

She Writes For Their Rights

Local Author Details Struggle For Women

Story and photos by Emily Kochanski

Even in this progressive modern age, there are still some significant barriers between men and women and boys and girls in the world of sports. But a former Zephyrhills native is aiming to tear those walls down through the power of the written word. In her novel "Black and Blue," Andra Douglas tells the charming story of a young girl whose greatest dream is to play football.

"I've been writing things down for years. I loved my childhood in Zephyrhills. I've been collecting little snippets of the story for years and I finally just began weaving them all together," Douglas said. "Knowing first-hand the struggle women go through to play many sports, this was a story that I felt needed to be told."

Now living in New York, Douglas owned and played on the all-female football team the New York Sharks for about 20 years. She relinquished ownership of the team in 2018 after an incredible season filled with major victories.

While attending Zephyrhills High School, Douglas played golf, volleyball and softball, but football was her ultimate goal that she wasn't able to obtain in those days. Her book is, in part, a memoir of the struggles she faced as a child. "Black and Blue" tells the story of Christine,



Athlete turned writer Andra Douglas isn't just stopping with 'Black and Blue' but is planning other books that will chronicle athletes in the different stages of their lives.

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nicknamed "Toady", who struggles to beat the odds in order to play professional football.

"Toady was my childhood nickname.

That character is me, but I named her Christine after my mother," said Douglas. "Was this story written exactly the way I had intended? No, but it still serves its purpose. It's a story of empowerment for both girls and boys, men and women. It's a story about finding your voice."

Douglas owes a lot of her success to her parents, especially her mother, who passed away last year. Just before her passing, and much to Andra's joy, Christine witnessed her daughter and the Sharks become both national and international champions during Douglas' last season of play.

"We went out on such a magical note. We had won a game since 2002," Douglas said. "It's a story Walt Disney couldn't make up."

Douglas is already planning a follow up called "Changing Cadence" which will revolve around the life of an aging athlete. She hopes that "Black and Blue" will some day fall into the right hands that will help its popularity to grow so that more and more children who are fighting to achieve their dreams can hear her words of empowerment. She would even be pleased if the book became a film.

On Nov. 8, Douglas will be doing a book signing for "Black and Blue" and

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Football Teams Take Aim

Bulldogs Want Second Win; Warriors On The Road

Story and photos by Dave Walters

After four games and a bye week, the football programs at Zephyrhills High School and Zephyrhills Christian Academy are ready to hit the stretch run toward a potential date in the playoffs.

The records of both squads are on opposite ends of the spectrum with ZCA sporting a 3-1 slate and the Bulldogs sitting at 1-3.

The Warriors and the Bulldogs are each 1-0 in district play. ZCA, which competes in Class 2A-District 3, is riding a three-game win streak and ZHS (Class 5A-District 11) recorded its first win two weeks ago in the district opener against Wesley Chapel following a three-game skid to start the season.

