

Lady Bulldogs Fall



Freshman Hayley Myers got a chance to pitch against rival Pasco on Tuesday night.

Photo by CSSN

Rival Comes Back To Snatch Victory

Story and photos by **Dave Walters**

Pasco's Rachel Roberts' play on the mound and at the plate Tuesday night was enough to spearhead the Pirates to a 10-6 victory against the Bulldogs.

Zephyrhills held a 4-2 lead after four innings before the Pirates got to freshman hurler Hayley Myers with three runs in

the fifth and a pair in the sixth. Senior reliever Kaleigh Rhoden stepped in and pitched well before the defense failed her.

"We had the lead and gave it away," said Lady Bulldogs coach Jarrett Myers. "Errors don't help either and we gave some runs away late."

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Shown, from left, are Zephyrhills Police officers Lorenzo Limoges and Gio Marcacci, and Samaritan Project Executive Director Roxxy Geisenheimer and Carol Greene, director of services.

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Samaritan Scramble Tees Off

Golfers Pitch In For Homeless Relief Charity

On Feb. 10, The Samaritan Project held its seventh annual Samaritan Scramble Golf Tournament. More than 50 players, including councilmen, local police officers and city employees converged on the course at Silverado Golf & Country Club to golf for a great cause.

The Samaritan Project's mission is to prevent and alleviate homelessness in the Zephyrhills area. The organization has recently increased its efforts and

expanded its range of services.

Executive Director Roxxy Geisenheimer credits the event's success to a dedicated staff of volunteers and supporters, which included generous sponsorships from San Antonio Citizen's Federal Credit Union, and Senator Wilton Simpson's own Simpson Environmental Services.

Players enjoyed gentle breezes

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Bulldog Named Wrestling Champ



Zephyrhills High School wrestler Alex Winbigler took home gold after he earned the 285lb District Champion after competing alongside his fellow Bulldogs during district championships at Lake Gibson High School on Feb. 17. *Photo Provided*

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The Bulldogs finished with eight hits on the night, but couldn't get the clutch hits when they needed them.

"When we get off the field, we have to be able to hit," Myers said. "If you keep the defense off the field for a little bit and build confidence, things change. If you are in here and go down 1-2-3 and head back out onto the field, nothing changes."

Roberts came on to pitch in the fourth inning in relief of Jordyn Kadlub with the Pirates trailing 4-2. The junior shut down the Zephyrhills' bats and then took command at the plate.

In the Pirates three-run fifth, Roberts belted a two-run home run to leftfield to put the Pirates in the lead 5-4. She was 3-for-4 with a single, double and the home run. She scored two runs and finished with a pair of RBIs.

"Everybody got hyped and everybody wanted to win," Roberts said of the comeback. "After the home run, everybody got even more hyped."

The Pirates looked vulnerable with their ace Jordyn Kadlub pitching with back pain in the third inning, but Roberts filled in nicely with three shutout innings until yielding a pair of runs in the bottom of the seventh.

"One of the goals the girls set was to play all seven innings and they showed a lot of resilience this season and fight back," said first-year coach Josh Smith.



Photo by CSSN

Senior Chase Booker waits for signals from the Zephyrhills' base coaches.

"Our motto this year is to keep plugging away and keep working."

The Lady Bulldogs (0-3) return home Feb. 27 against River Ridge, while the Pirates (3-2) play the same night and host visiting Wesley Chapel.

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and friendly comradery on Silverado's picturesque course. Volunteers were surprised to find that they quickly sold out of prize packs, which included a cold beverage, contest entries, chance-to-win raffle tickets, and a mulligan. Afterwards, players were treated to a BBQ dinner.

It turned out to be a great day for golfers and Samaritan alike, as the organization

nearly doubled last year's fundraising effort.

Third place went to JT Morton, Roddy Kight, Kenny Christ and David MacDonald. The second-place team consisted of Kevin Struble, Katherine Walker, Steve Walker and Gary Gordon. The winners of the tournament were Mike Thomas, Felipe Garza, Jimmy Brady and Alex Harden.



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Earle, Marshman Inducted Into Hall Of Fame



Glenna Earl and Linda Marshman

Two of Zephyrhills Shuffleboard Club’s finest female players were inducted into the Florida Shuffleboard Association Hall of fame on Jan. 15 in Sebring. Glenna Earle and Linda Marshman are often partners and were honored at a gala banquet attended by 125 shufflers, friends and family. Many of the attendees were Hall of Fame members there to welcome the new members.

