

Lions Club Delivers Precious Gift

Sight Program Helps Those In Desperate Need Of Glasses

by Keri McAlpine

On the first Thursday of each month, the Zephyrhills Lions Club welcomes Pasco County residents needing guidance in a major sense: their sight.

Historically, Lions Clubs across the nation have focused on serving the community, but with a focus in helping those who are blind or visually impaired.

So, on these first Thursdays, the next being Aug. 3, committee members of the club's Sight Program welcome applicants who are in need of assistance regarding their vision. The club aims to help those who lack or have low income, or unsubstantial or zero insurance to provide their own vision care. Located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road, applications from any county resident are accepted and reviewed from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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.

Applicants must provide required documents, which can be found at www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/zephyrhills,



A Zephyrhills Lions Club member sorts through dozens of glasses donated by local residents. The glasses will be refurbished and distributed to others who may not be able to afford the expensive frames and/or lenses.

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Donate Old Or Unused Eyeglasses

In addition to scheduling medical care for the visually impaired, the Zephyrhills Lions Club is always collecting new and unused eyeglasses to refurbish and donate to the needy. Boxes bearing the Lions Club seal are placed at multiple locations in Zephyrhills and Dade City to accept used bifocals.

Eyeglass collection boxes are located at the following Zephyrhills locations: Kaufman Eye Institute, 6329 Gall Blvd.; The Eye Clinic of Florida, 6739 Gall Blvd.; Opti-Mart Vision Care, 7330 Gall Blvd.; Walmart Vision Care, 7631 Gall Blvd.; Florida Medical Clinic Eye Center, 38101 Market Square; Zephyrhills Eye Institute, 6905 Medical View Lane; First Presbyterian Church, 5510 19th Street; Timber Lake Estates, 34405 Countryside Drive; and in Dade City at Gulfside Regional Hospice Thrift Shoppe, 37925 Sky Ridge Circle.

Glasses can also be donated any time at the Lions Club, located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road.

The last collection for July brought in more than 400 pairs of glasses, all of which will find a happy home for someone in need of a vision boost.

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Bilirakis Applauds Passage Of Bill To Help Veterans

U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis (R-FL-12), Vice Chairman of the House Veterans' Affairs Committee, recently applauded passage of the Harry. W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act, H.R. 3218, in the House of Representatives. The bill extends and improves the GI Bill providing education assistance to veterans and their surviving spouses and dependents. It also includes a provision authored by Bilirakis to modernize GI Bill claims processing in the Department

of Veterans Affairs. "The GI Bill empowers our nation's heroes to invest in themselves and their futures. Our legislation passed today expands access to education and workforce training programs that will help veterans enter a new chapter of their lives upon returning home from their service. I am especially proud that this bill includes my provision to update the VA's Information Technology systems for more efficient GI Bill

claims processing. Overall, the House took a major step today in improving, expanding and modernizing the GI Bill for our Veterans," said Bilirakis.

The Harry W. Colmery Veterans Education Assistance Act, also called the Forever GI Bill, provides significant increases in GI Bill funding, and allows future eligible recipients to use their GI Bill benefits at any point in their lives.

Bilirakis' provision authorizes \$30 million to help the VA invest in updating

its Information Technology systems for processing GI Bill claims. This would help ensure Veterans are able to receive their benefits in a more timely and efficient manner. It also requires the VA to submit to Congress its proposed plans for streamlining the claims process, and report to Congress a year after the changes are made.

H.R. 3218 passed the House in a unanimous, bipartisan vote, and will next be sent to the Senate for consideration.

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and must undergo a blood pressure check and diabetes screening. Diabetes is often associated with compromised eyesight, according to Sight Program chair Sandy Crabtree, and although the club cannot diagnose, they will advise guests whether they should seek further medical attention based on the results of those tests.

Should the eye doctor find anything a routine eye exam cannot easily 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.

Zephyrhills resident Sandra Gullion has no insurance and said she doesn't know what would have happened without the Sight Program. She first visited the program for a routine eye exam. The next two times she utilized the service she required cataract surgery in both eyes and then laser surgery.

