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Weather

Partly cloudy skies will continue through the week with a chance of showers returning on Monday. Daytime temperatures will raise into the 70s with nighttime temperatures in the 50s.

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Community News

Greater Pasco Chamber of Commerce donates proceeds from their annual bingo event to two local charities.

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Ladies from Oaks Royal I and II gather at ABC Pizza for a luncheon.

Pasco County recognizes Star Employee of the Year along with the Star Team of the Year.

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Park News

Casa del Sol welcomes new residents during a chili cook off.

New England residents get together for a potluck, prizes and NE trivia at Morningside.

Volunteers at Oaks Royal I and II put on a Spring Fling with plenty of things to take home.

Ladies at Sundance take a painting lesson from Dawn Larkin in the clubhouse.

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Sports News

Pasco won the boys weightlifting season opener with team firsts in Olympic and Traditional divisions. Host Zephyrhills was the runner-up in both categories while Brooks DeBartolo was third.

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Horse pulls and quilts highlight Farm Festival



A team of light weight horses pull weights on a truck during the competition at the Pioneer Florida Museum.

Pioneer Florida Museum and Village was the place to be to watch horse pulls, admire crafted quilts and check out historical sights

By STEVE LEE
 News Reporter

Two rows of stout horses made quite a show of being walked down from their trailers in a field above the Pioneer Florida Museum and Village, passing crowds of spectators, many of whom gathered along a hillside to watch the competition.

The Southern Draft Horse Association Horse Pull and Quilt Show, with some displayed in the Mabel Jordan Barn and others shown at the Blanton Packing House, highlighted the Farm Festival last Saturday at the historical venue in Dade City.

"It's a full house," said Darryl Pennington, one of the museum's longtime board members who watched the horse pull and made his rounds on Saturday in a golf cart. "This is one of our larger events."

Although attendance numbers were not available at press time, executive director Stephanie Black was pleased with a crowd that seemed to be larger than in recent years.

"We did have increased attendance this year," she said. "We had a drop (in attendance) during Covid and after Covid, but it picked up this year. It was a great day. It wasn't 90 degrees and it wasn't 50 degrees."

Temperatures on Saturday were in the 60s and low 70s for the most part.

There were actually two weight classes for the horse pulls. The lightweight teams ranged from 3,000-4,500 pounds while the heavyweights ran up to 5,200 pounds. There were 12 teams competing in each division.

> FARM FESTIVAL: See Page 4

Morningside cruises to 26-6 win over Hunter's Run

The host team improved to 4-1 at the season's midway point in the Zephyrhills Winter Horseshoe League

By STEVE LEE
 Sports Reporter

Morningside shared a Zephyrhills Winter Horseshoe League title with a combined team of Settler's Rest/Sweetwater two years ago. This year, they are in prime position for another championship run.

Morningside, which competes in the Wednesday league (there also is a Tuesday league) and is the lone team from Dade City, improved to 4-1 with last week's 26-6 win over Hunter's Run.

Morningside took a commanding 14-2 lead at the break over Hunter's Run, a team that has struggled of late following several years of being one of the league's top contenders.

Morningside was the league's runner-up last season, finishing behind Settler's Rest/Sweetwater, which has won three of the last four titles outright. Ironically, Morningside's only loss of the season so far came against Settler's Rest/Sweetwater.

Those two rivals shared the league championship in 2022. In a match that came down to the wire, Morningside defeated Settler's Rest/Sweetwater by two points in the final week of that season. Despite talk of a possible playoff both teams agreed to settle for being co-champions.

"We're doing alright for having some less experienced players," said Morningside captain Dennis Frey, citing the loss of Howard Collins, who has missed several weeks with a pulled muscle.

Against Hunter's Run, Morningside got by with a solid lineup that includes standouts like Tom Reynolds, Chuck Baker and Art Granlee.

Baker competed in a world tournament last July in Lansing, Mich. In a group of 16 players he was ranked 13th and wound up with just two losses.

"It was a lot of pressure up there, but it was

> HORSESHOES: See Page 16

Zephyrhills routs Patel on Senior Night

Bulldogs give seven seniors plenty of cause for celebration with a decisive 87-55 victory at Alan Reed Court

By STEVE LEE
 Sports Reporter

The script for the Zephyrhills boys basketball team's seven seniors could not have been written any better. The host Bulldogs gave that group of long-term plenty to celebrate on Senior Night with an 87-55 rout of Patel last Wednesday at Alan Reed Court.