McNeil, Ferry Earn Pro Status

On Jan. 22 at a Florida shuffleboard Association State Amateur Tournament held at the Zephyrhills



Don McNeil



Ron Ferry

Shuffleboard Club courts, Don McNeil (Betmar) and Ron Ferry (ZSC) earned Pro status and will move up at the beginning of next season. The Amateur base will be glad to see them go as they are both outstanding players and will do well in the Pro ranks.

Brake Qualifies For Hall Of Fame



Glenda Brake and Pauline Murphy

Congratulations are in order as Glenda Brake scored her 100th point, thus qualifying for the Central District Hall of Fame.

Brake and her partner Pauline Murphy, both of ZSC, played at the Lakeland Central District Shuffleboard Tournament on Feb. 2, prevailed to capture first place after some close games, which often were won on the last shot.

In the first day of the tournament one game was won when Murphy put two of her opponent’s disks in the kitchen and held a seven with her last disk. It was no less exciting on the second day with the championship on the line. In the last frame of the third game with Brake/Murphy down 18 points, Glenda, on her last disk, put her opponent in the kitchen and held an eight to tie the game. It was a great match with the championship won in overtime.

Shine, McGaffey Take Men’s Championship

Placing first for the men in the Lakeland tournament was the team of Walt Shine (Betmar) and Gary McGaffey



Gary McGaffey and Walt Shine

(ZSC). The final match went three games and the third game was close all the way with just a five-point lead going to the foot in the last frame. With their opponents leading, McGaffey had the last shot and was able to clear a 10 and hold the score to defeat their opponents by five points.

Gearsbeck, McGaffey Win District Championship

Randall Gearsbeck (Betmar) woke up Thursday and looked at the calendar. Since he didn’t see a doctor’s appointment he decided to go to the Zephyrhills District Tournament. A fortunate decision on his part. He drew Gary McGaffey (ZSC) and there was little doubt the outstanding Pros would win the championship and they did. One of the best outcomes of the tournament was that Glenna Earle won the last point she needed to become qualified for the Central District Hall of Fame. She will be inducted in March. The tournament finished on Feb 9.



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Saddle Up For Charity

Sheriff's Office Maintains Tradition

by Keri McAlpine

Horse lovers woke up bright and early on Saturday for the chance to ride along private trails while raising money for a good cause.

The annual ride put on by the Pasco County Sheriff's Office welcomed about 100 riders and their horses to raise money for Bridging Freedom and U.S. Institute Against Human Trafficking.

Established in 2008, the rides were formerly known as Ride for Hospice and for eight years raised more than \$150,000 for Gulfside Hospice. However, the ride was then changed to Saddle Up For Charity and for the past two years has been benefitting the new cause.

"When [human trafficking] became so huge in our county our sheriff asked if we would change our recipient," said Deputy Margaret Bushell, co-organizer of Saturday's ride. "The past two rides have been raising funds to fight the battle against child sex slavery and human trafficking."

While a total of funds raised were not known at press time, Bushell said money raised from this ride would help fund two specific projects with the charities. One is supporting a facility being built in the county for a therapeutic riding program, which will include a ranch, corral and have horses to help victims heal. The other will go toward a home for boys who have been rescued.

Saddle Up For Charity began at Bushell's farm in Dade City, Diamond B Ranch. To accommodate for the six-mile ride, riders crossed over from Buschell's farm into the adjoining Melton family ranches. Bushell said "horse people are always looking for something to do with their horses," and a private trail is a great way to have a good time and raise money.

"When I was out there riding around ... I recognized so many faces that support our unit year after year by coming out and pledging money to our ride," Bushell said.

During the ride, a stop was made at Steve Melton's agricultural museum. Horses were able to stop for a water break,



Deputy Margaret Bushell, owner of the Diamond B Ranch, and Paige Mulford, 16, a Cadet in the Pasco County Sheriff Mounted Posse, flank the sign promoting the Saturday ride. Deputy Bushell coordinates most of the events where the Posse participates.

Photos by Richard K. Riley

refreshments were given to riders and they were also allowed to peruse the museum to view old-timey machinery and gadgets.

Rosecastle of Zephyrhills provided a bus for the day to shuttle people who did not have a horse to ride but who wanted to participate in the fundraiser. They were driven to the museum for the rendezvous and explored the museum as well.

