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Bulldogs Zero In On Title Defense

ZHS Dispatches River Ridge As Playoffs Begin



Aliza Quiles puts up a shot Tuesday against River Ridge in the opening round of the Class 6A-District 8 playoffs.

Story and photos by Dave Walters

Aliza Quiles scored 28 points Tuesday night to lead the Bulldogs to a 64-46 win against River Ridge in the opening round of the Class 6A-District 8 playoffs.

This was Zephyrhills' first step toward defending its district title from last year. In this year's tournament, Zephyrhills, Hudson and Ridgewood all finished the season with identical 13-3 district records.

"I don't know that being the defending champs puts a target on our backs because everybody has been equal this year," said Bulldog coach Mike Novak. "That's the way it is. Nobody is a favorite at this point."

Tuesday's win advanced the Bulldogs to the district semifinals to face the winner of Wesley Chapel/Hudson.

Quiles put on a shooting clinic against the Knights in the first half, lighting up River Ridge with 21 points including 14 in the second quarter.

The Bulldogs never trailed in the game

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Sims Signs With Navy



On Feb. 1, National Signing Day, Zephyrhills High School senior and Bulldog running back Antwione Sims officially penned his National Letter of Intent to play football at the United States Naval Academy. Joining Sims at his signing were his uncle Greg Sims, ZHS head football coach Nick Carroll, former coach Reggie Roberts, and a crowd of friends and supporters. Photo by Freeze Frame Photo



Quiles, Clarke Take A Bow Seniors Have Been 'Role Models' For Bulldogs

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

The stellar careers of two senior Zephyrhills basketball players were honored Friday night in the Bulldogs final home regular season game, a 72-51 thumping of Citrus.

Aliza Quiles and Dre'wan Clarke, two crucial pieces of the Bulldogs success during the last three seasons, played their season-ending game inside the "Dog House."

Combining for 23 points in the victory, the tandem worked the inside and outside

with precision. Junior Kurt Robbins was a dominant force as well at the post pouring in 21 points of his own.

"It's good to be able to play with that much fun regardless if it's Senior Night or not, but with it being our last regular season home game here, made it special," said Quiles, a four-year varsity letterman. "It came so quick. It seems like yesterday was the first game of the season."

An emotional player on the court, Quiles noted that when the playoffs are finished, the emotions will kick in much harder.



Senior night honored Dre'wan Clarke, Keith Brockington and Aliza Quiles for their contribution to Bulldog basketball.







Dre'wan Clark (11) plays tight defense Friday night against Citrus and junior Kurt Robbins (24) and Aliza Quiles (5) defend down low.

"It's emotional for me," he said. "Deep down, I'm going to miss each one of those guys. It gives me a lot of pride to play here. On this court, there has been a lot of blood sweat and tears. It was worth it."

Quiles and Clarke enjoyed dominance on the Zephyrhills hardwood as they played a huge role in the 22-game home winning streak that dated back to January of 2015. That streak was snapped last week in a 76-55 loss to Wiregrass.

"It's crazy how fast it all happened," said Clarke, who played three years on the varsity level. "I can't believe that was our last home game together. It has been a blessing to play on this court.

"It was the perfect ending. Being a Bulldog means a lot and it has been a

privilege."

First-year head coach Mike Novak was quite privileged to have two incredible seniors to lead his team.

"They were leaders and we have a young team," he said. "They provided that leadership these kids needed. They are role models. You have to have that senior leadership and they stepped up when they needed to and did a great job."

The Bulldogs fell to Citrus in Inverness earlier in the season, but avenged the loss with Friday's drubbing at the Dog House. The Bulldogs led by as much as 31 in the final quarter.

"A game like this was fun," Novak said. "It was nice to have a game where we had such a team effort."



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and jumped out to a 17-7 advantage in the opening quarter despite having five turnovers.

After Quiles nailed six shots in the second quarter, including two from behind the arc, Zephyrhills went into the locker room at the half with a 37-24 lead.

"We still have to do better," Quiles said. "We need to be stronger when teams press us. We have some young guys who don't have a lot of experience and they need to come through for us. They will get there."