The team's seniors are Jakobe Campbell, Teddy Sands, Jeremiah Clark, Darryl Vereen, Brody Kuzmaak-Griswold, Joseph Stosh and J.J. McGovern. Most of them are starters who have helped the Bulldogs to a 13-11 record so far.

In the dominating performance against Patel, the Zephyrhills seniors combined for 54 of the team's 87 points. That marked the highest total in a game for the Bulldogs this season.

"They're all good kids and they all work really hard," Zephyrhills coach Mike Novak said. "It was good Senior Night for them. They were focused and got going from the start."

The seniors will be counted on heavily for the upcoming Class 5A, District 6 tournament that Zephyrhills hosts.

> BASKETBALL: See Page 10 & 11



Seven Zephyrhills basketball players, including five starters, were honored on Senior Night at Alan Reed Court before a home game against Patel. The Bulldogs won 87-55.

STEVE LEE



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Pasco Chamber donates to local organizations

The Greater Pasco Chamber of Commerce donated \$1000 to the Pioneer Florida Museum and \$1,000 to Crooked Tale to Recovery from the annual bingo event. Holding the check are Chairwomen of Greater Pasco Chamber Elle Rudisill, of Elle Rudisill Law Firm, and Amanda Mantaporn, of Amanda Mantaporn Licensed Health Insurance Agent.



COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Florida State Fair, Feb. 8-19 at 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301 North in Tampa. There will be live entertainment, thrilling shows, a midway and plenty of vendors. Don't forget to visit Cracker Country a 19th century Florida living history museum. Unlimited ride bands available. Admission is Friday-Sunday \$16 and Monday- Thursday \$12 for adults and Friday-Sunday \$11 and Monday-Thursday \$6 for children 5-12. For more information or to buy advance sale tickets, visit floridastatefairgrounds.com.



Valentine's Day Carriage Rides, Feb. 9-10, 5-8 p.m. at The Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Dr. in Wesley Chapel. Grab your sweetheart and enjoy a free carriage ride. The spacious carriage is designed for multiple people or a group of friends. For more information, visit theshopsatwiregrass.com.

Pigz in Z'Hills BBQ & Blues Festival, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. in downtown Zephyrhills. Plenty to do for the whole family including: blues concert, BBQ vendors, kidz zone, cornhole tournament and plenty of vendors. For more information, visit zephyrhillschamber.org.



Hittin' the Road for Hospice Motorcycle Poker Run, Feb. 10, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The 12th annual Hittin' the Road for Hospice is a fun, scenic motorcycle poker run throughout Pasco County to raise funds for Gulfside Hospice patients. The 12th anniversary ride will take off from Harley-Davidson New Port Richey and end with a post-run celebration featuring entertainment, prizes, vendors and more at the Moose Lodge in Zephyrhills. Registration is \$35 rider/passenger and an extra hand is \$15. For more information, visit flipcause.com.

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Even Exchange answers

- Trail, Train
- Entice, Entire
- Flirt, Flint
- Dolly, Dally
- Buffet, Buffer
- Parson, Person
- Leash, Lease
- Moore, Moose
- Fumble, Mumble
- Glass, Grass

SCRAMBLERS solution

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Today's Word
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SNOWFLAKES solution

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CryptoQuip answer

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SUNRISE: 7:11am MOONRISE: 7:11am
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78|55
Sunny
SUNRISE: 7:10am MOONRISE: 7:54am
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SUNDAY

79|57
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:09am MOONRISE: 8:32am
SUNSET: 6:16pm MOONSET: 8:26pm



MONDAY

80|63
Showers
SUNRISE: 7:09am MOONRISE: 9:07am
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TUESDAY

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Above: Horses in the lightweight division are walked down a hill to a field where the pulls took place.



Right: Blacksmith Steve Melton provided demonstrations and informed visitors about the trade.

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Left: Geared Up, a band of musicians from east and central Pasco, performed on the main stage.



Right: In one of the better turnouts in recent years, a crowd gathered along a hill to watch the horse pulls.



Left: Kelli Boles, Sandi Morgan and Donna Schneider discuss quilts at the Mabel Jordan Barn.

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The qualifying period begins Tuesday, February 13, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. noon and ends Tuesday, February 20, 2024 at 12:00 p.m. noon. The Polling Place Precinct for this election is Alice Hall Community Center, 38116 5th Avenue. The Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and will remain open all day until 7:00 p.m.

Lori L. Hillman
City Clerk, MMC

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► FARM FESTIVAL: From Page 1

Yoder/Hatfield of Florida and Kentucky won the lightweights title. The runner-up was Tom Bowman's team from Pennsylvania while Lester/Specht of Pennsylvania took third.