Poker run stops were set up along the run, and Karen Iverson won a Yeti cooler for having the best hand.

The ride ended back at Diamond Ranch where everyone was served lunch. Raffles and auction items were dispersed, all donated from different sponsors.

"It's not the sheriff's office donating the money. It's all these sponsors who believe in what we believe in who are really donating the money and all the riders who come out and ride," Bushell said.

One of the big prizes, \$400 off a set of Cooper tires, which were donated by Norm & Sons Tire & Auto Repair in Zephyrhills, was won by Donna Black.



Halfway through the ride horses were able to stop for a water break. Some even had fun with the down time and blew bubbles in the trough.



Deputy Margaret Bushell leads horses and their riders through trails in the northeast section of Pasco County.

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Joy Fellowship – A nondenominational Christ-centered meeting for area women will be held at Zephyrhills First Assembly, 36322 S.R. 54 on Feb. 22 featuring a guest speaker who is an evangelist from the Netherlands. Starting at 6 p.m. a light supper will be served. The event will run until 7:30 p.m. Bring your friends. A free will offering will be collected. Contact Sandra at (813) 713-3663 or Linda at (813) 312-8739 for information.

First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills – The Gulf Ridge Quartet will be performing in the sanctuary on Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. The Zephyrhills High School Chorus will be performing in the sanctuary on Feb. 27 at 7 p.m. Pastor Jim Thomas invites everyone to visit our growing church. Sunday worship includes: traditional worship service at 8 a.m. and 11 a.m.; and contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. Coffee and fellowship is held in Cooper Hall behind the sanctuary from 9-10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Adult Sunday school is at 9:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Children’s church is held at 10:45 a.m. The church is located in downtown Zephyrhills at 38635 Fifth Ave. Visit www.fumczhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-5645 for more information about our programs.

First Baptist Church – Pastor Rob McKinney invites everyone to visit a going church with a coming Savior. The Crimson Gospel, featuring the Robertson Family’s testimony, will be presented on Easter Sunday, April 1. Our teen ministry (TRUTH Ministries) is held on Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. with director Jason Hicks and youth leader Barbara Hicks. Bus transportation is available. Church visitation is every Tuesday at 4 p.m. The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekdays from 6-7 a.m. in the church conference room. Everyone is 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 p.m. Children’s activities and choir practice are at 6 p.m. Call the church at (813) 782-5574. First Baptist Church is located at 38231 Fifth Ave. in Zephyrhills.

First Presbyterian Church – Located at 5510 19th St. Worship services are at 10 a.m. on Sunday. The worship theme for February is “Awake My Soul”. Each Sunday will be casual and fun. Invite your friends, dress in your casual clothes, set aside your expectations and come and worship. Join to be renewed, sing, be satisfied and live. What better thing can you do for yourself and friends than to share in the love of Christ? After worship stop by the fellowship hall for conversation and a light snack. Call (813) 782-7412 for information.

Zephyrhills Wesleyan Church – An after-school program L.E.A.P. (Learning Enrichment Activity Program), designed to help students in the community is offered. The program will offer homework help as well as opportunities for students to enrich their learning potential in reading, math, music, art, science and more. For information visit www.zwconline.com and select the L.E.A.P. tab or call (813) 782-7510 ext. 703.

Traditional Sunday worship is held at 9 a.m., Sunday school at 10:15 a.m., and contemporary worship at 11 a.m. Wednesday student ministry for grades K through 12 is held at 6 p.m. The church is located at 38924 C Ave.

First Congregational Church of Zephyrhills – Our schedule of services include: Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m., Sunday school at 9 a.m., Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Our ladies group (the G.A.L.S) meet at noon on the first Monday of each month. Our men’s breakfast

is held on the third Saturday of each month at 8:30 a.m. Our pastor is Rev. Joe Kler, our choir director is Rev. John Strauss and our pianist is Dee Schultz. The church is located at 7900 Fort King Road.

Community of Christ – Pastor Mary Martin welcomes you to Sunday services with Sunday school at 9:45 am and worship at 11 am located at 7334 16th St. Call (941) 896-1838 for information.

Our social group “Sew & So” for men and women meets on Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. for quilting, knitting and other crafts. Bring a friend and meet others. One of our outreach programs is helping the Thomas Promise Foundation on Monday and Tuesday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. to pack weekend food bags at 4424 Gall Blvd., in the last building south in Thomas & Son lot. Join us to help those in need.

Cornerstone Community Church – 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 Life at 6 p.m.