In the third quarter, junior center Kurt Robbins took over cleanup duties with six rebounds. Quiles added his final seven points of the game.

"We have to cut down on the

turnovers," Robbins said. "We played pretty good on defense and overall, we did well, but we still have to play harder if we want to win the district title."

Consistent play from senior forward Dre'wan Clarke resulted in a 15-point performance.

"We have to keep playing hard and playing strong defense if we want to win this district again," Clarke said. "If we can do that, we can pull this through. We have to defend the title, but we can only do that if we play smart."

What didn't show up in the scorebook was the strong defensive play of Myles Carter, who was a major disruption to the Knights' offensive plans. The junior guard finished with five steals.

"The key tonight was the defensive effort especially from Myles," Novak said. "He was all over the place."



Strong defensive play by Dre'wan Clarke (11), Cartrell Strong (23), Myles Carter (1) and Kurt Robbins (24) was a huge factor in the Bulldogs' 64-46 win against River Ridge on Tuesday night.



Weightlifing coach Joe Rinaldo and Sarah First.

Photo Provided

Girls Set New ZHS Records *Heavy Lifting For Coach Rinaldo's Crew*

by Dave Walters

The Lady Bulldogs continued to rewrite Zephyrhills High School record books with an epic finish last Friday during the FHSAA State Weightlifting Finals.

The history-making performance by the Bulldogs' 7th place team finish at Belleview High School came from the efforts of Jessica Guadarrama, Abby Shafer and Sarah First.

In the 183-pound weight class, Guadarrama continued her path to greatness with a state runner-up finish by breaking both her ZHS bench press and clean and jerk records with a 175-pound bench press and a 175-pound clean and jerk, ending the day with a 350-pound total. Her runner-up finish was the first in Zephyrhills school history for the sport.

In the unlimited weight class, sophomore Shaffer captured a fourth place medal with a new school record in the bench press with a 185-pound lift and a 205-pound clean and jerk for an impressive 390-pound total.

Proof that size and strength don't go hand-in-hand, First, at 101 pounds, ended with a 6th place finish and state medal by benching a new Bulldog school record with a 120-pound lift, eclipsing a 12-year-old mark set by Leann Carroll. First finished with a 230 total on the day in her first and final season for the Lady Bulldogs.





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Mildred Fochtman Celebrates 102 Years

'Never Planned On Living This Long'

Story and photo by **Joe Potter**

"I never learned to smoke or to drink," Mildred Mary "Millie" Fochtman said when asked on Jan. 26 what her secret was to a long life.

"And she had great kids," one of her sons, Gerald Sayles, chimed in, drawing laughter from the large crowd gathered for the occasion.

Fochtman currently holds the distinction of being the oldest resident of American House, the assisted living facility on Pretty Pond Road where she resides. Another resident there will be turning 102 years old in a few months.

"I never planned on living this long. They just kept coming - one by one by one," Fochtman said.

She has four children - three sons and one daughter - and 16 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

All of her children - Phil, Robert II, Shirley and Gerald - were from her marriage to Phil Sayles, who passed away more than 40 years ago.

Several members of her family were on hand for the occasion.

Fochtman grew up on a farm in Laingsburg, Mich., which is near the state capital of Lansing. She had three brothers and a sister. Her sister, Thelma, who is in

her early 90s, is her only surviving sibling. Fochtman was valedictorian of her graduating class at Laingsburg High School.

Her first job out of high school was as a secretary with the Laingsburg School District. "I went to Perry to work because I couldn't get along with the superintendent at Laingsburg," she said. Perry is 11 miles from Laingsburg.

She worked for the Perry School District for nearly 40 years before retiring at age 60 to travel with her second husband, Robert Fochtman.

Fochtman said she didn't have any additional education after high school, that she learned her job "the hard way by doing it."

"I did everything from going to the bank every day to doing payroll every two weeks," said Fochtman. "They wanted me to come back after I retired," she said, smiling.

The Fochtmans visited Alaska, Hawaii, and several other states. They had a travel trailer and were members of a travel trailer club.

Mr. Fochtman also passed away several years ago.