"I went around for a long time without being able to see very much at all and if it weren't for them I probably wouldn't be able to see at all," Gullion, 58, said. "When my eyes got bad again I still had no insurance I called them up again and they were able to help me out."

Funding for the Sight Program is solely acquired from the Lions Club's Bingo hall, which is open to the public on Tuesdays and Fridays. Doors open at 3 p.m., and the first Bingo session begins at 6 p.m., followed by a second at 8 p.m. The kitchen opens at 4 p.m. and usually offers daily specials.

"[The Bingo players] are so generous with their donations. Without them this wouldn't be possible,"



Hundreds of glasses, whether prescription, reading or sunglasses, are donated at the multiple drop boxes stationed at different eye clinics and business in Zephyrhills and Dade City to go toward the Zephyrhills Lions Club's Sight Program.

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Crabtree said.

Currently, the Sight Program receives anywhere from five to 25 applications per month. Going forward, Crabtree said she hopes to grow the program to a level requiring two application days per month, as it used to

exist in the past.

"It's very important the public know that, yes, there is a place that can help them. You just have to show up, bring the documents and we will sit down with you and see what's going on," she said.



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The 2017 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday was passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Gov. Rick Scott. This sales tax holiday begins at 12:01 a.m. on Aug. 4 and ends at 11:59 p.m. on Aug. 6.

During this sales tax holiday period, qualifying items will be exempt from tax including: certain school supplies

selling for \$15 or less per item; clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item; and personal computers and certain computer-related accessories purchased for noncommercial home or personal use selling for \$750 or less per item.

For information and a list of qualifying items, please review the Department of Revenue's Tax Information Publication on the 2017 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, as well as the Frequently Asked Questions document, both available by visiting floridarevenue.com/backtoschool/Pages/default.aspx.

Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes Launch Book Lovers Club

In celebration of National Book Lovers Day, the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes will launch their all-new Book Lovers Club.

Starting on Aug. 9 to celebrate the holiday, all six locations will be offering a Book Lovers Club rewards card.

Shoppers who present their rewards card when purchasing a book will get a hole punch on the card for every book bought, and receive their tenth book free.

To help launch the new program, the stores will also be holding a "National Book Lovers Day Sale" on Aug. 9, offering hardcover books for 50 cents and paperback books for 25 cents.

"Books are one of the top items donated to the Gulfside Hospice

Thrift Shoppes," said Tammy Johnson, Director of Thrift Shoppes for Gulfside. "So, we created the program to help encourage book sales, as well as reward our frequent shoppers. It's a win-win, since all proceeds go back to helping patients right here in Pasco."

Proceeds from every sale at the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes directly support patient care and bereavement services for Pasco County residents. Shoppe locations include Dade City, Hudson, Lutz, New Port Richey, Zephyrhills and the Zephyrhills Furniture Shoppe. Visit www.GHPPC.org for addresses and phone numbers for each store.

Call (800) 561-4883 for more information about the Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes.



PHSC students Jeff Haney and Michaela DiPerna place at SkillsUSA national competition. *Photo Provided*


PHSC Students Place At National Skills Competition

Pasco-Hernando State College students Jeff Haney and Michaela Diperna, awarded gold medals at the SkillsUSA state competition in April, competed in the national SkillsUSA competition held at the 53rd annual National Leadership and Skills Conference from June 18-24 in Louisville, Ky.

Haney placed seventh in the nation in the computer programming category, receiving an 89 percent final overall score and a SkillsUSA mastery certificate for his programming skills. The NLSC is a showcase of career and technical education students representing 52 state and territorial associations. DiPerna competed in the related technical math category, placing 11th in the nation.

More than 300,000 students and advisors join SkillsUSA annually. SkillsUSA, formerly known as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and for further education.

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PETA Aims To Shut Zoo

Wild Things Relocates Tigers After Court Orders Them Not To

by Joe Potter

People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals sought a preliminary injunction against a Dade City zoo last week after the facility sent 19 of its tigers to Oklahoma on July 16.

The July 19 hearing was held in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Florida in Tampa, according to David W. Perle, PETA's senior media coordinator.

Perle said in a Monday email that PETA also filed a motion this week for sanctions against Dade City Wild Things, doing business at 37237 Meridian Ave.