Following a bye last Friday, both teams

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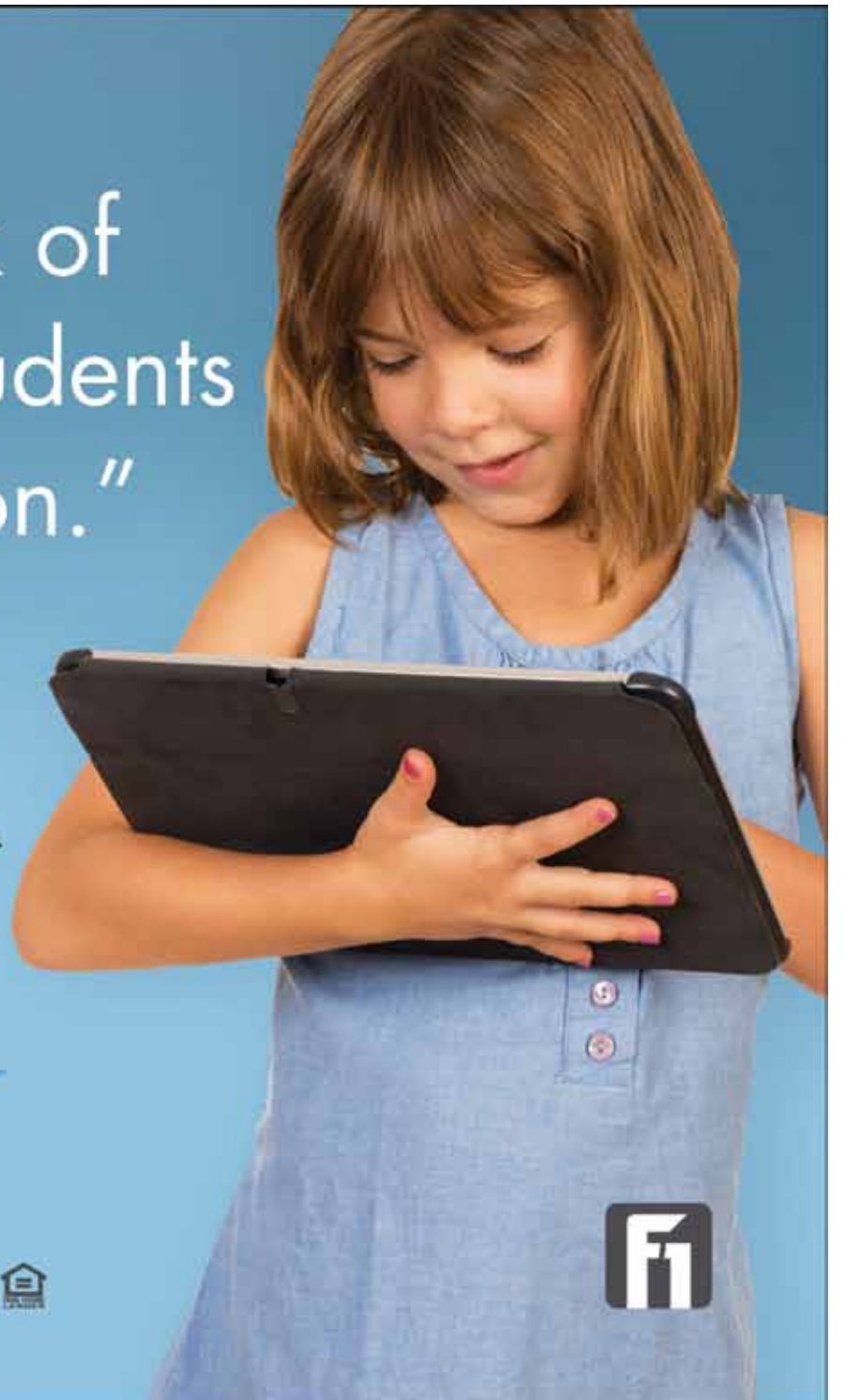
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Rotary Club Collects For The Bahamas

Recovery Is Slow From Dorian's Destruction

by Emily Kochanski

Pasco County caught a lucky break, much like the rest of the state, when Hurricane Dorian's path took a drastic turn. But while Floridians are celebrating, people of the Bahamas are struggling to pick up the pieces during the last 25 days.

The powerful storm wrought unimaginable havoc on the islands, leaving many dazed and homeless. The Rotary Club of Wesley Chapel is now urging Pasco residents to help the Bahamas in their effort to recover.

"This is a combined effort between the counties in our district, which includes Pasco, Hernando, Pinellas, and Citrus," said Wesley Chapel Rotary Club president Chris Casella. "The Rotary Club is a service organization. Wherever there's a need, we'll be there to help."

The Rotary Club of the Bahamas sent out a list of much needed supplies to other branches of the club across the nation.

Pasco residents need only take listed supplies to drop off zones or directly to AdventHealth Center Ice in Wesley Chapel. Sites in Dade City include City Hall and Make a Difference, as well as the chamber of commerce in Zephyrhills. After all supplies have been gathered, they will be transported from AdventHealth Center Ice to Miami on Sept. 30 and, from there, shipped



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to the Bahamas.

Casella has seen first-hand the effects of powerful hurricanes and the impact the storms can have on the people of affected communities.

"I come from a small town in Long Island and a lot of my family was affected by Hurricane Sandy," Casella said. "The devastation left behind was a horrific sight."

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In past disasters the Rotary Clubs

have partnered with Shelter Box to send elaborate relief packages to affected communities. Each Shelter Box contains a tent large enough to house 8-10 people and comes equipped with a small stove and cooking utensils, tools, blankets, water, and other necessities. There is yet to be word if local Rotary Clubs will be providing this crucial amenity in upcoming weeks.

"These boxes are typically stored on boats so that they can be readily shipped to wherever they're needed," said Bob Winters, a member of the Rotary Club of Zephyrhills. "Each box costs close to \$1,000, which is typically donated by Rotary members. I do not know of any having been purchased specifically by our district, but that's not to say that none are on their way. The Rotary is a national organization after all."

A complete list of supplies can be found on the Rotary Club of Wesley Chapel Facebook page. Visit www.shelterboxusa.org to learn more about how you can help fund these incredible items. The Rotary Club encourages everyone to contribute in his or her own way to help the Bahamas and its people recover quickly.

