine Vivian (Swartzlander), 83, of Ridge Manor, passed away Sept. 10, 2017, at her home. She was born Dec. 12, 1933, in Jonesboro, Ark., to Ira and Vera Shockley Swartzlander and was a longtime area resident. She retired from Multi-Line Can Company and attended the First Baptist Church of Lacoochee. Her children, Deborah (Darrell) Fitts, Johnny Fallin Jr. and Kay Nessler survive along with one brother: JD (Annette) Swartzlander; three sisters, Anne (David) Spivey, Maxine (Tommy) Breeden and Rita (Bo) Fowler; three grandsons, Brady (Samantha) Nessler, Derek Fitts and Paul Gene (Jodie) Nessler; and six great-grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. at the U.S. 301 Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home with burial to follow at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, family request donations in her memory to the First Baptist Church of Lacoochee, P.O. Box 517, Lacoochee, FL 33537.



 **Earl D. Handley**
HANDLEY, Earl D., 90, of Zephyrhills, passed away Sept. 16, 2017, at his home. He was born Sept. 2, 1927, in Culloden, W.Va., to Earl and Grace Louise White Handley. He was a U.S. Navy veteran and a member of the Local Union #123 United Association of Plumbers & Pipefitters. His wife, Doris Ann Handley, survives along with two children, Kathy McLeod and Susan (Albert) Maginness; two sisters, Francis Adams and Barbara Chaney; one brother, Carl Handley; one sister-in-law, Mary Jane Handley; five grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. His first wife, Betty Lou Handley, preceded him in death along with one granddaughter, Christina Nicholas; and two brothers, Jack Handley and Clyde Handley. Services will be held Sept. 21 at 11 a.m. at the U.S. 301 Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home, with burial to follow at Floral Memory Gardens. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time at the funeral home.

Eddie ‘Bill’ Harrelson
HARRELSON, Eddie “Bill”, 82, of Dade City, passed away Sept. 10, 2017. He was born Aug. 26, 1935, in McKenzie, Ala., to Eddie and Gracie Lue Harrelson. His four children, Tommy Harrelson, Judy Christian, Tammy Thomas and Michael Harrelson, survive along with 21 grandchildren; many great- grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren. One son, Eddie. Preceded him in death. Services were held Sept. 19 at the Fifth Street Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home and burial followed at Dade City Cemetery.

 **Preston Paris**
PARIS, Preston, 61, of Zephyrhills, passed away Sept. 6, 2017. He was born June 22, 1956, in Greer, S.C., to Perry Paris and Nellie Norris and grew up in the Greenville area. He was a U.S. Army veteran and a manager with Pizza Hut. Preston is survived by his fiancé, Ashley Boyette; six children, Jessica Paris, Melissa Tucker, Preston Paris Jr, Lindsay Paris-Madrid, Damien Paris and Dustin Paris; one brother, Wayne Paris; and numerous grandchildren. Services were held Sept. 15 at the Fifth Street Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home. Burial followed in Dade City Cemetery.

Kevin Joseph Petters
PETTERS, Kevin Joseph, 40, of Dade City, passed away on Sept. 4, 2017, in Texas. He was born Aug. 17, 1977, in Dade City to Christopher and Sharon Petters and was a lifelong area resident. His wife, Angel Anderton Petters, survives along with six children, Ben and Deidra Randall, Kevin Petters II, Christopher Petters, Daven Petters, Elizabeth Petters and Wyatt Petters; four step-children, Melody Johnson, Kaylin Anderton, Landon Counts and Rileigh Caselnova; one granddaughter, Sophia Randall; and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The family received on Sept. 16 at the U.S. 301 Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home. Flowers will be gratefully accepted or those that wish may make donations in Kevin’s name to an educational fund for the children.

Donald Wynn
WYNN, Donald, 60, of Ridge Manor, died Sept. 13, 2017, at his residence. Don was born in Jacksonville on Nov. 15, 1956, to Dale and Ruth (Johns) Wynn. He was a resident of the central Florida area for most of his life, having lived in Wesley Chapel prior to moving to Ridge Manor 10 years ago. Donald worked in the commercial construction industry for many years, enjoyed spending time fishing with his grandchildren, boating and four-wheeling. His wife of 40 years, Patricia, survives along with children, Tania (Chris) Hensley of Wesley Chapel, Crystal (Troy) Wynn, Dawn Wynn and Nicholas Wynn, all of Sumter County; and a step-daughter, Melissa. Other survivors include five sisters, two brothers and eight grandchildren, Kyle, Heather, Ethan, Nate, Violet, Kaydance, Austin, Mason and Josh. A celebration of Don’s life will take place on Sept. 30 from 3-6 p.m. at the Dade City VFW Major Francis E. Dade Post #4283, 12735 VFW Road, Dade City. You are invited to please stay at the canteen for drinks and dancing. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

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