The latest court actions follow a lawsuit PETA filed against Wild Things in 2016, that alleges 22 tigers kept at the zoo founded by Kathy Stearns were not being cared for properly.

Repeated attempts for comment from Stearns went unanswered.

On Oct. 12, 2016, a federal judge ordered Wild Things to allow PETA to

conduct an inspection.

The judge granted an emergency injunction on July 14 ordering Stearns not to remove any tigers from the facility after PETA officials reportedly learned she might attempt to do so. An inspection of Wild Things was ordered for July 20, but they were denied entry to the zoo.

"Since there are no tigers at the facility, there is nothing to inspect and we will not be doing an inspection," attorney William J. Cook reportedly said in a July 19 email to PETA's legal counsel. "It is (Stearns') view that she is not legally bound to do what she cannot do – show them tigers."

Cook reportedly informed Stearns of the order to not remove the tigers. Also last week, Cook petitioned the court to withdraw as Stearns' attorney.

Joe Maldonado of Greater Wynnewood Exotic Animal Park in Wynnewood, Okla., acknowledged 19 tigers arrived at his facility on July 16. He said he didn't know what had happened to the other



PETA's initial complaint, backed by alleged eyewitness accounts of abuse and neglect, and previous federal violations, centers around the zoo's programs allowing patrons to handle, pet and swim with tiger cubs.

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three tigers referenced in the court order.

One of the tigers reportedly gave birth to three cubs while being shipped on a cattle truck from Dade City to Oklahoma.

According to Maldonado the cubs died in transit.

Wild Things was closed on Monday and Stearns was not at the zoo on Tuesday.



Jennifer Griffone, left, a STEM coach at Woodland Elementary School participates in a water quality testing activity in Colorado on June 23.

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Pasco Teacher Visits Colorado For STEM Training Program

Pasco County teacher Jennifer Griffone was one of 14 teachers from Florida who attended STEM training at Keystone Science School in Colorado last month through a Duke Energy Foundation grant. A STEM coach at Woodland Elementary School, Griffone participated in a water quality testing activity during Keystone Science

School's Key Issues Institute on June 23. The Florida teachers were also joined by 19 other teachers from across the country. Duke Energy has sponsored 116 teachers from its seven state service territory to attend KSS over the past 20 years who have implemented innovative STEM concepts in their local classrooms.



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Church News

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Atonement Lutheran Church – Vacation Bible School will be held through July 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. Cost is \$15 per child. For each additional child (per family), the cost will be \$10. Please send in a bag lunch. Snacks will be provided. Counselors from Luther Springs will be volunteering for the week long program. Call the church at (813) 973-2211 to reserve a space. We are located at 29617 S.R. 54 in Wesley Chapel.

Vine Church – We are a family friendly church located at 4743 Allen Road. The pastoral staff is comprised of senior pastor Carlos Santana, associate pastor John Englada and youth pastor James Bishop.

We are a non-denominational, non-traditional church where God's Holy Spirit is in control of all services. Service times are Sunday at 10 a.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m. Children are welcome. Pasco County Mobile Health Unit and a mobile shower unit are with us every second Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Food is provided for all who utilize these services.

Vine Church provides food for the less fortunate on Wednesday and Friday evenings at 4:30 p.m. in Zephyr Park, and Saturday at 8 a.m. in New Port Richey's Sims Park.

The end of summer "Back to School Fun Fest" is planned for Aug. 5 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Community Harvest Church – Dr. Tom Marino and pastor Dean Kight invite you to Community Harvest Church, a place to call home. Sunday worship services are at 10 a.m. and at 6 p.m. Wednesday worship and prayer service is at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome and is invited to attend all services. Full church fellowship dinners are held twice a month. The church is located at the corner of U.S. 301 and 16th Street near Enterprise.

First Baptist Church – 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 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.

Just Church – Join us at 5221 Eighth St. in Zephyrhills. Pastor Ken Ringeisen invites you to Sunday worship at 10:30

a.m., led by Karl Bayles, followed by the anointed Word of God preached. 'JC Gang' is our children's church ministry run by husband and wife Jeremy and Jessica Hinz. Evening mid-week service begins at 6:30 p.m. until we are released by the Holy Spirit. Current series is free. Pastor Ken Ringeisen welcomes you to the little church with the power of a big God.