"I know what kind of impact our little community can have when we come together," Casella said. "Our efforts ... can be bigger than the storm's."

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return to action this week as the Warriors travel to Tampa to face undefeated Cambridge Christian (5-0). The Lancers have outscored their five opponents 188-43. ZCA has managed its 3-1 record while being outscored 72-82.

"We have to prepare for them like we would anybody else," ZCA head coach Mike Smith said. "I don't think they played anybody like us. Our offense isn't hitting on all cylinders right now, but they haven't played anybody with the talent we have."

The Warriors suffered a season opening 54-20 loss to Lake Placid after leading 14-13 at the half.

"We fell apart," Smith said. "Those 54 points statistically killed us. We gave up most of our points in the first game. After that, we gave up less than 10 points a game. We did real good after that first game."

The Bulldogs are at home at Tom Fisher Field against 0-4 Tarpon Springs. The Spongers have been giving up 61 points per game and have scored one touchdown in 16 quarters this season. Zephyrhills' defense has given up 164 points this season while the offense has just put up 64. On paper, this is a game the Bulldogs should win.

"They haven't scored a lot on offense, but there are athletes over there at Tarpon Springs that we'll have to stop," said Zephyrhills head coach Nick Carroll. "We're preparing this week like any other week. We want to be 2-0 in the district after Friday night."

Both Zephyrhills teams are predominantly rushing teams with the Warriors having 728 yards on the ground this season with Tyler Davis leading the rushing attack with 540 yards on 76 carries, picking up 7.1 yards per carry and he leads the team with six touchdowns.

Bulldog running back Zyre Roundtree leads a multi-headed ground game with 483 yards and four rushing touchdowns. He has another 120 yards on punt returns and an interception return for a touchdown.

On the passing end, ZCA sports a pair of quarterbacks in Caleb Gaskin and Elijah Brown. The Warriors have 160 yards through the air with Brown accounting for 146 of those yards.

In Bulldog country, sophomore TJ Jackson is 23-of-51 for 245 yards, one touchdown and four interceptions. He also has 56 carries for 132 yards and a touchdown.

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an art exhibit of the players around the league at ArtsXchange in the Warehouse Arts District at 515 22nd St. South in St.

Pete and encourages all dreamers and sports fans to come and join the fun. To all her readers, both young and old, she

encourages them to never stop fighting for what they love.

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SLU, Buccaneers Celebrate Educational Partnership

Team Mascots, Cheerleaders Lead Kickoff Party On Campus

Fire the cannons! Saint Leo University and the Tampa Bay Buccaneers commemorated Saint Leo becoming the exclusive educational partner of the Bucs at a recent kickoff party. A mingling of Saint Leo's green and gold and the Buccaneers' red and pewter on the Pasco County campus marked the partnership.

Team mascots Fritz, representing the Saint Leo Lions, and Captain Fear the Buccaneer, representing the NFL team, as well as cheerleaders from both organizations led the celebration on campus.

The event featured food, music, games, and special giveaways from the Buccaneers. Students, faculty, and staff also were entered to win tickets to

Buccaneers games at Raymond James Stadium.

With the partnership, Saint Leo University will be featured in online, TV, radio, and in-stadium promotional advertisements. Bucs Trivia Tuesday on Instagram, Game Day Trivia in Raymond James Stadium on game days, and the Military Hero, presented at each home game also will be presented by Saint Leo.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers organization will benefit as the university has signed a preferred partnership agreement with the Buccaneers that will offer a tuition discount to all of the organization's staff who wish to pursue a degree at Saint Leo.



Saint Leo University cheerleaders Logan Gardner, Aja Toombs, and Dana VanDeusen join mascots Captain Fear the Buccaneer and Fritz the Lion. Photo Provided

Car Wash Raises \$3,000 For Cancer Patient

by Joe Potter

A successful car wash held for Jeremy Hagelin on Saturday raised \$3,000 to help cover medical and end of life expenses, Amanda Eskelund said.

Jeremy, a Zephyrhills native and lifelong resident, previously had colon cancer but beat it, Eskelund said.

"He was cancer free for the past two years. About a month ago we learned he had cancer again and has tumors throughout his body and there is nothing more the doctors can do," Eskelund said.

His condition is terminal and Gulfside Regional Hospice is currently providing care for Jeremy at his home, Eskelund said.

He is a jack-of-all-trades and did fabrication work for several years with Holden On Motorsports until he was no longer able to work, Eskelund said.

The Zephyrhills High School native and lifelong resident was described as a popular man who would help anyone out and would do anything for them.