For the heavyweights, the top-pulling team was Yoder/Hatfield for a sweep. Second place went to the Brown Brothers of Pennsylvania, and the Mahoney family from Kentucky took third.

Aside from the horse pulls, another popular event during the Farm Festival is the annual Quilt Show. It drew 79 entrants with most quilts displayed in the Mabel Jordan Barn.

"This building is brown and boyish, but one day a year it's happy and colorful," said Kelli Boles, president of the Pioneer Quilt Guild.

Awards for the Quilt Show were doled out in eight categories. Dade City's Sandi Morgan headed the list of multi-winners with a first and third in Miniature Quilts, as well as a third in Applique Quilts.

Shallyn Travino of Dade City won in Hand-pieced Quilts and took third in Art Quilts; Dade

City's Darlene Leash had seconds in Applique Quilts and Art Quilts; Melanie Massey Foltz of Dade City, first and third in Quilted Fashion/Accessories.

Winners in other categories were as follows: Dade City's Diane LaCombe in Applique Quilts; Zephyrhills' Pat Zimmerman in Machine-pieced Quilts; Sheri Twiggs of Beverly Hills in Art Quilts; and Dade City's Jane Hancock in Guild Challenge.

While many of the award winners, as well as some others, are experienced quilters, there were several newcomers who had their works on display for the first time. Count Dade City's Donna Schneider, who placed third in Machine-pieced Quilts, among that group.

As usual there were plenty of other activities at last weekend's festival. The Barking Dogs gathered in a circle to play Old Time Music; Geared Up, a band of east and central Pasco musicians, entertained a crowd with popular music; and Pharaoh's Wildlife Kingdom brought various animals.

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OBITUARIES



Milton Oren Jones

JONES, Milton Oren, former President of Pasco-Hernando State College, passed away at his home on Jan. 28, 2024. He was 90 years old. Milt was an educator, soldier, counselor, choral director and soloist, and life-long public servant. Born in Largo, Milt was the son of W.A. and Aletha Jones. Milt graduated as Valedictorian of Largo High School, received his undergraduate degree from Stetson University, his Master's Degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, and his Ph.D. from Florida State University. In 1972, he was selected as the founding President of Pasco-Hernando State College, a position he held for 24 years. PHSC started from his dining room table and grew to three campuses and two satellite locations during his tenure. The "Milton O Jones Student Services Building" on the West Campus of PHSC was named in his honor following his retirement. Milt was commissioned as an Infantry Officer at Stetson, served two years on active duty with the 25th Infantry Division, and more than 28 years with the Florida National Guard. He held numerous command positions, culminating as a Colonel and Deputy Brigade Commander. Milt is a graduate of the Army War College and was awarded the Expert Infantryman's Badge, the Legion of Merit, and the Florida Cross for military service. Milt spent his life devoted to community service. He and his wife, Alice, were active Rotarians. After serving locally in Rotary leadership for many years as President of his Dade City club and Governor for District 6950, Milt went on to become a Director of Rotary International.

He and Alice traveled extensively with Rotary, including more than fifteen international trips. Milt also traveled several times to Haiti to assist in building a much-needed hospital. District 6950 established the "Milton O. and Alice Jones Outstanding Rotarian Award," a prestigious award that is given annually in their honor. Milt is survived by his wife of 35 years, Alice, grown children, Kathy Lewis, Kenneth Jones Sr. (Helen), Scott Jones, and Lara Tibbals (Wesley), grown step-children Ann Pirttima (Eric), Lynda Furney, and Nancy Brown (Gene). He had 10 grandchildren, Jessica Smith, Kenneth Jones Jr. (Wendy), Joshua Lewis (Jessica), Jason Lewis (Celia), Jennifer Mullet, Cannon, Briggs and Claire Tibbals, Madden and Pryce Jones, and five step-grandchildren, Andrew Pirttima (Shelby), Alicia Murphy, Dillon Crossgrove, Lance Furney, and Christopher Brown (Jamie), as well as eight great grandchildren and four great-great grandchildren. Milt is also survived by his brother, Philip Jones (Peggy), and many more wonderful nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister, Dee Jones, and his brother, Ronnie Jones. The family will receive visitors on Feb. 10 at Hodges Funeral Home, 11441 U.S. Hwy 301 in Dade City, from 10-11 a.m. A Celebration of Life will begin at 11 a.m. All are invited. A private burial service will be held at a later date at Florida National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made to the Dr. Milton O. Jones Scholarship at the Pasco-Hernando State College Foundation. Donations can be made online at giving.phsc.edu or by mail to the PHSC Foundation at 10230 Ridge Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654.