Worship with us at 8527 Old Lakeland Highway in Zephyrhills. Call Pastor John Faughnan at (352) 567-6494 or 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 Erickson Auditorium. Women’s prayer meetings are held Thursdays at 10 a.m.

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 midweek classes for all ages begin at 6 p.m.

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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 for information or suggested topics or speakers you would like to hear If you would like to speak, contact us now.

Ladies Oriental Shrine Cairo Court #97
A soup and pie dinner will be held on March 5 from 3-6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Hall, 5950 12th St. Donations will be accepted to benefit the Shriners Hospital For Children. Call (813) 469-0439 for information.
A card party will be held from 11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. on March 8. Hosted at Bahr's Mobile Home Park club house on S.R. 54. A \$5 donation is asked, which includes lunch. Proceeds benefit the Shriner's Hospital for Children in Tampa.
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.

Zephyrhills Art Club
The annual fine art show and sale will be held March 10-11 at the Elks Lodge, 6851 Wire Road. Show times are 1-6 p.m. on Saturday and 1-5 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. Stop by to see the works of local artists.

Pasco County Historical Society
The next meeting will be held March 16 at 7 p.m., Pioneer Florida Museum & Village, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road. Greg Gude, retired batallion chief with Pasco County Fire Rescue, will speak on this month's program: "Where's the Fire? Talk About the Embers!" Gude will discuss the history and related stories of the fire protection service in Pasco County which occurred during his tenure with PCFR.
Meetings are free and open to the public. A covered-dish dinner precedes the program. Please bring your

own cutlery for your personal use. Contact Madonna Wise at (813) 782-0246 or cell (813) 469.8627 or MadonnaJWise@gmail.com for information.

Community Gardener Master Course
Starting a community garden takes more than simple gardening knowledge. Find out how to start and sustain a community garden with the UF/IFAS Extension Pasco County, Community Gardener Master Course. This course will be composed of three 4-hour sessions, taking place over successive Saturdays from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Stallings Building, 15029 14th St., Dade City. The tentative class schedule is as follows: How To Create A Community Garden on March 17; Vegetable Families, Different Gardening Techniques, Harvesting, and IPM on March 24; and Composting, Garden Maintenance, Seed Saving, and Preparing for the Off Season on March 31.
Course fee is \$200, which covers all materials. Contact Eden Santiago-Gomez at esantiagogomez@pascocountyfl.net for more information. Discounts offered for groups of 5+ people employed with a 501(c)3, the public school district, or a county government, and approved low income applicants.

Marine Corps League
The Sgt. Maj. Michael S. Curtin Detachment #1124 of the Marine Corps League (MCL) are looking for a few good Marines and Fleet Marine Force (FMF) Navy Corpsmen to join their ranks. The MCL meets on the last Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post #8154 located at the southeast corner of State Road 39 and Tucker Road at 3954 Paul Buchman Highway in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 788-5676 for information.

Marine Corps League Auxiliary
The Marine Corps League Auxiliary meets the first Saturday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Zephyrhills V.F.W. Post #8154 located at 3954 State Road 39. Call Vanice Holland at (772) 480-0658 for information.

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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.
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AMVETS Post #550
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. Thursdays from 4-7 p.m. is a meat raffle. Friday is our famous Fish Fry from 4-7 p.m. with other menu choices available. Saturday steak dinners are from 4-7 p.m. Entertainment is from 7-10 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. On Sundays join E-bowling at 1:30 p.m. AMVETS is located at 4645 Airport Road in Zephyrhills. Find us on Facebook or call (813) 780-8180 for information.

VFW #8154
Located at 3954 Paul S. Buchman Highway (State Road 39). Post and Auxiliary meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. Wings and Things will be from 2-6 p.m. on Sundays with music from 5-8 p.m. Monday Meat Drawings begin at 4:30 p.m. with music by Billy Cole from 4-7 p.m. Fish Fries are served on Fridays from 4:30-7 p.m. with music following from 7- 10 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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The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge is located at 6851 Wire Road. A fish fry is held every Friday evening from 4:30 to 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. All events are open to Elks and their invited guests. Karaoke with Dudley is every Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Summer hours are currently in effect – please see the Lodge bulletin for details. Call (813) 782-4604 for information.