"He is so wonderful and he has a great heart. Now it's time for us to come together and give back to him," Eskelund said.

The car wash was held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Tires Plus, 5420 Gall Blvd.

Family and friends continue to accept donations for Jeremy's care and they may be made by calling (813) 997-4334.

Opening On Pasco's Planning Commission

Pasco County is looking for a volunteer to join the Planning Commission (PC). Ideal candidates will represent diverse knowledge and expertise in the areas of engineering, planning, real estate, surveying, property management, architecture, construction and/or other related fields.

Planning Commission members review and make recommendations to the Pasco Board of County Commissioners (BCC) on proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendments, Zoning Amendments, Conditional Use Permit Applications, Development Orders, Development Agreements, Operating Permits and other development applications. Other responsibilities could include hearing

and issuing final determinations on all Variances, Alternative Standards, certain Appeals and Special Exception Applications.

Applications are being accepted through Oct. 11. Go to <https://bit.ly/2G3IqUH> to fill out and submit an application online. The BCC plans to appoint one member to the Planning Commission to fill a vacancy.

Planning Commission meetings will generally be held twice a month on Thursday afternoons at 1:30 p.m. Meeting locations will alternate between Dade City and New Port Richey.

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East Pasco Democratic Club

The club will meet Oct. 21 at The Tavern, Southport Springs Country Club, 3509 Southport Springs Pkwy. All friends of the Democratic Party are invited to attend. Dining service starts 5 p.m. and the meeting starts promptly at 6:30 p.m. For more information call (813) 383-8315 or visit us on Facebook.

Nar-Anon Family Groups

Nar-Anon meets Saturdays at 10 a.m. at St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, 5855 16th St., in Zephyrhills. For information go to naranonfl.org or call the helpline at (888) 947-8885. Narcotics Anonymous can help those who have drug problems and who are willing to participate in the program. Call (813) 527-3853 for information about various meetings which are held several days a week in east Pasco. Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with any of the places at which its meetings are held.

Zephyrhills Historical Association

The group meets on the first Tuesday of each month in the conference room of the Zephyrhills Public Library. Business meeting begins at 5:30 p.m. with program at 6 p.m. All are welcome to attend.

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.

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 S. 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.

AMVETS Post #550

Music starts Fridays and Saturdays from 7-10 p.m. On Sundays enjoy music from 5-8 p.m. AMVETS is located at 4645 Airport Road in Zephyrhills. Find us on Facebook or call (813) 780-8180 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. Call Earl McMillan at (813) 782-3425 or email emcmillan1@verizon.net, or contact Guy Patterson at (864) 561-6644 for information.



Roxanne Tobaison, a local artist since 1979, will provide a watercolor demonstration at the Oct. 14 meeting at the Elks Lodge, 6851 Wire Road. Inspired by area flora and fauna, Tampa Bay scenery and landmarks, her works include masterpieces like, "Ibis –Youngster Among Us."

Zephyrhills Art Club

The Zephyrhills Art Club meets monthly 7-9 p.m. at the Elks, 6851 Wire Road. The next meeting will be Oct. 14. All interested are welcome to attend.

Elks Lodge #2731

The Zephyrhills Elks Lodge is located at 6851 Wire Road. All events are open to Elks and their invited guests. Karaoke with Dudley is every Tuesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. Call (813) 782-4604 for information about meetings and events.

American Legion Post #118

Promenades for the honor society of American veterans, the 40/8, are the third Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. at American Legion 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.

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. Come enjoy and participate in Karaoke on Saturdays from 5-8 p.m. Call (813) 782-7194 for information.

Zephyrhills Moose Lodge

All events are for members and qualified guests. The lodge is located at 3211 Gall Blvd. and can be reached at (813) 782-1771.

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.

Toastmasters International

The Zephyrhills chapter meets every Tuesday from 7-8:30 p.m. at the Microtel Inn and Suites 7839 Gall Blvd. Contact Kim G. Fleming at (740) 963-2442 for information.

Zephyrhills Eagles #3752

A calendar of events can be found on the Zephyrhills Eagles #3752 Facebook page. The club is located at 4149 New River Road. Call (813) 780-1558 for information.

Eagles Ladies Auxiliary

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Overeaters Anonymous

Meetings are held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7333 Dairy Road, every Monday at 5:30 p.m. and Friday at 11:30 a.m. Newcomers welcome.

Zephyrhills Civil Air Patrol

The Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron meets Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at the Zephyrhills Wesleyan Church, 38924 C Ave. Membership is open for youth between 13-17 for the Cadet Program and adults over 18 for the Senior Program. Contact John Birch at (321) 662-5554 with any questions.