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. Church bowling is held the second Saturday of every month at 2 p.m. at Pin Chasers.

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. Join us on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. for Generations Bible study for all ages.

ZFN is located at 6151 12th St. in Zephyrhills. Call (813) 782-7032 or visit zfnfamily.org for information.

Christway Baptist Church – Come visit our church located at 38543 Fourth Ave. in Zephyrhills. Sunday service times are: Sunday school at 10 a.m.; morning service at 11 a.m. and evening service at 5:30 p.m. There is also a mid-week Bible study on Wednesday at 7 p.m. Call (813) 838-0086 or visit christwaybaptistchurch.com for information.

Trinity Church of Wesley Chapel – Sunday school is at 9 a.m. Traditional service is held at 8:30 a.m. and a contemporary service at 10:30 a.m. every Sunday. Family night is every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. There is a monthly Fish Fry on the last Friday of every month from 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.

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.

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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 Breakfast is held in the education building at 8 a.m. on the third Saturday of each month.

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.

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.

Faith Baptist Church – Sunday morning worship service is held at 10:15 a.m. Growth groups for children, teens and adults are held Sundays at 6 p.m. On Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. is Summer BLAST for children ages 4-11 as well as adult Bible study and prayer meeting. Friday is teen night – call the church for further information.

The church is located at 38634 C.R. 54 East in Zephyrhills. 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. Visit fbczephyrhills.org or call the church office at (813) 782-0880 for information.

St. Elizabeth Episcopal / Anglican Church – Service times are Saturdays at

4 p.m., Sundays at 8 a.m. and 10 a.m. and Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The church is located at 5855 16th St. (corner of 12th Avenue and 16th Street). Everyone is invited to attend. Our Sunday school meets at 9 a.m. Children of all ages are welcome to attend.

First Christian Church (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.

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.

Drong Ngur Buddhist Dharma Center – Sunday meetings are open to all and are held from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Located at 30520 Lynne Drive in Wesley Chapel. Visit www.dnjus.org or call (727) 809-0867 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 at 6 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.

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East Pasco Democratic Club

The next meeting will be Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at the American House, 38130 Pretty Pond Road in Zephyrhills. The guest speaker will be Kelly Smith, candidate for Pasco County Commissioner, District 2. All Democrats and friends of the Democratic Party are invited. Refreshments will be served at 6:45 p.m. Call Allan Ardis at (813) 383-8315 for information.

Zephyrhills Area Amateur Radio Club

The ZAARC is holding a breakfast at the Smoke House at 5740 Seventh St. in Zephyrhills every Thursday morning at 8 a.m. Guests are asked to arrive at 7:45 a.m. If you would like to know more information about our club or would have input for our club, please join us for breakfast. ZAARC-WB8GKY. Call Gerald Hewitt at (813) 780-1980 for information.

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 4:30-6:30 p.m. with other menu choices available. 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.

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 July 27 with following meetings to be held Aug. 31 and Sept. 28. Call (727) 845-5707 for information.

Ladies Oriental Shrine Cairo Court #97

The local LOSNA group, Cairo Court #97 of Zephyrhills, meets on the third Wednesday of each month (September through May) at the Zephyrhills Masonic Hall at 5950 12th St.

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. Al-Anon has but one purpose: to help families of alcoholics.

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.

American Legion Post #118

The honor society of American veterans, the 40/8, is now in Zephyrhills. Our promenades are the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at 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.

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.

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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. 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.

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.

Zephyrhills Family Moose Lodge

Mondays – Corn Hole Toss, 7 p.m. in the SQ and Spagetti/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.

All events are for members and qualified guests. Public Bingo on Thursdays at 6:30 pm is open to the general public. The lodge is located at 3211 Gall Blvd. and can be reached at (813) 782-1771.

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.

Elks Lodge #2731

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.

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.

Zephyrhills Historical Association

The Zephyrhills Historical Association meets every first Tuesday at the Zephyrhills Public Library, 5347 Eighth St. The business meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. followed by the program at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend and refreshments will be served. Contact Clereen Brunty at (813) 782-8763 or clereen@tampabay.rr.com for information.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Ladies Auxiliary

The Eagles Ladies Auxiliary is a great way to volunteer your time to make a difference in someone's life. We are a community-based organization that is not for profit located at 4149 New River Road in Zephyrhills.

