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The Pasco County World War II Memorial has been a part of Dade City's downtown attractions since it was first dedicated in 1954, and has been a part of many ceremonies there, including the recent Fallen Officers memorial for law enforcement personnel killed in the line of duty. A restored memorial will be rededicated on Flag Day, June 14.

## WWII memorial ready for rededication Saturday

By Michael Hinman  
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When war broke out in Europe and Asia in the 1940s, Pasco County was nothing more than a small farming and citrus group of communities.

But the people loved their country, and showed it by signing up and heading to war.

In fact, one in eight Pasco residents would serve in the military during World War II, including Frank Ashbrook, the father-in-law to Pasco County commissioner Ted Schrader.

"He was captured during the invasion of Normandy, and spent 18 months in a prisoner war camp in Germany," Schrader said.

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## 'Well-known sports figure' takes over Colonial Four RV

By Michael Hinman  
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Colonial Four RV park in Zephyrhills was sold last week, but who actually purchased the recreational vehicle park is clouded in a bit of mystery.

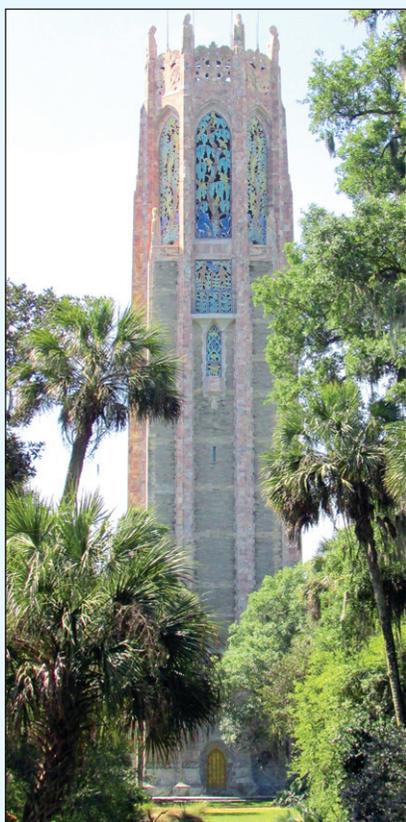
The park, located at 6991 Fort King Road, sold for \$875,000, according to a news release from Marcus & Millichap, a real estate brokerage company with an office in Tampa. Dan Mulkey, the company's vice president of investment, would not disclose any details on the buyer or seller, except to say, in a release, the new owner of Colonial Four is a "well-known sports figure looking for a local investment."

According to county property records, Bruce and Darlene Flansburg have owned Colonial Four since 2007, when they purchased the 5-acre, 57-site park popular with Canadian seasonal residents, for \$700,000. On May 2, they signed the property over to a company known as White Marlin LLC, which lists no managers or other identifying information in the state corporations database.

White Marlin was created just last March, and lists a physical address at a Pak Mail box in New Tampa. That address also is publicly used by two companies associated with former NHL defenseman Stan Neckar, who played for the Tampa Bay Lightning toward the end of the team's 2004 Stanley Cup playoff run.

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## WHAT'S INSIDE



## A Bok in the park

When it comes to amazing Florida foliage, first thoughts typically lean toward the Sunken Gardens or the old Cypress Gardens. Bok Tower Gardens, however, is considered one of America's finest gardens, offering a feeling of serenity, and making a trip to Lake Wales a memorable one. **Find out more about this park on page 8.**

## Morningstar Fishermen seed library promotes good health

By B.C. Manion  
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It's a wooden cabinet with several drawers, the index cards inside reminiscent of the kind used when libraries still had card catalogs.

But this cabinet doesn't hold cards telling visitors where to find books. Instead, it holds cards separating packages of seeds.

These aren't just any seeds, however. They're called heirloom seeds, and some of them had their start back in the 1800s, said Ara McLeod, who works at Morningstar Fishermen, a business in Dade City that promotes sustainable living.

Unlike most seeds that are planted in today's fields and gardens, these heirloom seeds have not been genetically altered. Instead, they have been saved and passed along for generations.

And now, through Morningstar Fishermen's new seed library, they are available to seed library members for free.

There is a catch. Those joining the seed library must agree to use only organic fertilizer on the vegetables and flowers they grow with these seeds. And they are asked to let some of their plants go to seed, so they can help to restock the seed library.

McLeod, who oversees the seed library, is thrilled that she's leading this new venture, which aims to help people produce their own food.

"Here at Morningstar, we are about teaching people about sustainability," McLeod said.

The company, located at 3336 Old St. Joe



B.C. MANION/STAFF PHOTO

Ara McLeod oversees the new seed library at Morningstar Fishermen in Dade City. The library allows people to check out heirloom seeds to grow in their gardens, with the hope that they'll bring back more seeds to share.

fish, veggies and plants at the same time.

It decided to branch out to help people become sustainable in other ways, too.

"We wanted to start a seed library here to help our community to have access to good, quality food," McLeod said. "It's really, really important for communities to have access to good seeds. With it being free, it really doesn't matter what your economic status is."

So far, fewer than a dozen people have signed up for the seed library. But McLeod's enthusiasm for the program has not dimmed.

"We have to start somewhere," she said, clearly passionate about the project. "Seeds are life. The soil is life. Without good quality seeds, our food is not of good quality, so, when we eat it, it doesn't sustain our bodies."

She estimates about 200 varieties of seeds in the library, mostly donated by Seed Savers Exchange, Baker Creek Seeds and some local families.

When people come to Morningstar Fishermen's shop, they can look through the cabinet drawers to choose seeds.

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Road, has been teaching people about aquaponics for years. Aquaponics is essentially the marriage between hydroponics and aquaculture, allowing people to raise

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### FLORIDA HOSPITAL PARENT RECEIVES GALLUP AWARD

Employees at Adventist Health System — the parent company of facilities like Florida Hospital Wesley Chapel and Florida Hospital Zephyrhills — have been recognized by Gallup as one of the best-performing, most productive and engaged work forces in the world.

This is the fourth year in a row that the company and all of its hospital campuses have received the Gallup Great Workplace Award. The company was one of 36 chosen to receive the award.

### CHAMBER QUARTERLY MEETING

The Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce will host a quarterly membership meeting June 11 at 9 a.m., at the chamber office, 38550 Fifth Ave., in Zephyrhills.

Speakers at the meeting include chamber president Carolyn Sentelik on the value of membership, and Vonnie Mikkelsen on matching expectations to results.

For information, call (813) 782-1913, or visit [ZephyrhillsChamber.org](http://ZephyrhillsChamber.org).

### CENTRAL PASCO CHAMBER READING BANQUET

The Central Pasco Chamber of Commerce is recruiting sponsors for its upcoming awards and installation banquet, which will be June 26 at 6 p.m., at Harbor Terrace Restaurant at Heritage Harbor in Lutz.

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### I QUIT PROGRAM AT FLORIDA HOSPITAL

Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd., is offering the I Quit nicotine program June 12 at 5 p.m., in the hospital's education room.