She said she enjoyed fishing in Charlamagne, Mich., "in her younger vears."



Debbie Bond of the American House presents Millie Fochtman with her birthday cake.

Fochtman's hobbies include playing person, not the party," she said. cards and crocheting.

She remembers voting for Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1936 when he was running for his second term. "I vote for the Fochtman noted that she has lived at

some other facilities before moving to American House, where she said she feels "at home."

Golf With A Purpose And Help 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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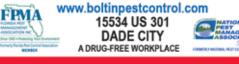
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Church News

Magnify Ministries – The event every family can afford will be held Feb. 10 at 7 p.m. featuring Steve Wright, Young Song and Bill Schell. Plus the New Hope Baptist Choir performing southern and traditional gospel songs. Come expecting a blessing. Freewill offering will be received. Held at New Hope Baptist Church, 3514 Allen Road. Call (813) 782-6592 for information.

First Congregational Church of Zephyrhills - Regular church service is at 10 a.m., with Sunday school from 9-9:45 a.m. An evening Bible study is held on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. We are currently studying First Corinthians.

The Men's Study Group is held on Saturdays from 8-9 a.m. (except for the third Saturday of the month).

The Men's Breakfast will be held every third Saturday of the month from 8-9:30 a.m. in the Education Building. January's breakfast will be free.

Our Men's Work Group (aka The God Squad) performs small handy work for our church members in need.

The church is located at 7900 Fort King Road. Visit www.fcczhills.org or contact the office at (813) 780-6027 or fcczh@aol.com for information. Office hours are 9 a.m.-12 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

First Baptist Church – Located at 38231 Fifth Ave.. Pastor Rob McKinney invites everyone to visit a going church with a coming Savior.

Our teen ministry (TRUTH Ministries) is held on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. with director Jason Hicks and 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

church conference room. Everyone is a.m.; children's church at 10:30 a.m.; welcome.

The 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. Call (813) 782-5574 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.

First United Methodist Church - A grief support group will be held from 9:30-11:30 a.m. on Thursdays though April 6. Receive help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. The church is located at 38635 Fifth Ave. Call (813) 782-5645 for information.

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 weekday mornings from 6-7 a.m. in the at 9 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10 Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.; and Saturday night service at 6 p.m. Visit www.mycornerstonecc.com for information.

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 informatio

Faith Baptist Church - Two Sunday morning worship services are held at 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Located at 38634 C.R. 54 in Zephyrhills. Pastor Michael Jayne would love to meet you. Faith Baptist Church has been loving the Zephyrhills community for 44 years, providing answers for a changing world, strengthening marriages, and giving practical help in times of trouble. Check us out on the web at fbczephyrhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-0880 for information

First Presbyterian Church - Located at 5510 19th St. Worship services are at 10 a.m. on Sunday. 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.

Zephyr Park Christian Church - We are close to God and close to nature. Located under the large American flag behind

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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.

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

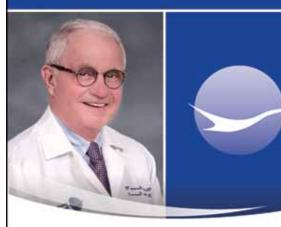
Communion is available at all of our services and is open for all believers. We have morning and evening Bible studies; an active women's service group, men's breakfast and more. Call (813) 782-1071 for information.

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.

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

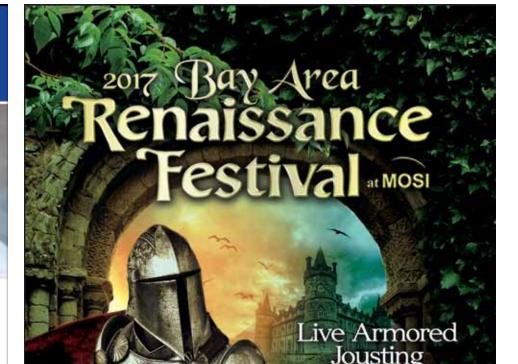
Thrifty Angel Boutique at St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Open Wednesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m.-noon. Donations accepted on Mondays from 8 a.m.-noon. The store carries gently used clothes, shoes, handbags, jewelry, knickknacks and household goods. Located at 38640 Sixth Ave. in Zephyrhills. (813) 780-7309.