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.

Overeaters Anonymous

Meetings are held at the Seventh-day 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 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 Clubs and Events

The Zephyrhills Humana neighborhood location is open to the public and offers a variety of fun and educational health/wellness, nutrition, technology, games and social events all month long at no charge. Come play Canasta on Tuesdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bridge on Thursdays from 12-3 p.m. and more. Give us a call at (813) 780-7300 for information or stop by and see us for a full calendar.

Do you enjoy group exercise or do you need to kick up a notch? BOOM MOVE IT meets every Monday from 2-2:45 p.m. at the Neighborhood Humana, located in the Zephyr Commons Shopping Center at 7920 Gall Blvd. Call (813) 780-7300 for information or visit us in person to get a copy of our full calendar of events for this month.

Zephyrhills Toastmasters Club

Meetings are held at Microtel Inn & Suites, 7839 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills, every Thursday at 6:45 p.m. The Toastmasters Club helps individuals overcome fear of public speaking and to deliver more dynamic presentations through weekly practice and participation. Contact Sam Abrahami at (813) 863-4608 or toastmastersam@yahoo.com or Roxxy Bricker at (813) 701-5505 or bricker@aiozo.com for information. Club meetings are open to all interested parties.

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Obituaries

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William Davidson

DAVIDSON, William, 82, of Zephyrhills, passed away on July 14, 2017, in Zephyrhills. He was born Dec. 16, 1934, in Fountain Run, Ky., to Arnold and Hattie (Stinson) Davidson and was a truck driver for more than 50 years. He moved to the Zephyrhills area 20 years ago and was a proud 20-year member of the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge. He is survived by his loving wife of 18 years, Marge; his children, Marie of Texas, Terri of Texas and Steve of Tennessee; along with siblings, Billie and Paul, both of Kentucky. He also was a proud papaw to seven grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson; and uncle to Johnny and Barbara; His son, Randy, preceded him in death. His family received friends at the Zephyrhills Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home on July 24 with a celebration of life service held following the calling hours. His family request that in lieu of flowers please consider donations to Mooseheart Child City & School at Mooseheart.org or the National Parkinson Foundation 200 SE 1st Street, Miami, FL 33131.

Robert L. Davis

DAVIS, Robert L., 90, of Oil City, Pa., and formerly of Zephyrhills, passed away on July 20, 2017. Born June 10, 1927, in Clymer, N.Y., he was the son of the late Floyd A. and Violet B. Davis. Robert married Theresa Florence Malanecki in Grant City, Mo., on Aug. 25, 1952. Although they later divorced, they remained close until Theresa passed away in 2002. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four siblings, Laura Jean Greenman Foster, George E. Davis, Dorothy L. Bostaph and Harold L. "Butch" Davis; two children, Darlene Rose and Robert L. Davis Jr.; and three grandchildren, Desiree T. VanLuven, Bethany McLaughlin and Michael E. Rea. Bob is survived by five daughters, Roberta (Richard) Davis, Barbara Koehler, Naomi (Ed) Rea, Rebecca Davis and Arleen (Andy) Romba. He is also survived by a sister, Marilyn A. Mong of Florida. Robert had many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild and many nieces, nephews and all of whom he loved to spend time with. Bob was a devout Jehovah's Witness and spent his life spreading the Word of God. He spent his younger days in the field and traveling throughout the United States and Canada to attend conventions, and he forged relationships with many brothers and sisters. Robert retired from Copes-Vulcan in Lake City, Pa., and eventually relocated to Zephyrhills, where he lived for more than 20 years. Most recently, Bob was affiliated with the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Cranberry Township, Pa. and prior to that his congregation was located in Zephyrhills. A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family. The Reinsel Funeral Home & Crematory in Oil City, Pa., handled arrangements.



Harry M. Finefrock Sr.