Topics include nicotine addiction and withdrawal, strategies to handle cravings, a free four-week supply of nicotine replacement therapy, and a referral for ongoing support after the class.

To register, call Jihane Ambrose at (813) 929-1000.

### HOSPICE VOLUNTEER ORIENTATIONS

Gulfside Hospice is hosting an orientation for new volunteers in East Pasco June 12 and June 13 from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at Gulfside's Center for Hospice Care, 5760 Dean Dairy Road in Zephyrhills.

Volunteers must be at least 16 years old. Reservations are required.

For information, call Jennifer Ball or Tracey Thompson at (813) 780-1235.

### FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER

The Alzheimer's Family Organization will host its annual Alberta's Fashion Show at Heritage Springs Country Club, 11345 Robert Trent Jones Parkway in Trinity, June 17 at noon.

Tickets for the event are \$45 each. For more information, visit [ChamberLogin.com](http://ChamberLogin.com), or call (813) 909-0827.

### WOMEN-N-CHARGE SETS UP JUNE MEETING

Women-n-Charge will meet June 27 at 11:30 a.m. at Pebble Creek Country Club, 10550 Regents Park Drive in Tampa.

Cost is \$15 for members up to the Tuesday before the meeting, and \$18 for everyone else.

Register at [Women-n-Charge.com](http://Women-n-Charge.com). For information, call (813) 600-9848, or email [admin@women-n-charge.com](mailto:admin@women-n-charge.com).

### PASCO'S GRISWOLD LOCATION SOLD

Birdsong Ventures Inc., is adding to its Tampa office of Griswold Home Care by acquiring Griswold's Pasco office.

Terms of the deal were not disclosed.

Griswold is a non-medical private pay home care company that recruits, screens and refers caregivers who provide companion and personal care services to homebound people.

Founded in 1982, Griswold has 200 offices in 35 states. Its Pasco office was started 10 years ago in Central Pasco, and covers the entire county.

The new principals are Arthur and Frieda Moseley. Arthur is a certified senior advisor and is vice chair of the Hillsborough Seniors and Law Enforcement Together Council. Frieda is a registered nurse with more than 30 years experience.

Working in the office will be Alice Gilbert and Hilda Hellwig, who have a combined 30 years of experience in the caregiving field.

### EAST PASCO NETWORKING GROUP

The East Pasco Networking Group has scheduled several speakers for the coming months. The group meets every other week at the Village Inn at 5214 Gall Blvd., in Zephyrhills. Networking begins at 8 a.m., with the meeting starting at 8:30 a.m.

Upcoming speakers include:

- San Antonio mayor Tim Newlon and wife Allison Newlon on June 24.

Cost is \$30 per person, with discounts for table purchases. Sponsorships are available starting at \$75.

All proceeds benefit the Alzheimer's Family Organization.

For information, visit [tinyurl.com/AlbertaFashion](http://tinyurl.com/AlbertaFashion).

### CARES PROGRAMS

CARES Enrichment Center, 13906 Fifth St., in Dade City, offers these activities:

- Adult Day Care: Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Participants receive breakfast, lunch and a snack, along with organized activities. The program provides social and health services to adults who need supervision in a safe place outside the home.

For costs and available funding, call (352) 519-9300.

- Senior Moments Early Memory Loss Program: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For reservations or information, call (352) 518-9300.

### SUPPORT FOR STROKE PATIENTS

Florida Hospital Zephyrhills has a stroke support group that meets the third Thursday of every month at 3 p.m. The group offers support to stroke patients and their caregivers.

The meetings are in the hospital's wellness conference room at the hospital, 7050 U.S. 301, in Zephyrhills.

For information, visit [FHZeph.org](http://FHZeph.org).

### VOLUNTEER AT BAYFRONT HEALTH

Bayfront Health Dade City, 13100 Fort King Road in Dade City, is looking for energetic men and women to join its volunteer team, including junior volunteers between the ages of 14 and 18.

To learn more about the program, call Amy Fort at (352) 521-1195.

# Technology helps people hear the word of God

By B.C. Manion

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At some point in life, most people know how it feels to be out of the loop.

They're sitting at a table in a restaurant, but they're too far away to hear what is causing the laughter erupting at the other end of the table.

They're at the edge of a crowd and can't hear what the speaker is saying.

Someone is singing on stage, but they can't make out the words.

Imagine if that was an everyday experience.

That's the kind of social isolation that people with hearing difficulties often face. Even with hearing aids, it can be difficult for them to hear in acoustically challenging places, such as a restaurant, a concert hall or a church.

But technology is available to help change that scenario in places where sound systems are used. And recently, St. Timothy Catholic Church installed a hearing loop to help parishioners who have hearing difficulties become full participants in the liturgy.

Charlie and Judith Reese of JC Audiology contributed the system components, which cost about \$8,000. The Reeses are parishioners, and Judith is an audiologist with an office at 1541 Dale Mabry Highway, Suite 201, in Lutz.

Keith Thal and his friend, James Weeks, volunteered their time and expertise to install and fine-tune the system. They both are professionals in the electronics field and knowledgeable in the science of sound, Judith said.

Chase White, the director of music at St. Timothy, also played a key role.

"St. Timothy is the first and only Catholic church in Hillsborough (County) that has this technology," Charlie said. "I doubt that there are more than three other churches of any denomination in Hillsborough that has this."

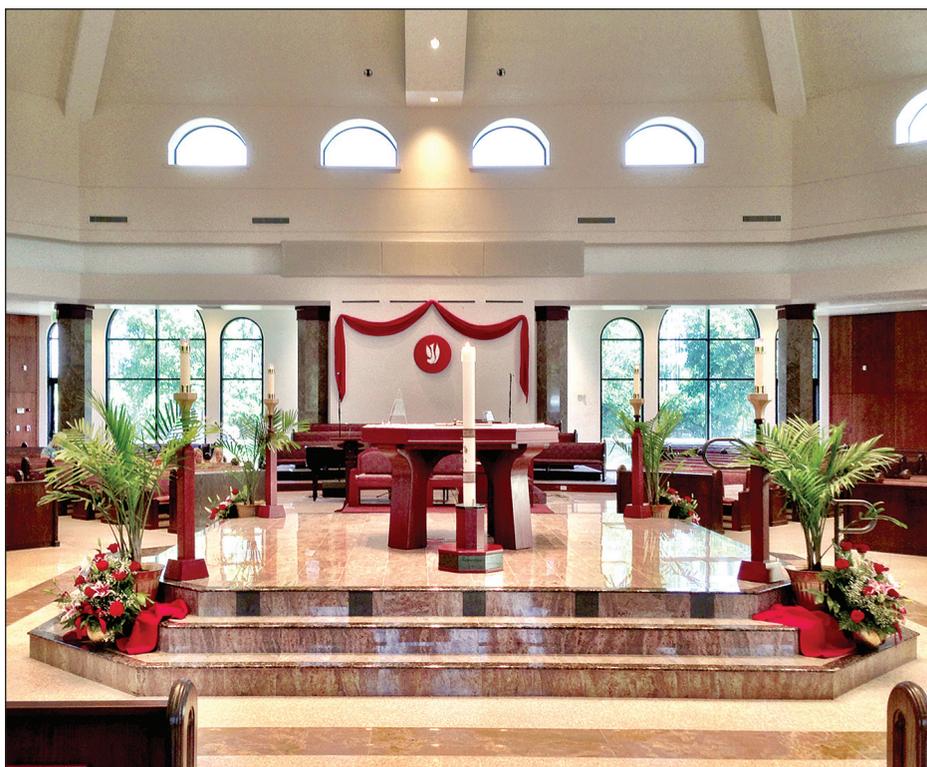
A hearing loop, for lack of a better description, is an antenna that is based around the perimeter of a room or a building, Judith said. The antenna is linked to the sound system, and a person with a hearing aid that has an active telecoil — or T-coil — can pick up the signal.