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Mondays – Corn Hole Toss, 7 p.m. in the SQ and spaghetti/chicken dinner from 5-7 p.m.; Tuesdays – Ship Captain Crew at 2 p.m. in the SQ, darts at 7 p.m. and taco Tuesday from 5-7 p.m.; Wednesdays – Dance on Hall Side and Karaoke with Cathy on SQ Side Wind Night from 5-7 p.m.; Thursdays – Live music in SQ from 2-5 p.m.; and burgers from 5-7 p.m.; Fridays – Fish Fry 4-7 p.m. every Friday.
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Ralph A. King

KING, Ralph A., 81, died at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills on Feb. 1, 2018, following an apparent heart attack. He was a gifted musician who could play the banjo, guitar, mandolin, and dobro and was also credited with having a good tenor voice. King was a former member of the Kentucky Gentlemen, appeared on the Grand Ole Opry show, and traveled most of his life playing bluegrass shows and on stage with many well-known artists. In his later years, King entertained at nursing homes and rehabilitation centers in Indiana and Florida. He was born on May 2, 1936, in Dabolt, Ky., to Elijah H. and Datha M. Baldwin King, who both preceded him in death. King retired from GTE after 21 years of service. Following his retirement, he worked at CRF Residential in Connersville, Ind., for 10 years. King loved jam sessions with his friends and loved serving and witnessing for the Lord. He also loved to go fishing, play golf, and spend time with his family. His wife of five years, Peggy Blunk Satterfield of Connersville, survives along with daughters, Rhonda (William) Moore and Karen Baney, both of Indiana and Kati McCreight of Ohio; one son, Michael King of Indiana; two stepdaughters, Patty (Scott Stevens) and Bonnie (Jeff) Coleman, both of Indiana; three step-sons, Max (Traci Vecera) Coleman, Tim Coleman and Jon (Rosie Gay) Coleman, all of Indiana; seven grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; 15 step-grandchildren; 13 step-great grandchildren; four sisters, Alpha M. Parrett of Indiana and Ruth Parrett, Opal Boggs and Janice (J.R.) Shackelford, all of Kentucky; many cousins, nieces, nephews; and countless friends. His two dogs - Griffey and Ryan, will especially miss him. Besides his parents, he was also preceded in death by his first wife of 57 years, Luevirna Cain King. She went to Heaven on April 7, 2012. An infant sister, Mary King, and his son-in-law, Buddy J. Baney, Jr., also preceded him in death. Services were held Feb. 8 in Connersville, Ind., with burial following at the Village Creek Cemetery in Connersville. Urban Winkler Funeral Home of Connersville handled arrangements.



Minnie and Chloe, who embody many of her personal habits and traits. Shirley had many talents, including painting and interior design. She meticulously managed household finances and family birthdays, anniversaries and other like events never went unnoticed. Though she was talented, Shirley will be remembered most for her positive outlook and loving disposition. Although she suffered from many medical complications over the years, Shirley always remained generous and caring, never complaining despite adversity. She had a deep love for family, children, and the Lord. Each resident of Heaven has responsibility, and Shirley is most certainly helping care for God's little children. Her husband is comforted during this difficult time by God's grace and promise of their reunion, both bodily and in spirit. Shirley was preceded in death by her parents and her stepdaughter Kristi. Loving family who survive are her husband of 27 years, Dev; three siblings, Carol, Bud, and Bobby; one stepson, Bill Besselieu and daughter-in-law, Allison; three granddaughters, Alex, Maren and Brynn; one grandson, Benjamin; two nieces, Leanne and Christy; one nephew, Robby; two grandnieces, Analeis and Caris; four grandnephews, Jaden, Micah, Alex, and Jacob; God children Callie, Leanne, Lindsey and Robby; and many cousins, aunts, uncles and other relatives too numerous to list in Tampa.. A memorial service was held Feb. 17 at Hodges Family Funeral Home in Zephyrhills. In lieu of flowers, the family welcomes donations to the charity or religious organization of your choice.