Bereavement Support Group

Gulfside Hospice's team of bereavement counselors have a bereavement support group in Zephyrhills. The group, which is free and open to the public, will be held Wednesdays at 3 p.m. at the Rucki Hospice Care Center, located at 5760 Dean Dairy Road. Contact Dody Santana at (727) 845-5707 for information.

The group is free and open to the public. Gulfside also offers other bereavement services, including individual and family counseling for families of Gulfside patients, community memorial services and more.

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.

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.

Alzheimer's Support Group

American House presents an Alzheimer's support group for caregivers on the first Thursday of every month from 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Caring for a loved one with Alzheimer's disease is one of the most difficult jobs. American House Zephyrhills is offering a support group led by Anna Davis, LPN. No RSVP is necessary. Come and get support from other caregivers. American House is located at 38130 Pretty Pond Road. Call (813) 400-2263 for information.

ACES for MS Support Group

Join us on the first Thursday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the First Christian Church fellowship hall, 6040 Eighth St. in Zephyrhills. Enjoy refreshments while sharing your multiple sclerosis experiences. We also host a social event on the third Thursday of each month. Contact Cecile at (813) 782-9306 or Vicki at (813) 788-9931 for details, to RSVP and to confirm date, time or location.



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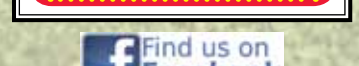
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First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills – Everyone is invited to attend "Sermons of Service" at 10 a.m. on Sept. 29. We will have a brief gathering in the sanctuary and then form into groups of interest and perform mission activities for the community including: assisting with filling single meal bags for the homeless; writing cards of thanks and encouragement to world missionary volunteers; and distributing packages of change and laundry products at laundromats. The power of prayer will also be extended to nursing homes along with comfort items. Lunch will be provided at the conclusion of the projects around 11:15 a.m. Thank you for your participation in the outreach mission activities within the community.

The church, located at 5510 19th St., invites everyone to attend Sunday worship services at 10 a.m. Communion is observed the first Sunday of the month. Sunday school for adults is at 8:30 a.m. Children and youth are dismissed to classes during the 10 a.m. worship service.

REFRESH Wednesdays begins with a meal at 5:30 p.m. and then breaks into separate classes as follows: kindergarten-first grade; second-fifth grade; and F.R.E.S.H. Youth Group; all at 6 p.m. Choir practice is Wednesdays at 7 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills is a Stephen Ministry Congregation. Visit www.firstpez.org or call (813) 782-7412 for information.

Cornerstone Baptist Church – Located at 5434 Seventh St., the church's Sunday service schedule consists of 9:45 a.m. Adult Sunday School, 10:30 a.m. Coffee and Donuts Fellowship, 11 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship, and a 6 p.m. Sunday Evening Worship. We also offer a Prayer and Praise service at 6 p.m. on Wednesdays. Services are led by Pastor Stephen R. Lamb. Contact the church at (813) 783-2727 for information.

First United Methodist Church of Zephyrhills – 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 a.m.-10:30 a.m. on Sundays. Adult Sunday School is at 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. Children's church is held at 9:45 a.m. and Children's Sunday School is at 11 a.m. Youth Bible Study is at 11 a.m. Children and Youth meet on Wednesday evening, 6-7:30 p.m., with dinner served at 6 p.m. For Adults, on Wednesday evenings, Bible Study is at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. in the Chapel. The church is located at 38635 Fifth Ave. Visit www.fumczhills.org, or call the church office at (813) 782-5645 for more information about our programs.

First Congregational Church of Zephyrhills – Scheduled services include: Wednesday night Bible study at 5:30 p.m., Sunday school at 9 a.m., and Sunday worship at 10 a.m. Our ladies group (the G.A.L.S) meets at 12 p.m. 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. The church is located at 7900 Fort King Road. Call (813) 780-6027 for information.

Healing Hearts Café – Come join us every Saturday evening at 4 p.m. for live praise and worship music, a relevant message, and a free café-style dinner. Our mission is to reach the broken and hurting and give them a place to feel accepted and loved. Hope to see you there. Located at 5320 First St.

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. Pastor Ringeisen welcomes you to the little church with the power of a big God.

Community of Christ – Pastor Patsy Fabricius welcomes all including our LGBTQ community at the following times: The Prayer and Testimony service is the first Sunday of each month from 9:45-10:30 a.m. and the remaining Sunday's coffee, tea and pastries with discussion will be at 9:45-10:30. Worship Service is every Sunday at 11 a.m. Bible Study is every Wednesday evening from 6-7 p.m. Bring your Bible. We are studying Matthew.