"The person puts their hearing aid in the reception mode, and whoever is speaking on the microphone, it comes right into their ears," she said. "Also, it's appropriately set for them because it goes through their hearing aid, so it compensates for their problem areas for hearing."

Hearing aids cannot be retrofitted to include a T-coil, but many hearing aids have them already, and their wearers simply are unaware of that fact, Judith said.

Those purchasing new hearing aids may want to ask about the T-coil, she added, so they can be activated in large spaces that are acoustically challenging.

"The audiologist would set it at the level that's going to work best for that person," she said. "They may have a knob or a switch



COURTESY OF ST. TIMOTHY CATHOLIC CHURCH

**St. Timothy Catholic Church's architectural design is acoustically challenging because of its high ceilings, hard surfaces and glass. A hearing loop has been installed to enable people with hearing difficulties to be full participants in the liturgy.**

or button on that device, to turn it on to the hearing loop channel, as it were."

The technology has been around for decades.

"I think it's about half of the hearing aids that are fit that have telecoils in them," Judith said.

It's not a cost issue, she said. People just need to know to ask about it when they get their hearing aids.

"The hearing loop technology is just one more tool in our box to help people who have hearing impairments to live, full active lives," Judith said.

At St. Timothy, there are two hearing loops. One goes around the chapel, on a ledge. The other, in the main sanctuary, was put in the conduit holding other sound system wiring.

"St. Timothy, in particular, is a very acoustically challenging structure because of the architecture," Judith said. "It's kind of a basilica style with a big high-rounded ceiling, all hard surfaces, terrazzo tile, hard walls, lots of windows and metal. Even for people who have good hearing, it can be tough."

"There's no carpet, no anything to absorb the sound," Charlie said. "It's all glass, marble and metal. So, that makes everything bounce off."

Hearing loss, in some ways, is worse than other disabilities that are visible, because it takes people away from society, Judith said.

"You can't engage," she said.

And, at church — where people come for spiritual refreshment and guidance — they can feel left out.

"It's very frustrating," Judith said. They'll say, "Everybody else is laughing at what the pastor said, but I didn't hear it. They sang

this beautiful song, but I couldn't hear the words. Everybody else is crying."

In large spaces, such as church, it can be especially difficult to hear because of background noises, the Reeses said.

"The music overwhelms the talking, or the people talking behind them, or children crying or laughing, or whatever," Judith said.

That noise competes with the liturgy of the Mass.

"There are all kinds of accommodations they make for other disabilities, but very few accommodations for hearing loss," Charlie said.



This is the universal symbol for a hearing loop. When this sign is posted, the space has been equipped to accommodate people with hearing difficulties.

As the American population ages, the Reeses expect hearing loops to become more common, much like wheelchair ramps, hand rails and handicapped parking spaces.

"This really has taken root in Europe," Charlie said, noting Westminster Abbey has a hearing loop.

The hearing loop project at St. Timothy took the better part of two years, Judith said. It took time to get the equipment installed and to fine-tune it, so it's an effective way of helping people hear.

Rev. Kenneth Malley, pastor at St. Timothy, said he knows the project is appreciated by people of all ages who have hearing difficulties. He recalled one older woman telling him about a hearing loop system at Our Lady of Lourdes church in Dunedin.

She had tears in her eyes, Malley said. She told the priest, "I could finally hear what was going on."

St. Timothy and Our Lady of Lourdes have hearing loops, and Our Lady of Fatima in Citrus County is investigating the possibility of adding one. The Diocese of St. Petersburg is unaware of any other church within the diocese that has the technology, but some churches may have installed one without informing the diocese.

The project at St. Timothy took some time, the Reeses said, but they think it's worth the effort because it will help open people's ears to the word of God.

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## Proud to report more readers than ever before

By Diane Kortus

Publisher



About this time every year, I write a column about our annual circulation and readership audit. I use this audit to talk about the number of papers we print and deliver, and more importantly, how many people regularly read The Laker or Lutz News.

In the free newspaper industry, Circulation Verification Council has been verifying circulation and readership since 1992. Today it audits more than 2,000 publications with more than 55 million in circulation, including The Laker and Lutz News.

Well, it's audit time again, and our numbers are even better than they were a year ago. Our circulation has increased by 3.8 percent to 42,600, and our readership grew by 3 percent to give us 79 percent household penetration.

Most newspapers would be thrilled with 60 percent household penetration — a percentage most publishers have not seen since before the Internet explosion of news. For our papers to be at 79 percent household penetration is enviable, and one we're very proud to report.

To put our circulation growth in perspective, earlier this month most daily newspapers in Florida reported circulation drops by the auditing company they use. Close to home, the Tampa Bay Times reported its mid-week circulation was down 7 percent, while The Tampa Tribune showed no growth after accounting for the circulation gain of a weekly paper it bought in Clearwater April 2013.

As proud as we are about our audit and the gains we've made this past year, I realize you may think these numbers a bit

boastful and not really relevant to your life.

It probably doesn't matter to you whether we throw 10,000 papers or 50,000, just as long as your paper is thrown in your driveway or dropped at your newsstand every Wednesday. You get to decide each week if you want to take the time to read the stories and look at the ads from local businesses.

It's our job to make sure your paper has stories and information that are relevant and you find interesting to read. And it's our job to make sure you can count on your paper to be delivered every week so reading it becomes a habit.

In addition to circulation verification, the audit gives us demographical information about our readers, which we use to choose the stories we write.

We know that 57 percent of our readers are women, that 42 percent are between the ages of 35 and 54, and another 41 percent are over 55. Our readers are well educated (74 percent have attended or graduated from college) and affluent (30 percent have household incomes above \$100,000, and another 20 percent above \$75,000).

The audit also surveys readers and asks what types of stories they want to read. That's why we write a lot about growth and development, things to do and stories about people and organizations in our communities. We've worked hard this past year to bring you more stories about topics that interest you.

This year's audit is, as they say, proof in the pudding that we've improved. It's independent confirmation that we're doing a good job, and that the changes we've made in our news coverage this past year have resulted in increased readership.