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Community & Club News

The Garden Gate Garden Club of Zephyrhills

The next meeting will be held at the Magnuson Hotel's conference room on Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. We will be learning about Propagation Oddities by Master Gardener, Ada Weitzel. Our hostesses will be Voni Giese and Shirley DeBoe. You are invited to attend. Call (813) 782-8004 for information.

Elks Lodge #2731

The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge is located at 6851 Wire Road. 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.

Ladies Oriental Shrine Cairo Court #97

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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.

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 twenty-five 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.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary

The Eagles Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a "Margaritaville Party" on Feb. 18 starting at 5 p.m. Dinner will be served and the cost will be \$6 and a choice of: baked chicken or ham, Hawaiian rice, salad and rolls. Games, raffles and a band will be present along with drink specials. Call (813) 780-1558 for information.

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.

East Pasco Writers Forum

The East Pasco Writers Forum now meets in the clubhouse of Country Aire Manor, a mobile home retirement community located at 10249 U.S. 98 in Dade City. Thanks to Marjorie Nanian and her family for making the clubhouse available to us.

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.

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.

AMVETS Post #550

Tickets are now on sale for the Conway Twitty Memorial Concert featuring Jack Brickles. Jack was one of the original Twitty Bird Band members. The event is on Feb. 19 at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance or \$12 at the door. Tickets are also available for the drawing on Feb. 17 for a mint condition 1999 Cadillac Deville with only 44,708 original miles. 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. with the kitchen open from 4-6:30 p.m. Wednesday is Ship, Captain and Crew from 1-3 p.m; the Queen of Hearts is at 5 p.m.; and Corn Toss is also on Wednesdays. Music on Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. along with a meat raffle. 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 Saturdays from 4-7 p.m. and a variety of entertainment from 7-10 p.m. On Sundays join E-bowling at 1:30 p.m. Randy's Music Trivia is every Sunday from 4-7 p.m. AMVETS is located at 4645 Airport Road in Zephyrhills. Find us on Facebook or call (813) 780-8180 for information.

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.

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.

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Overeaters Anonymous

Meetings are held at the Seventh-day Church, located at 7633 Dairy Road in Zephyrhills on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Newcomers welcome.

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.

Humana Guidance Center Clubs

A Valentine's Day dance will be held Feb. 14 at the local Zephyrhills Humana Guidance Center from 2:30-3:30 p.m. Come out and join us for line dancing guest starring "Mike" from Hatfields and refreshments.

On Feb. 20, a unique activity for National Love Your Pet Day will be held for guests to learn about therapy pets and see how to make their pet a therapy animal. Held from 9-10 a.m.

Events are free and open to the public. The Humana Guidance Center is located in the Zephyr Commons Shopping Center at 7920 Gall Blvd. Zephyrhills. Call (813) 780-7300 for information or visit us in person to get a copy of our full calendar of events for this month.

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.

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.

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.



Obituaries

Email Obituaries to jpotter@pasconewspubs.com

Dorothy Ansell

ANSELL, Dorothy, 88, died Jan. 29, 2017. Her son, Daniel; seven grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren survive her. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Hazel Avalone

AVALONE, Hazel, 89, died Jan. 27, 2017. Three children, Diana, Bonnie and Stauch, survive her. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Deanna Bahler

BAHLER, Deanna, 52, died Jan. 24, 2017. Services were held Jan. 28 at Whitfield Funeral Home.

Thomas Fitzhugh

FITZHUGH, Thomas, 81, died Jan. 27, 2017. Children Lisa and Thomas; and a friend, Sharon, survive him. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Beverly Harris

HARRIS, Beverly, 77, died Jan. 30, 2017. Her husband, E.A. "Red" Harris; and three sons, Mike, Mark and Scott, survive her. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Dawn Howe

HOWE, Dawn, 74, died Jan. 30, 2017. Services were held Feb. 4 at Whitfield Funeral Home.

Gerald Morel

MOREL, Gerald, 83, passed away Jan. 20, 2017. His children, Karen, Lori, and Michael; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren survive him. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Vito Muto Jr.