Our craft group "Sew & So" is on hiatus for the summer. Watch for the time when we meet again in the fall.

One of our outreach programs is collecting goods for Care Packages for our Troops. Travel size toiletries (shampoo, soap, toothbrushes and paste and deodorant) can be used. Drop off during the above times.

We are located at 7334 16th Street. Call (813) 382-2427 for information.

Zephyrhills First Church of the Nazarene – Sunday school starts at 9:45 a.m. and contemporary worship is at 10:45 a.m. with childcare and children's church available. FirstNaz is located at 6151 12th St. Call (813) 782-7032 or visit www.zfnfamily.org for information.

Zephyr Christian Church – Sunday services include Sunday school at 9 a.m., morning worship and word at 10 a.m., and evening hour at 6 p.m. Nursery is available for all. Wednesday night services are Bible study at 6 p.m. and youth group at 6 p.m. for children age 3 and up. ZCC is located at 5940 Dogwood St., on the corner of North Street and 23rd Avenue. Visit www.zephyrchristianchurch.org or contact zephyrcc@aol.com or (813) 782-8893 for information.

First Baptist Church – Pastor Rob McKinney invites everyone to visit a going church with a coming Savior.

Teen ministry (TRUTH Ministries) is held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Bus transportation is available. Children's ministry (TeamKid!) is held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. The Sunrise Prayer Warriors meet weekday mornings from 8-9 a.m. in the church conference room. Everyone is welcome.

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. and choir practice at 6 p.m. Call the church at (813) 782-5574 for information.

Awake@Zephyrhills – A Wesleyan Church, located at 38924 C Ave. in Zephyrhills, invites the community to worship with us. We offer a contemporary service on Saturdays at 7 p.m. and a traditional service on Sundays at 10:45 a.m. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Nursery and Pre-K is offered each service for children under 5 years old For information about our services and meeting

times please call (813) 782-7510 or visit our website, AwakeWesleyan.org.

Zephyrhills Church of Christ – Our times of services are: Sunday Bible study at 9:30 a.m., Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. We also have midweek Bible study on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.

We are located at 5444 Fourth St. If you have any questions you can contact our preacher, Kevin Heaton, at (205) 405-7700 or heatonkevin@yahoo.com. You can also reach a couple of our members Joe at (813) 846-9441 or Wayne at (352) 424-0144. Visit zephyrhillschurch.com and acordofblue.wordpress.com 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.

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 information.

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.

Community Harvest Church – Tom Marino and pastor Dean Knight 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.

Cornerstone Community Church – We welcome you to worship with us. Service times are Sunday school at 9 a.m.; Sunday worship at 10 a.m.; children's church at 10:30 a.m.; Sunday Night Life at 6 p.m.; and Wednesday Bible study at 7 p.m.

Worship with us at 8527 Old Lakeland Hwy. in Zephyrhills. Call Pastor John Faughnan at (352) 567-6494 or visit www.mycornerstonecc.com for information.

Our Savior Lutheran Church – Saturday worship service will be held at 5:30 p.m. Sunday school is at 9 a.m. and Sunday worship service will be 10 a.m. Call (813) 782-1369 for information. The church is located at 5626 20th St. in Zephyrhills. Holy Communion is on the second and fourth Sundays.

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



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Louise Boucheron

BOUCHERON, Louise, 89 of Coatesville, Pa., originally from Syracuse, N.Y., and formerly from Zephyrhills, passed away on Sept. 2, 2019, surrounded by family. Louise was the daughter of the late George and Loretta Maloney Klamm and the wife of, first, the late George Pickard and then, the late Jean Boucheron. Brother, Edmund "Ted" Klamm, preceded her in death along with sisters, Jeanne Kibbe, Margaret "Peggy" Fenner, and Lois "Garbo" Klamm, Louise's twin, preceded her in death. Her children, Don (Lisa) Pickard of Brighton, Utah, Susan (Daniel) Statler of Coatesville, Pa., Jane (Mike) Stull of Pittsburgh, Pa., Mike (Margaret) Pickard of Virginia Beach, Va., Phyllis Pickard of Sterling, Va., Joyce (Bill Mahony) Boucheron of Durham, N.C., and Steve (Linda) Boucheron of Rome, N.Y., survive along with 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, her sister, Kay Rea of Syracuse, N.Y., plus many nieces and nephews. Louise was the secretary and treasurer of her first husband's contracting company for many years while raising five active children. She also earned her private pilot's license, enjoyed arts and craft, particularly painting with watercolors, plus playing games with friends and family, dancing, and travel. Volunteering, participating on committees or simply lending a shoulder to lean on was always a top priority. She will be remembered for her positive attitude, quickness to smile, inquisitive mind, creative nature and kind heart. The Catholic Church also played a central role in Louise's life. She was a member of Saint Peter Church, West Brandywine. All were welcome to join Louise's family on Sept. 20 at Freedom Village in West Brandywine for a celebration of Louise's life and for her funeral mass on Sept. 21 at St. Peter Church in West Brandywine, Pa. Louise's family will also have a memorial mass at St. Patrick Church, 216 N. Lowell Ave., Syracuse, N.Y. 13204, followed by interment in Collamer Cemetery, East Syracuse, N.Y., at a later date. Memorials in Louise's honor may be made to Saint Peter Church, 2835 Manor Road, West Brandywine, Pa., or to Chester County Association for the Blind and Visually Impaired, 71 South First Ave., Coatesville, Pa. 19320.