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## Crisis center launches anti-violence initiative

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The Crisis Center of Tampa Bay is launching a new program, "Men Stopping Violence Against Women," the group hopes will engage men and boys in the effort to end gender-based violence.

The Crisis Center locally has been at the forefront of working with creating partnerships between men and women that address gender equality and the negative consequences of unequal power relationships.

"While we know that both men and women are perpetrators of domestic abuse and sexual assault, we can't ignore statistics that indicate the majority of this abuse is committed by men," said David Braughton, president and chief executive of the Crisis Center, in a release. "We know that targeted anti-violence education is key in reducing gender-based violence in our community."

The program is a concentrated effort to build a network of leaders committed to en-

gaging men in a community effort to end violence. It is funded by a grant from the Verizon Foundation that allows for six months of grassroots mobilizing.

To help launch the program, the Crisis Center has brought in consultant Ben Atherton-Zeman, a word-renowned advocate and educator in violence prevention. He is the spokesman for the National Organization for Men Against Sexism, and is a public speaker on issues of violence prevention.

His talks have taken place at military bases, colleges, high schools, public theaters, conferences, churches and juvenile detention facilities, according to a release. Atherton-Zeman also has worked as a prevention educator for rape crisis centers, domestic violence programs and state coalitions.

Those people and organizations interested in becoming involved with "Men Stopping Violence Against Women" can call the Crisis Center at (813) 969-4983.

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# A red, white and blue celebration at Grand Horizons

By Helene Rubenstein  
Grand Horizons

Many of our residents return to their summer homes, and some others take motor trips for extended period of times.

But then again, there are many residents who stay year-round at Grand Horizons, and the number is growing constantly.

Back at Grand Horizons, there are still many functions going on. In addition to shuffleboard that is scheduled for every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, there are now pool exercises that also take place on the same days. The hard part is the fact that you have to choose between the two.

These pool exercises are good, as they not only cool you off, but it is a healthy way to keep in shape. During the summer months, Judy Ellsworth hosts the pool exercises.

We still have bingo every Tuesday night, and this is when people show up, purchase cards, bring "lucky charms" to place in front of them, and hope to be a big winner of the evening. Even if they are not the winner for a certain week, they have fun playing and conversing with others.

The hosts for bingo night are Doug and LuAnne Taylor.

Of course, dominoes are still played every Monday night. This is a fun game, and there is more concentration to it than you think. The main thing is to keep the train growing.

Residents still meet every Wednesday morning for coffee and doughnuts, and also to get the up-and-coming news. Every other week, we have our blood pressure taken, and it's something important to



Carol Wilcox is ready with a glass of wine to toast Memorial Day.

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keep track of.

There was a Ladies Lunch Bunch on May 6. I usually look forward to these as they try to go to a different place each month. This time, the women went to the Island Breeze Cuban Café, hosted by Joyce Bell.

I would have loved to have joined them, but it is a big drive from Connecticut. Guess I will have to wait until I return.

Our monthly lunch connoisseurs were at Golden Corral May 9, hosted by Al and Sandy Lindke. I heard from Sandy, who said there were 24 people, and all had a good time in the Tuttle Room. They spent 90 minutes socializing and eating.

The quilters had their last meeting in May, and will resume again in October. They made stars for May, and will use them during the next meeting for their next project. Wonder what it will be?

There was a Memorial Day picnic May 26 at the community center. I spoke with Carol Wilcox, one of the coordinators of this function, and she told me the event started with Terry Gardner officiating. After the Pledge of Allegiance, our disc jockey resident Gary Wilcox played "The Star-Spangled Banner," as performed by the U.S. Air Force Ceremonial Band.

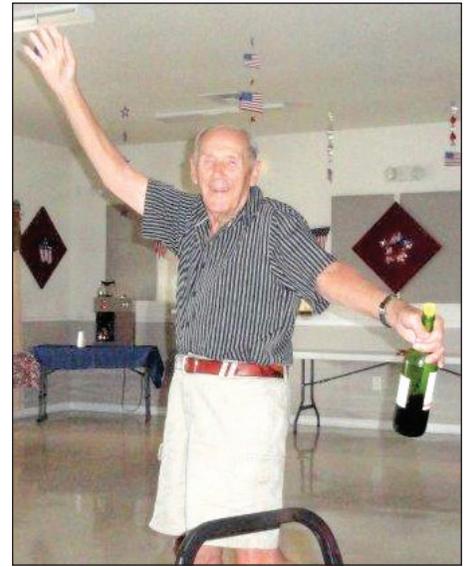
After that, an original version of "God Bless America," done by the legendary Kate Smith, was played.

Terry said a few words about our armed forces, and all attending veterans were asked to stand. "Taps," by the Arlington Cemetery Ceremonial Band, was played in memory of our deceased veterans.

The event drew 87 residents, and the community center was well-decorated for the event. Rich Lydecker did the hamburger and hot dog grilling, and he sure had his hands full because as soon as he started cooking, the rain and wind came in full force.

It was quite a challenge, but it turned out fine. The wind fueled the fire on the outside grill.

Besides the hamburgers and hot dogs, there also was a potluck with plenty of wonderful food available like potato salad, macaroni salad, fruit salad, baked beans, coleslaw, macaroni and cheese and relish



Ed Fisher kicks up his heels to celebrate Memorial Day.



The cake says it all at the Memorial Day celebration at Grand Horizons.

trays. There also were a lot of desserts — the Social Club provided a large cake.

Gary Wilcox and some residents stayed for dancing and music.

There are these activities and more, enough to satisfy anyone. You can be as busy as you wish to be at Grand Horizons.



Resident disc jockey Gary Wilcox provides the musical entertainment during the Memorial Day celebration.



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## BINGO AT TIMBER LAKES

Timber Lake Estates, 30301 Countryside Drive in Wesley Chapel, will continue to offer Thursday bingo throughout the summer. Doors open at 4 p.m. A full kitchen menu will be available starting at 4:40 p.m.

## PASCO GENEALOGY

The Genies, a small informal genealogical group, meets every Friday at 1 p.m., at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 9016 Fort King Road in Dade City. For information, call (813) 788-8894, or (813) 715-7133.

## FRESH YOUTH GROUP

The First Presbyterian Church of Zephyrhills, 5510 19th St., offers a FRESH (Friends Respecting Each other's Special Harmony) Youth Group on Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m., for middle and high school-aged youth. For information and a list of more activities, visit [FirstPCZ.org](http://FirstPCZ.org).

## TRINITY OUTREACH GRAND OPENING

Trinity Outreach of Tampa Bay is hosting a grand opening June 14 from noon to 3 p.m., for its transitional home for women, at 5247 Sixth St., in Zephyrhills. There will be refreshments, a tour of the home, clowns, and activities for kids. For information, call (877) 333-1845.