FINEFROCK, Harry M. Sr., 92, of Zephyrhills, formerly of Lancaster, Pa., passed away on July 3, 2017. He was the beloved husband of Shirley A. (Geib) Finefrock, sharing 49 years of marriage together. Born in Lancaster, he was the son of the late Charles and Ethel (Yellets) Finefrock. Harry proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He then went on to be employed by Kerr Glass, retiring in 1986 with 43 years' service. In addition to his wife, his sons, Harry Jr., Michael and Jonathan Finefrock; and a brother, James Finefrock, survive. Inurnment has taken place in Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell. Dewald Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., Quarryville, Pa., handled arrangements.



Alvin B. Hazen

HAZEN, Alvin B., 96, of Zephyrhills, passed away July 7, 2017. He was born Sept. 10, 1920, in Chicago, Ill., to Morris and Eleanor (Rosenblum) Hazen. Mr. Hazen served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and then worked as a mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service in Chicago for 33 years. His stepson, Dan (Peggy) Cowen survives along with grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a nephew, Dennis (Marta) Dobosh; and many friends. He lived in Heartland the last three years. He will be laid to rest next to his loving wife, Mary, at 2 p.m. on July 28 at Oakside Cemetery. Whitfield Funeral Home is handling arrangements.



William Thomas Johnson

JOHNSON, William Thomas, 88, passed away July 15, 2017, in Zephyrhills. He was born Dec. 9, 1928, in Washington, Pa. He was a 27-year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, a small business owner and longtime resident of Zephyrhills. His loving wife of 45 years, Sadako, survives along with a son, Jay; a daughter, Debbie; a sister, Alice; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. He was preceded in death by his second daughter, Lorrie. Visitation was held July 23 at Hodges Family Funeral Home, 36327 S.R. 54, Zephyrhills. Interment was July 24 at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

Estella Roberts

ROBERTS, Estella, 98, passed away July 19, 2017, at Lakeland Regional Hospital. Mother Roberts was born Feb. 15, 1919, in Pierce. She was the daughter of Augustus and Wessie Pearson. Mother Roberts was married for 56 years to the Rev. Eddie Roberts Sr., who preceded her in death. Her first-born daughter, Johnnie Mae Pearson, also preceded her in death. She leaves to mourn eight



of her beloved children, including Eddie (Susan) Roberts of Dade City; Pastor David (Lois) Roberts of Gettysburg, Pa., Mrs. Elizabeth (Earnest) Abner of Dade City, Mrs. Patricia (James) Robinson of Riverview, Mr. Elijah (Elder Delnora) of Reisterstown, Md.; Ms. Geneva (Ulrick - deceased) Bourne of Dade City, Mrs. Irma (Simmie) McNeal of Valdosta, Ga. and Mrs. Beverly (Stephen) Bourne of Dade City. She also leaves to mourn 16 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild, along with a host of nieces, nephews, relatives, and friends. The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. on July 28 at Hodges Family Funeral Home, 11441 U.S. 301. The celebration of life service of Mother Roberts will be held at 11 a.m. on July 29 at Calvary Assembly of God, 13544 U.S. 98 Bypass, Dade City. Interment will be held at Dade City Cemetery. Repass will be held at Calvary Assembly of God. The family appreciates all of the kindness and love shown during this time of bereavement.

Randy Rowland

ROWLAND, Randy, 61, passed away July 17, 2017. A memorial service will be held from 6-8 p.m. on July 28 at Alice Hall Community Center. Whitfield Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Nancy L. Williams

WILLIAMS, Nancy L., 83, of Zephyrhills, passed away July 17, 2017, at her home. She was born Sept. 14, 1933, in Barren Springs, Va., She worked at the E&M Restaurant in Dade City for more than 20 years. She loved to sew and take care of her flowers. She passed time with her puzzle books and enjoyed going to the beach and to Disney. Three sons, Mike Williams, Scott (Carrie) Williams and Gary (Theresa) Williams survive along with five daughters, Darlene (Ricky) Gambrell, Diana (Chris) Coley, Fay Sekula, Terry Dailey and Emma Williams and her fiancé, Kevin Cook; two sisters, LVERTIA Porter and Connie Gerhart; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Memorial services will be held from 1-3 p.m. on Aug. 5 at Hodges Family Funeral Home, 36327 S.R. 54, Zephyrhills.



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