Robert Baker

BAKER, Robert, 85, of Zephyrhills, died Sept. 18, 2019. His loving wife, Linda Baker, survives him. Whitfield Funeral Home handled the arrangements.

Joseph Cannon

CANNON, Joseph "Pastor Joe", 85, of St. Joseph, passed away Sept. 18, 2019, at James A. Haley VA Hospice Center after a long battle with cancer. Pastor Joe was born Oct. 26, 1933, in Lake Garfield, the son of Samuel and Betsy Cannon. His beloved wife of 44 years, Marjorie Cannon, survives along with son, Joseph J. Cannon Jr. and his wife, Mary; daughter, Cynthia L. Gude and her husband, David; son, Stephen Barthle and his wife, Lana; 11 grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, seven siblings and many nieces and nephews. His parents preceded him in death along with his wife, Bertha Lene Watkins; daughter, Valerie Baker; granddaughter, Nicole Cannon; and four siblings, Cecil, Gladys, Eula and Vernon. He served in the United States Armed Forces, including the Korean War. Pastor Joe put God first in his life and devoted his time to family and Church. He was a member of Dade City Church of God and Pastor of 42 years of Cannon Jail and Prison Ministry. Visitation was held on Sept. 21 at Dade City Church of God. Funeral services immediately followed officiated by Rev. Mark Frier and Rev. James Edgar Cannon. Interment will be held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ridge Manor United Methodist Church for PVA/VA Hospice or Dade City Church of God, designated for VA Hospice. Arrangements were made by Hodges Family Funeral Home.



Richard Duffield

DUFFIELD, Richard, 83, of Zephyrhills, died Sept. 5, 2019. His family received friends on Sept. 12 at Whitfield Funeral Home.

Ruth Ann Maine

MAINE, Ruth Ann, 77, of Webster, passed away at Northbrook Health & Rehabilitation Center in Brooksville on Sept. 23, 2019. She was born on Sept. 12, 1942, in Dayton, Ohio, to parents Russell Warner and Helen (Relay) Warner. Her husband, Douglas Maine, Sr., preceded her in death. Two sons, Douglas Maine Jr. (Carl) and Stephen Maine (Laura), survive along with one sister, Linda Lofley; two grandchildren, Amber and Austin, and many other friends and loved ones. The family will hold a celebration of life at a later date. Hodges Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Matthew Jerome Folds

FOLDS, Matthew Jerome, 36, of Zephyrhills, died Sept. 17, 2019. Visitation was held on Sept. 24 at Crystal Springs Worship service followed by the funeral service. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Bobbie Jean Mitcham

MITCHAM, Bobbie Jean, 82, of Zephyrhills, died Sept. 13, 2019. Her loving family survives her. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

George A. Nunes

NUNES, George A., 85, of Zephyrhills and Chicopee, Mass., passed away on Sept. 17, 2019, at AdventHealth Zephyrhills. He was the son of the late Antonio and Bertha (Szyldowski) Nunes. He was a lifetime resident of Chicopee, and graduated from Chicopee High School as a member of the class of 1951. George was also a graduate of Holyoke Community College in 1973, the University of Massachusetts in 1975 and the American International University in 1976. He was a police officer for 31 years, serving as a sergeant for 10 years and as a Det. Sgt. police photographer prior to his retirement in 1991. George was a member of the Chicopee Elks Lodge, treasurer of the Chicopee Police Association, treasurer of the Chicopee Santa Fund and the New England Police. He was the commissioner of the Chicopee Country Club from 1979-1984. He loved golfing, genealogy and was an amateur Ham radio operator. His loving wife, Frances (Fonfara) Nunes, survives along with a son, Donald T. Nunes, and a daughter, Debra Paradis. His grandchildren, Parker, Noah, Emmi, Connor, Loren and his great-granddaughter, Olive, also survive him. Two sons, Dennis Nunes and George Nunes Jr., preceded him in death. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Jean B. Prater