## COBB'S FREE KIDS SHOWS

Grove 16 Cobb Theatres, 6333 Wesley Grove Blvd., in Wesley Chapel will begin its free summer kids shows at 10 a.m., every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, starting with "Turbo" and "Walking with Dinosaurs" on June 17, June 18 and June 19. Doors open at 9:30 a.m. Schools, groups and



## COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT MEMORIAL DEDICATION

Southport Springs, 3737 Southport Springs Parkway in Zephyrhills, will host a dedication of its veteran memorial June 14 at 10 a.m. More than 150 veterans reside in the community, and the memorial honors them, all who have served, and all who will serve. The memorial will fly service flags from all military branches and have an inscribed granite stone. For information, call (813) 782-3800.

campers are welcome. Same-day ticketing only. For information, call (813) 948-5444.

## BOWL TO HELP SHRINE CHILDREN

Ladies Oriental Shrine Cairo Court 97 of Zephyrhills and Pin Chasers, 6816 Gall Blvd., will host a bowling tournament for all ages and abilities June 28 from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. Half of all funds raised will be donated to Shriners' Hospital for Children. Cost is \$12 per person. There will be door prizes and drawings. For information, call M.J. Price at (813) 782-1500, ext. 104.

## GREAT AMERICAN CAMPOUT

The National Wildlife Federation is encouraging families to unplug and head outside for the Great American Backyard Campout June 28. The event promotes camping in backyards to reconnect with nature. The Federation's campout website offers packing lists, recipes, nocturnal wildlife guides, exploration activities, nature

games and more. For information, visit [BackyardCampout.org](http://BackyardCampout.org).

## LIBRARY BOOK BAZAAR

Friends of Hugh Embry Library will host a book bazaar July 11 and July 12 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at 14215 Fourth St., in Dade City. There will be slightly used books, audio and video media, magazines and related materials, most priced at less than \$3. For information, call (352) 567-3576.

## ZEPHYRHILLS EAGLES CLUB

Zephyrhills Eagles 3752, 4149 New River Road, is seeking new members. The club hosts steel darts on Tuesdays at 2 p.m., bar bingo on Wednesdays at 1 p.m., ladies night on Thursdays at 6 p.m., euchre on Fridays at 1 p.m., karaoke on Fridays at 7 p.m., a coin show the first Saturday of every month, and Sunday breakfast from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. For information on events, visit Zephyrhills Eagles No. 3752 on Facebook.

## GIRLS SCOUTS SEEKING LEADERS

Girl Scouts of West Central Florida is seeking troop leaders, both men and women older than 18, to volunteer. Other opportunities include becoming a program or camp facilitator. For information, visit [GSWCF.org/volunteer](http://GSWCF.org/volunteer).

## CARES SENIOR ACTIVITIES

Common on Pretty Pond, 38130 Pretty Pond Road in Zephyrhills, will host the following CARES Crescent Enrichment Center senior activities:

- Multimedia Art Instruction by Don Heinke: Mondays at 9:30 a.m. Bring own supplies. Cost is \$15. For information, call (813) 748-5364.

• Watercolor Classes with Sandi Lallemand: Fridays at 9:30 a.m. Bring own supplies. Cost is \$10. To register, call (352) 523-1213.

## NEW RESTORE SALE DATES

Habitat ReStore's discounts on items that have been in inventory for a while is now on Mondays. Senior Day has moved to Tuesdays, when a senior citizen discount is 20 percent. Dade City ReStore also will host monthly silent auctions. Habitat ReStores are located at 15029 U.S. 301 in Dade City, and 4700 S. Allen Road in Zephyrhills. For information, visit [Habitat.org/restores](http://Habitat.org/restores).

## COLONY HILLS BINGO

The Colony Hills Community, 35144 Wagner Way in Zephyrhills, hosts weekly bingo Wednesday nights. Early bird bingo is at 6 p.m., and regular bingo starts at 7 p.m. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. Snack kitchen features hot dogs, popcorn, cake and drinks. For information, call (813) 788-4121.

## CENTENNIAL EAGLES EVENTS

Centennial Eagles Dade City, 15924 U.S. 301, hosts nickel bingo on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., bar bingo on Thursdays at 7 p.m., Friday dinners from 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., and a pool tournament on Fridays at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to all events. For information, call (352) 567-9755.

## DONATE TO PET PANTRY

Dogs Day Pet Pantry, 14012 Seventh St., in Dade City, is looking for donations of pet food and pet supplies to help pet owners facing economic hardship in the Dade City area. Items needed are dry or canned dog and cat food, cat litter, and collars and leashes. The pantry accepts donations from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

## AMERICAN LEGION KARAOKE NIGHT

American Legion Post 15, 37745 Church St., in Dade City, hosts indoor corn toss tournaments the third Saturday of every month. Registration is at noon, and games start at 1 p.m. For information, call Bob Case at (813) 713-4588. The club meets the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Karaoke night is the first Friday of the month from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. There is an air rifle Junior Shooting Sports Program for boys and girls ages 8 through 18 every Wednesday at 5 p.m. For information, call (352) 518-0021.



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# Pasco County Schools expands summer programs

By B.C. Manion

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Pasco County Schools' \$1.3 million summer school program this year will serve 6,580 students. That's an increase of 1,820 over last summer's rolls, according to district officials.

This year's programs also will reach younger children, and will give older students more time to work on recovering course credits.

School board member Steve Luikart applauded the expanded program.

"The need is there," Luikart said. "We're doing everything we can to help more kids."

The district is piloting new programs for kindergarteners and first graders focusing on literacy, and for second graders emphasizing mathematics.

The literacy pilot will serve about 390 students, and the mathematics pilot will serve about 400 children. The students will come from Title 1 schools, which are

schools that qualify for federal funding because they have a large percentage of children from poor families.

Another pilot will focus on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics, otherwise known as STEM. It will serve approximately 45 third- and fourth-grade students from Fox Hollow, Schrader, and Gulf Highlands elementary schools, and will be held at Gulf Highlands.

The district's summer reading camp will continue to target third graders. About 700 children are expected to receive the additional help. The media centers at each of the summer camp locations will be open to all students on those days.

The district also will be using migrant camps for kindergarten through 12th graders at eight east Pasco schools, to help close the achievement gap.

The program will serve about 45 students, an increase of 15 from last year.

A program aimed at giving children a chance to learn through a variety of environ-

mental experiences also is being offered to students from Title 1 schools. About 600 students from Title 1 schools will visit Safety Town, Energy Marine Center, Starkey Ranch, caves, and The Florida Aquarium through the Pasco Environmental Adventure Camp Experience.

The district also is providing additional help to middle school students who have not met the requirements to be promoted to the next grade. The district's course recovery programs have been extended from half-days to full-days to give students more time to master essential content.

The district is providing this opportunity for students to get back on track to up to 100 students per Title 1 school, and up to 50 students at other schools.

Courses also will be available for high school students needing to recover credits, with seniors being given the highest priority for those opportunities.

The district also will offer summer school for exceptional student education programs for students who have individual

education plans that call for summer instruction.

The district will serve summer meals at locations where more than 50 percent of the students are eligible for free or reduced-price meals during the regular school year. District staff members will serve breakfast, lunch and a snack to children through age 18.