Claire M. Cunane

CUNANE, Claire M., 85, passed away Feb. 4, 2018. Claire was born in Frackville, Pa., to J.H. Osborne and Florence Tierney-Osborne. She graduated from Shenandoah Catholic High School in 1950 and from Kutztown State Teachers College in 1954. She then studied abroad in France. Claire taught French and Science for more than 30 years at the Hong Kong International School and Raymond B. Stewart Middle School and retired from Zephyrhills High School in 1998. In her retirement years, she traveled abroad and enjoyed spending time with her family and grandchildren. Her sons, Bob Mahoney and Brian Mahoney; a granddaughter, Bridget, and great-grandchildren, Chiara, Anhulie and Brayden, survive Claire, who was a devout Catholic. Calling will be Feb. 24 at 10 a.m. at St. Rita Catholic Church, 14404 14th St., Dade City, with Mass following at 11 a.m. Interment will follow at Chapel Hill Gardens Cemetery in Dade City



(Pam) Ellsmore and Donald Ellsmore; and a sister, Carolyn Dinsmore; five grandchildren, Garrett Getchell, Megan Ellsmore, Benjamin Getchell, Addison Ellsmore and Reese Ellsmore; and two great-grandchildren, Lainey Ellsmore and Brayden Ellsmore. His parents, his sister, Edith Farnsworth, a brother, Walter Ellsmore, and a grandchild Saige Ellsmore, preceded him in death. All who knew and loved him will sadly miss him. A memorial service will be held in Machias at a date to be determined. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Lung Association in Maine, 122 State St., Augusta, ME 04330.

Emmett Riley Johnson

JOHNSON, Emmett Riley, 21 months, passed away in the arms of his "Momma" on Jan. 29, 2018, at Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg. Emmett was born on April 3, 2016, at Munroe Regional Medical Center in Ocala. Emmett's visit here with us was very short. While he was here he touched the lives of many and was loved deeply by all family and friends. His parents, Kelly Williams of Zephyrhills and Michael Johnson of Leesburg, survive along with siblings Lane Young and Joshua Johnson; his uncle, Stephen Williams of Brooksville; and his grandparents. Emmett gave us a lifetime of love in just a short time. Services will be held Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. at Whitfield Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kelly Williams, 3548 Castle Drive, Zephyrhills, FL 33540.

Yvonne Vickers

VICKERS, Yvonne, 80, of Dade City, passed away at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills on Feb. 8, 2018. Yvonne was born on July 17, 1937, in North East, Md., to Really Anderson and Elizabeth (Hawkins) Anderson. Yvonne spent many years working in the civil service industry. She was a truly wonderful person who devoted much of her time to the church choir. Her parents preceded her in death as well as her father-in-law, Abe Vickers, and her mother-in-law, Francis Vickers. Her loving husband, John N. Vickers, who she married on June 29, 1956, survives along with two sons, John W. Vickers of St. Petersburg and Edward G. (Pam) Vickers of Lima, Ohio; one sister, Anna Mae; one niece, Susan Sinclair; one nephew, Kenneth Main; four grandchildren, Shannon, Ryan, Michelle and Michael; and eight great-grandchildren, Abbi, Peyton, Ayden, Alex, Adam, Reagan, Zane and Vincent. She will be truly missed by many. A memorial service will be held Feb. 23 at 11 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Dade City. A luncheon will follow the service. Flowers may be delivered to the church, or donations may be made in Yvonne's memory to the National Autism Association. Hodges Family Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



Shirley A. Besselieu

BESSELIEU, Shirley A., 74, of Zephyrhills, went home to be with the Lord on Feb. 10, 2018. Shirley was born on Aug. 13, 1943, in Tampa, to Wilton T. Vierday and Lillian M. (Shell) Vierday. She graduated from Chamberlin High School and was a lifetime resident of the Tampa Bay area. Shirley married the love of her life, William "Dev" Besselieu, on Dec. 8, 1990. Shirley was a caring, compassionate and loving wife and best friend. She loved to spend time with her husband, whether it be going on cruises or traveling and camping in their RV and doing family related activities, especially focused on the family children. She loved the children of our church family and as her health permitted, was active with VBS and daycare. She also loved spending time with her canine children,



Joseph W. Ellsmore

ELLSMORE, Joseph W., 83, of Machias, Maine, passed away unexpectedly in Zephyrhills on Feb. 5, 2018, after cardiac surgery. He was born in Machias on Feb. 14, 1934, to Herbert and Beatrice Ellsmore. He lived and worked in Machias and in his retirement years he enjoyed spending the cold winter months in Zephyrhills. During his retirement, Joe enjoyed growing vegetables in his garden, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. He was known as a man who could fix or build anything and often was found in his garage working. During his working years, he was employed by Whitney's garage painting and repairing vehicles and later the Machias school system as a custodian and bus driver. His wife of 58 years, Marilyn Ellsmore, survives along with his three children, Alan (Tomi) Ellsmore, Debra Getchell and John Ellsmore; two brothers, Roger

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