PRATER, Jean B., 77, of Dade City, passed away Sept. 15, 2019. She was born Aug. 6, 1942, in Tampa, to Nicholas and Ruth Williams Farkus and was a longtime area resident. She was a dedicated homemaker and a member of the Pasadena Baptist Church. Her husband of 59 years, Milton W. Prater, survives along with three children, Cathy Prater, Timothy and Rene` Prater, and Scot and Corrina Prater; one brother, William D. Farkus; four sisters, Mary Andrews, Mabel Rodgers, Ruth Comis, and Gladys Marie Sircusa; nine grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. One son, Milton W. Prater Jr., preceded her in death along with one great-granddaughter. Funeral services were held on Sept. 20 at the 301 Chapel of Hodges Family Funeral Home, with burial following at Williams Cemetery.

Beverly J. Stilo

STILO, Beverly J., 85, of Zephyrhills, passed away Sept. 11, 2019. She was born June 24, 1934, in Weed, Calif. Her parents, Newton and Alice Kirk, preceded her in death. Her loving husband of 67 years, Andrew M. Stilo, survives along with sister, Betty Jo Wade; Children, Minica Moore, Kirk Stilo, and Michael (Mary Lou) Cuellar-Stilo; grandchildren, Jason Morre, Justin Pulsen, Andrew Stilo, and Gabriella Stilo, and seven great-grandchildren. A memorial service took place on Sept. 25 at Hodges Family Funeral Home in Zephyrhills.



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Several grand items were auctioned off, including guitars, dinners, concert tickets, a rifle and more. A bidding war even erupted that brought in \$11,000 for a single item.

'Hick Hop' Provides Some Pop

Cowboy Troy Delivers His Take On Boot Scootin' Boogie

Story and photos by **Emily Kochanski**

After six years of John Anderson's southern charm and beloved country melodies, folks in Pasco County had developed an opinion of what classic country music. But after announcing that 2018's performance would be his last, at least for a while, it was time for a change of tune.

On the evening of Sept. 9, more than 400 attendees from Pasco and beyond got a taste of a new kind of country music from Cowboy Troy at the seventh annual benefit concert at the Pasco County Fairgrounds.

Troy Coleman, a Texas native, is best known for touring with the popular country music duo Big and Rich, as well as for incorporating rap into his music. Pasco County commissioner Ron Oakley, who arranges the annual event, approached Troy after seeing him perform in Hernando County with Big and Rich. He got to know the "hick hop" cowboy and arranged for him to bring his unique style to Dade City.

"John and I have been friends for over 30 years, and I'd always been after him to put on a concert in Dade City. Well, I got six out of him," said Oakley. "I made this change because, after six years, people wanted a change. With Cowboy Troy, that's exactly what we got."

Following a mouthwatering dinner of southern delicacies cooked by Dr. Chet Taylor and a live and silent auction, Troy and his band took to the stage and delivered a loud, fast, and energetic performance.

In addition to his original hits, he performed several familiar oldies but

goodies, including "Bad, Bad Leroy Brown", "Johnny B. Goode", and "Seminole Wind", a tribute to John Anderson.

"Making this kind of change was a little stressing because I wasn't sure if people would accept it," Oakley said. "But I think we did pretty well because we were completely sold out. You just can't feel too bad about that."

The show received a mixed batch of praise. Many seemed to like Cowboy Troy and his original twist on country music, but there were some who still preferred the traditional style they'd come to know from John Anderson and other acts. Zephyrhills resident Anna Bailey said that she enjoyed the show and hopes to see Troy return.

"I think John would always be willing to come back and perform if I asked him to, but I hope that Cowboy Troy will come back as well," Oakley said. "He seems to like it here in our little town, so I don't think it'll take much convincing."

Oakley tentatively estimated that \$55,000 to \$60,000 was raised from the show.

This year's concert benefitted eight local organizations, including Dade City Kiwanis Foundation, Florida Hospital Zephyrhills Heart Institute, Sunrise of Pasco County, the Thomas Promise Foundation, Boys and Girls Club of Lacoochee, Humane Society of Pasco County, Habitat for Humanity of East and Central Pasco County, and Operation Heartfelt. The live auction alone raised more than \$21,000 and, regardless of the reception of the music, this year's concert proved to be one of the most successful to date.



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