Transportation also will be provided to summer programs for students who meet the district's requirements.

Teachers can upgrade their skills in the district's Secondary Literacy Symposium for sixth- through 12th-grade teachers. Teachers will work in collaborative groups to deepen their learning related to the English Language Arts instructional shifts of the newly adopted Florida Standards.

Other teachers also will have a chance to strengthen their content knowledge of the standards at the 2014 K-8 Mathematics Institute and at the High School Mathematics Institute.

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# Bok Tower Gardens: A place of tranquility and beauty



## Worth the Trip

By B.C. Manion  
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Long before Interstate 4 sliced through a swath of Florida, and Disney theme parks put Kissimmee on the map, there was an attraction in Lake Wales that beckoned to visitors to partake of its beauty.

Bok Tower Gardens, deemed one of America's finest gardens, offers visitors the chance to step away from the world's cares and savor the handiwork of nature.

The National Historic Landmark is worth a visit for people who enjoy music, architecture, history, wildlife, plants and flowers.

This is a place that offers a feeling of serenity, as you walk along the mulched paths that meander through spacious grounds of oaks, palms, azaleas, irises and camellias.

The garden was a gift to the American people from Edward W. Bok, a Dutch immigrant who became editor of The Ladies Home Journal and won a Pulitzer Prize for his autobiography.

"He wanted to make a place where people could just relax and get away from the grind of the world," said David Price, president of Bok Tower Gardens. "Bok wanted a quiet place where people could come and sit and enjoy the sounds of birds and kind of find themselves."

An estimated 75,000 people attended the formal dedication on Feb. 1, 1929, where President Calvin Coolidge delivered an address. The National Broadcasting Company, which would later become known as NBC, provided national coverage through a hookup with a Gainesville radio station.

Before Bok decided to transform the spot into a place of beauty, not everyone was sold on his vision.

"There were a lot of naysayers who said you couldn't plant on a sand hill and it would be hard to keep things alive," Price said.

But Bok commissioned famed landscape architect Frederick Law Olmsted Jr., to design the garden. After Olmsted's work was well on its way, Bok revealed his plans for a carillon tower, inspired by the carillon towers of his childhood in the Netherlands.

He hired Milton B. Medary of Philadelphia to design the 205-foot tower that became the architectural centerpiece of the garden.

Constructed of pink and gray marble and tan coquina stone, the tower houses 60 bells, ranging in weight from 16 pounds to



B.C. MANION/STAFF PHOTOS

The 205-foot Singing Tower is the architectural centerpiece of Bok Tower Gardens. Those who enjoy fine craftsmanship will find plenty to appreciate, and those who enjoy carillon music can enjoy two half-hour concerts daily.



Premier metalworker Sam Yellin fashioned these wrought iron gates, which open to the walkway to the tower's front door.

12 tons. A carillonneur plays the bells by striking wooden keys that tug on a wire that activates the clapper of the corresponding bells.

"The tower complements the serenity of the garden," Price said. "It's a neo-gothic style. It has almost sort of a spiritual quality."

Nearly 150,000 visitors drop by Bok Tower Gardens each year, with about 60 percent of those guests traveling more than 50 miles to get there, Price said.

Some visitors sign a guest book in a small building called Window by the Pond, where



The snake shown here actually is the hinge of the sundial on the rear of the Singing Tower. A carving etched beneath the sundial commemorates the visit of President Calvin Coolidge at the gardens' formal dedication in 1929.



When Edward W. Bok created his garden sanctuary in Lake Wales, his goal was to provide a place of refreshment, where people could get away from the grind of the world, said Bok Tower president David Price.

## If you go

**WHERE:** Bok Tower Gardens, 1151 Tower Blvd., in Lake Wales

**WHEN:** 365 days a year from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Daily carillon concerts are presented at 1 p.m. and 3 p.m.

**COST:** Admission to the garden is \$12 for adults and \$3 for children. Combo tickets, which include self-guided tours of Pinewood Estate, is \$18 for adults and \$8 for children

**INFO:** BokTowerGardens.org



Visitors to Bok Tower Gardens are treated to a visual feast of color, texture and light, as depicted in this scene featuring the bloom of the native red coral bean.



This African iris is just one of many gorgeous blooms on display at Bok Tower Gardens.

Enfield Pottery and Tile Works in Pennsylvania to work on the project.

Lawrie designed sculptures to be executed in marble. Yellin made wrought-iron pieces for the tower's interior and bridge. He also created a series of panels on the tower's massive brass door, recounting the biblical story of creation.

Dulles-Allen did the tile work on eight grilles enclosing the bell chamber.

While enjoying its rich history, Bok Tower Gardens is mindful of a need to remain relevant during changing times, Price said. Along those lines, it has completed a 20-year master plan, and will begin work on the first phase this summer. Initial changes will include additional gardens, work to restore a sand hill and new surfacing on key paths to make it easier to get around.

Some things, however, will not change.

When Bok Tower Gardens opened, Price said, "peace and tranquility was our theme."

Some things, it seems, never go out style.



The brass panels on this door depict the biblical account of creation. Samuel Yellin, considered at that time to be America's premier metalworker, did the work.

# Chalk Talk

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## PHSC COOKING WORKSHOPS

The Encore Academy at Pasco-Hernando State College will offer a cooking camp workshop July 14 through July 17 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., on the East Campus in Dade City, 36727 Blanton Road.

Topics include seasonal desserts, Asian cookery, and edible holiday gifts.

The workshop is for adults older than 50, and costs \$12. Additional lab fees may apply for cooking supplies.

Registration deadline is three days before the workshop start date.

For information, call (352) 797-5167, or visit [PHSC.edu/encore](http://PHSC.edu/encore).

## CHAMBER HONORS STUDENT CITIZENS

The Greater Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce recognized Student Citizens at a

May ceremony in their honor.

Students are selected from 10 area schools for exemplary effort, achievement and contribution to their school, family and community.

Students recognized included Hayden Oley of East Pasco Adventist Academy, Mariana Chavez of Woodland Elementary School, Regan Yake of Stewart Middle School, Tabria James of Zephyrhills High School, Dashawn Walden of Stewart Middle, Karly Crews of Heritage Academy, Gideon Castorena of West Zephyrhills Elementary School, Tyler Brooks of The Broach School, Danny Pomorisac of Taylor Elementary School, and Caleb Salings of Florida Autism Center of Excellence.

## KINDERGARTEN CAMP

Double Branch Elementary School, 31500 Chancey Road in Wesley Chapel, will host a kindergarten camp July 29 through July 31 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Incoming kindergarteners can meet teachers and become familiar with the school.

Cost is \$40.

For information, call (813) 346-0402.



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Woodland Elementary School students celebrate the retirement of their longtime bus driver, Franklin 'Mr. Frank' Workman. Workman spent 10 years driving a bus for Pasco County Schools.

# Workman gets a fond farewell from Woodland students

The Laker/Lutz News Staff Report

Woodland Elementary School students who ride Bus Z581 had a chance to celebrate the retirement of their longtime bus driver, Franklin "Mr. Frank" Workman, with a surprise party May 23.