MUTO, Vito Jr., 96, died Jan. 29, 2017. A daughter, Dale Breaker; and other loving family members survive him. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



Edward Thomas Roys Jr.

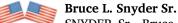
ROYS, Edward Thomas Jr., 69, of Zephyrhills, passed away Jan. 24, 2017, at his home. He

was born April 9, 1947, in Brooklyn, N.Y., to Eddie and Linda (Valentino) Roys. Eddie was a United States Army veteran. He was the owner and operator of a bicycle shop in Long Island where he enjoyed lots of time with his son and friends. He and his family moved to Zephyrhills in 1986. Eddie retired from the Pasco County Sheriff's Office after seven years of service. He also retired from Sun Path Products Skydiving Equipment & Manufacturer. He attended Family of God Baptist Church in Zephyrhills. He was a member of the Zephyrhills AMVETS Post #550, Zephyrhills VFW Post #8154 and of the Moose Lodge #2276. Eddie enjoyed his man cave, singing, playing his guitar, cooking and tinkering around the house working on projects. He was preceded in death by his parents. His wife of 18 years, Roberta Roys, survives him. He is also survived by a son, Chris (Jennifer) Roys of Auburndale; a daughter, Jenifer (Mike Fields) Roys of Auburndale; a stepson, Mike (Robyn) Nesbit of Lakeland; two stepdaughters, Judy (Robert) Whitlock of Brooksville and Cooky (Robert) Ringo of Zephyrhills; a brother, Jim (Nan Colleen) Roys of Spring Hill; a sister, Tina (Ed) Hundley of Phoenix, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Jared, Andrew, Falyn and Taylor; eight step grandchildren, Josh, Robby, Allen, Simmon, Melissa, Michael, Brandy and Baileigh; and six step great-grandchildren. A celebration of life service will be held Feb. 4 at 3 p.m. at Family of God Baptist Church, 41237 C.R. 54 East, Zephyrhills, FL. 33540, with military honors. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the Family of God Baptist Church (Building Fund). Kersey Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

William Eugene Shell

SHELL, William, 57, of Zephyrhills, passed away Feb. 4, 2017, at Tampa General Hospital. He was born Oct. 19, 1959, in Hollywood, Fla. William was a phenomenal husband and father. He was a great mechanic who most recently worked at Auto Zone Auto Parts in Zephyrhills. William was not only a husband but a best friend. He was always kind, loving, honest and always a great comforter and fighter. He loved to fish and wrestle. He was also an avid NASCAR fan. He spent all his extra time with his wife and children. Survivors include his wife, Janet Shell; two biological children, Dejamarie Jalisa Shell,

Jedidiah Elijah and William Shell; three stepchildren, Caridad Mara, Tobias Mara and Goddessmarie Salas; grandchildren, Isaiah and Madison; newest family member, Hermione Catalina; sisters, Claudia Crandall Donna Fernandez, Pat Howard and Linda Robinson; brother, Edward Shell; sister-in-law, Cythinia Shell; nephews, James Burlette, Daniel Shell, Greg Shell, Eddie Shell, AJ Howard and Nick Shell; and nieces, Brittney Fernandez, Shayla Fernandez. Hodges Family Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



SNYDER Sr., Bruce L. 86, of Zephyrhills, passed away Jan. 22, 2017. Born and raised in Rutland, Vt., he is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lorraine Blanco of New Rochelle, N.Y.; three children, Bruce Jr. and Louis of Tarpon Springs and Catherine Snyder Kovacs of Stamford, Conn.; and a granddaughter, Annie. Mr. Snyder was a graduate of Duke University and the Stonier Graduate School of Banking at Rutgers University. Following service in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict, he began his lifelong career in commercial banking as an executive trainee at the Morgan Bank in New York City. During his career, through a series of bank consolidations in New York State, he spent 10 years at the National Bank of Westchester and another 10 with Lincoln First Banks in Rochester. In retirement, his most recent volunteer activity was with the Osher Life Long Learning at the University of South Florida. A private interment was held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell. Whitfield Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements





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