The children described Workman as "a great guy" and "another grandpa," adding they're sad to see him retire.

Frank has been a bus driver for 10 years, and will now move to Michigan with his wife Gertrude to live closer to extended family and grandchildren.

The party consisted of slices of watermelon, bananas, grapes, bottled water and cookies. Workman also received a copy of the book "Grandma & Grandpa are Retiring."

The party was put together thanks to the help of bus route specialist Diane Morrill, area manager Roberta Greathouse, and



Workman gets a hug good-bye during a surprise retirement party.

Woodland principal Kemberly Poe. Also helping out were Cynthia Patrick, Debbie Dee, Theresa Halsey, Jennifer Kocher and M.J. Price.



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# Field trip leaps youngsters into new school year

Great Start Learning Center's voluntary pre-kindergarten class toured the campus of West Zephyrhills Elementary School May 5. The youngsters will enter kindergarten in August. The field trip gave the students a sense of what to expect in the coming year, and to familiarize themselves with the layout of the school. Great Start Learning Center is located at 5314 First Ave., in Zephyrhills.



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# Students bowled over with fun

The more than 900 students of Woodland Elementary School participated in special field trips to go bowling at Pin Chasers, 6816 Gall Blvd., in Zephyrhills.

## COLONIAL, from page 1

One of those companies is Neckar Hockey, a youth sports training company Neckar says he runs with his wife. However, Neckar also uses the address for another company, Mobile Cigar Lounge Co., which — according to its website — is co-owned with popular retired Lightning winger Dave Andreychuk.

Neckar, who was first traded to the Lightning in 2001 in a trade that also included popular goalie Nikolai Khabibulin, told The Laker last week that he is not the new owner of Colonial Four. He said he also talked to his business partner, who he would only identify as another former hockey player, who said he wasn't the new

owner, either.

It was unclear if Andreychuk was the partner Neckar spoke to.

However, Neckar was unable to explain why White Marlin was using the same Pak Mail box address as his other companies.

Colonial Four is geared toward the 55 and older crowd, and dates back to the 1970s. It has a mix of both seasonal and permanent residents, and the new owner — whoever that may be — has plans to improve the community even more, Mulkey said.

"His plans include bringing in additional permanent units, thereby stabilizing the park's annual income," he said, in a release. "I feel confident he will be pleased with this purchase."

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Butterflies have already found a home in the new healing garden recently dedicated at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills.

# A healthful retreat

Special to The Laker/Lutz News

Florida Hospital Zephyrhills dedicated a revitalized outdoor garden retreat May 29 that will provide a lush outdoor sanctuary and quiet moments to relax.

The Healing Garden is located inside the courtyard next to the hospital's main campus on U.S. 301 in Zephyrhills. It features a variety of trees, shrubs, flowers and a fountain, along with seating areas for patients, visitors and caregivers.

The hospital says it understands the im-

portant relationship between spiritual and physical health. An outward representation of the hospital's mission to extend its healing ministry, the gardens will be open to anyone seeking a place of tranquility, prayer and spiritual strength, hospital officials said.

The Healing Garden is an employee initiative, led by more than 30 employees as part of the hospital's Creation Health Culture Club. The club focuses on fostering employee satisfaction through activities with an emphasis on fun, health and trust.



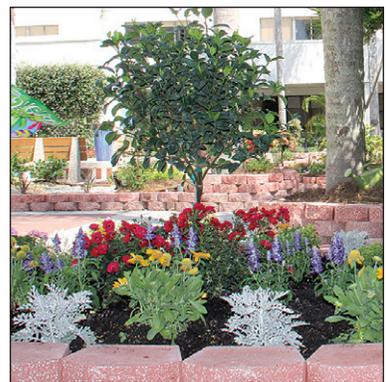
Veronique Polo, the life coach for Creation Health Club at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, leads the dedication ceremony for a new healing garden in the hospital's courtyard.



The new healing garden at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills has a variety of different plants, including some that are labeled like the sedum baby toes.



The Healing Garden at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills will be a quiet place to relax and rejuvenate for patients, visitors and caregivers.



## COMMUNITY CALENDAR



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### CLASSES AND SUPPORT GROUPS

**EVERY MONDAY 7:00pm – 9:00pm**

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Florida Hospital Zephyrhills  
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**EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> TUESDAY 3:30pm – 4:30pm**

**Diabetes Support Group**  
Florida Hospital Zephyrhills  
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**EVERY 1<sup>st</sup> WEDNESDAY 9:30pm – 10:30am**

**Healthy Heart Nutrition Class**  
Florida Hospital Zephyrhills  
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**EVERY 2<sup>nd</sup> WEDNESDAY 2:00pm – 3:00pm**

**Parkinson's Support Group**  
Florida Hospital Zephyrhills  
Wellness Center Conference Room

**EVERY 3<sup>rd</sup> THURSDAY 3:00pm – 4:00pm**

**Stroke Support Group**  
Florida Hospital Zephyrhills  
Wellness Center Conference Room

### MEMORIAL, from page 1

Ashbrook's name is one of 1,855 county residents listed on the Pasco County World War II Memorial at the Historic Dade City Courthouse. This weekend will mark the 60th anniversary of the memorial's dedication, and Schrader will lead a rededication ceremony June 14 that will include the official unveiling of a new, more permanent granite memorial.

The granite slabs replace the original wood panels that have deteriorated significantly since the memorial's first dedication in 1954.

"The courthouse is where my office is, and I would come in every day to hear we had some vandalism or a skateboarder hit it, and we had to call (the facilities department) to come and make the necessary repairs," Schrader said. "It was really just that it was time we did something different."

Schrader reached out to then assistant county administrator Dan Johnson, and they were able to secure seed money of \$25,000 from Pasco County officials, and another \$15,000 from Dade City. The rest of the \$40,000 cost would be made up from private donations that Johnson would gather.

In the end, however, the memorial cost less than the estimate, and the final price tag was an even split between public money and private donations.

**WHAT:** Rededication of Pasco County World War II Memorial  
**WHEN:** June 14 at 11 a.m.  
**WHERE:** Historic Dade City Courthouse, 37918 Meridian Ave., Dade City  
**COST:** Free  
**INFO:** PascoCountyFl.net.

The rededication ceremony will begin at 11 a.m., Saturday in front of the courthouse, 37918 Meridian Ave., in Dade City. Schrader will emcee the event, and will be joined by U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis, R-Palm Harbor, who will present a special flag.

Of all the people who served, a vast majority of them did return home, including Ashbrook. Just under 40 soldiers from Pasco County died in the line of duty.

However, seven decades is a long time, and many of the returning veterans from World War II have been lost over the years.

"Unfortunately, they are reaching an age where they are not going to be with us much longer," Schrader said. "It was important for those who are still alive and for their family members that we make sure this memorial is here forever."

Joining Schrader in the bandstand the memorial adorns are Florian Gude and Stanley Burnside. Both have their names on the wall, and still live in the area.

### SEED, from page 1

"All of the drawers are divided out into families. In gardening, there's nine different families," McLeod explained. "In each family, you have the different types of vegetables or flowers."

"You just see what type of plant you want to grow. You open the drawer and you thumb through it. You can see the bean that you want to grow. There's a little packet behind it. There's the growing information on the back of it."

Once they find their packet, they bring it up to a desk, fill out a form, and head home

to start planting.

"You grow it. Save some of the seeds for yourself and some for the library and bring them back," McLeod said.

Some people may have no earthly idea how to begin, but there are books, online information and low-cost classes that can help, she said.

Nobody should feel intimidated.

"It doesn't matter if you don't know anything," McLeod said. "The only thing that you need to start is a desire."

To find out more about the seed library, email ara@morningstarfishermen.org, visit MorningstarFishermen.org, or call McLeod at (352) 523-2722.

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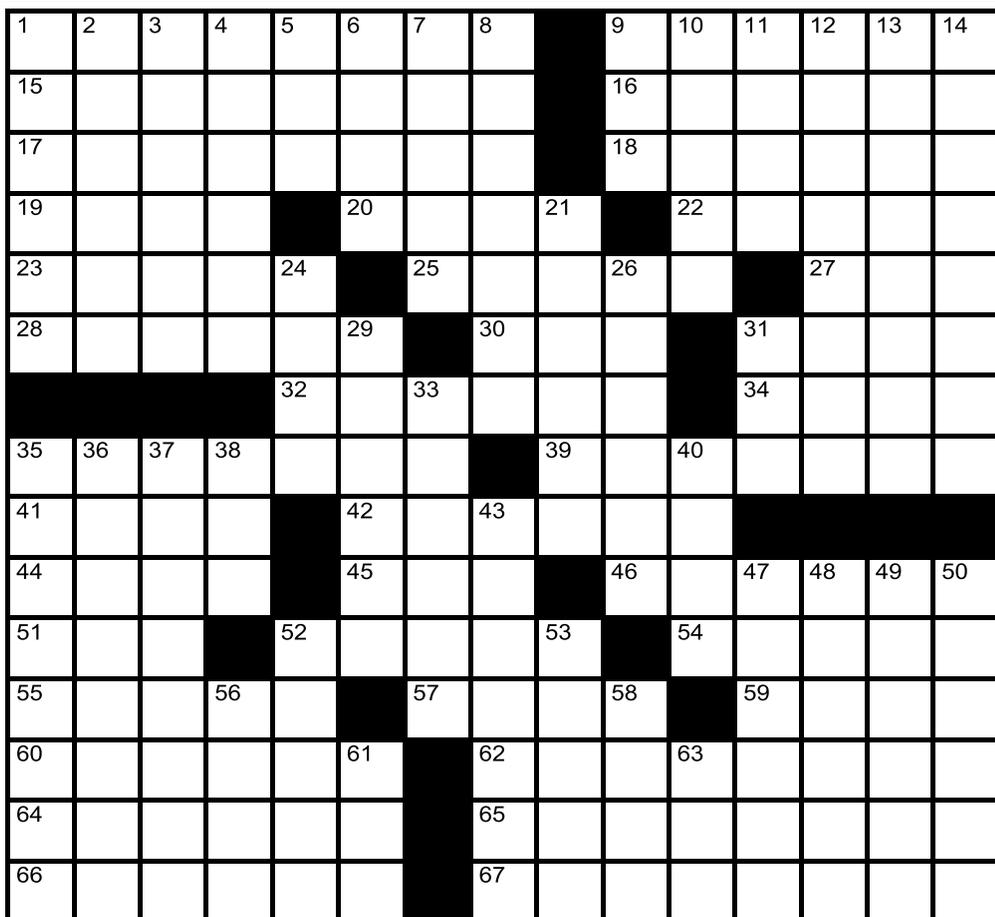
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**ACROSS**

- 1. Round
- 9. Bivouac
- 15. Diverge
- 16. Borrowed car
- 17. Felt bitter about
- 18. Pander Zine \_\_\_\_
- 19. Assayers' stuff
- 20. Makeshift shelters
- 22. Mixes up
- 23. Greek island in the Cyclades
- 25. Easy mark
- 27. Barbecue site
- 28. Sick-looking
- 30. Ace
- 31. "\_\_\_\_-Team" (2 wds)
- 32. Glossy linen
- 34. Emcee
- 35. Deductive
- 39. Accord
- 41. Born's partner
- 42. \_\_\_\_-greeter

**DOWN**

- 44. Large pigs
- 45. "Don't give up!"
- 46. Stout, hoofed mammals with a long, fleshy upper lip
- 51. Mozart's "L' \_\_\_\_ del Cairo"
- 52. Absolute
- 54. Control \_\_\_\_
- 55. Toothed wheel with a pawl
- 57. Pigeon pea
- 59. Icelandic epic
- 60. Prescribed order of a religious ceremony
- 62. High place offering a view
- 64. Allow
- 65. Much less (2 wds)
- 66. Tend to, as a bad lawn
- 67. Caught

**DOWN**

- 1. Rebounds
- 2. Spain and Portugal
- 3. Offer previously bought for sale
- 4. Phenol derived form coal tar
- 5. Ashes holder
- 6. Homebuilder's strip
- 7. Depleted (2 wds)
- 8. Bureaucratic stuff (2 wds)
- 9. Antiquity, in antiquity
- 10. Clamorous
- 11. Actors
- 12. Short liturgical text sung responsively
- 13. Most cheerful
- 14. \_\_\_\_ gland in males
- 21. Public road in a city
- 24. Comme ci, comme ca (hyphenated)
- 26. 14-line poem
- 29. Moderate heat

- 31. Not just "a"
- 33. Arranged in layers
- 35. One who loathes
- 36. Local anesthetic
- 37. Boat races
- 38. Driver's lic. and others
- 40. Mouth, in slang
- 43. Tiny security window in a door
- 47. Spanish dish
- 48. Not alfresco
- 49. Fixed
- 50. Quenched
- 52. Fissile rock
- 53. Deep black
- 56. 27, to 3
- 58. "\_\_\_\_ go!" (contraction)
- 61. Certain digital watch face, for short
- 63. Amscrayed

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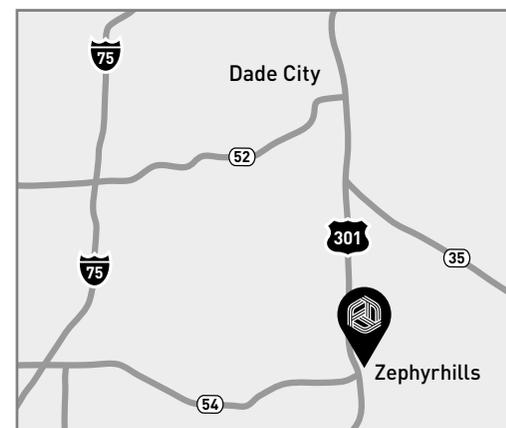
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