James Andrew Hurst

HURST, James Andrew, 87, passed away on Jan. 30, 2024 at Hillside Health and Rehabilitation in Zephyrhills. He was born on Oct. 29, 1936 in Flat Rock, Ala. to Alex and Stella Hurst. James was the oldest of 14 children. He graduated Sylvania High School in 1961. He served in the Air Force as an Air Policeman for three years. He married Verna (Williams) on May 31, 1960. They had three children, Pamala V. McLean (Trace), Shelia E. Wright-Roehrig (Pete) and James L. Hurst (Melanie). They lived in Margate until 1978, and then moved to Sebring. James worked construction, coached little league and softball. He was good with numbers and loved to fish and read Louis L'Amour books. James continued to work in the construction field while Verna worked for Sebring Middle School. James lost the love of his life in 1998 to breast cancer. He never remarried and retired in 2000. He moved to Zephyrhills in 2011 to be closer to his daughter. He enjoyed bingo, word search and playing cards at the Senior Center. He was "PePa" to 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.



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CHURCH NEWS

St. Elizabeth Episcopal Church, 5855 16th St. invites you to weekly services on Saturday, 4 p.m. or Sundays at 8 and 10 a.m. Coffee and fellowship are on Sundays between the two services.

For more information you can call the church office at (813) 782-1202 or visit www.stelizabeths.episcopalswfl.org.

First Baptist Church of Zephyrhills, 38231 5th Ave., invites you to Sunday services at 10:45 a.m. and 6 p.m. with Pastor Rob McKinney.

Teen First Baptist Ministries, is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m., with youth leaders, Carla Berger and Paul Warner. Bus transportation is available.

The children ministry, TeamKid, is on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. with director, Lorraine McKinney, and teachers, Carol Arnold and Sarah Lutz.

The Sunday services are: Sunday school for all ages, 9:30 a.m.; worship service, 10:45 a.m.; and evening service at 6 p.m. Wednesday mid-week service, 6 p.m. and choir practice is at 5 p.m. For more information, call the church at (813) 782-5574.

East Pasco Seventh-day Adventist Church, 7333 Dairy Rd. invites you to Saturday services with Lead Pastor Ray Pichette and Associate Pastor, Leonardo Olivera. Bible study is at 10-11 a.m. and worship services are at 8:45 and 11:15 a.m. Wednesday mid-week services are at 7 p.m.

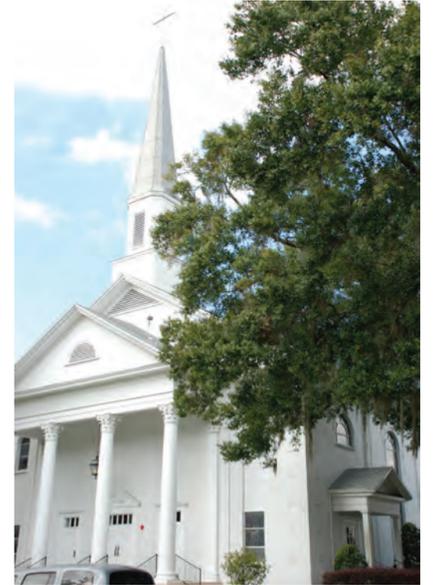
Al-Anon (Noon Solutions) is Monday, 12 p.m., Al-Anon (Serenity), Wednesday, 7 p.m., Narcotics Anonymous is Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday 7 p.m., Alcoholics Anonymous is Friday at 10 a.m. and Overeaters Anonymous is Monday, 5:30 p.m. and Friday, 11:30 a.m.

The Adventist Health Food Store is open at the church Wednesdays, 1-4 p.m.

For more information, call (813) 782-2000 or visit www.eastpascoadventist.com.

First Methodist Church of Zephyrhills, 38635 5th Ave. and Senior Pastor Steve Ezra invites the community to worship services every Sunday, with contemporary service at 9:30 a.m. and traditional service at 11 a.m. Coffee and fellowship in Cooper Hall behind the sanctuary, every Sunday from 9-10:45 a.m.

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

Four of the five words below are real words that can be found in a dictionary. Can you spot the phony?

- RIPARIAN
- MAJOLICA
- CHORISTER
- FERRULE
- EVENTATE

CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Y equals O

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CryptoQuote

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different.

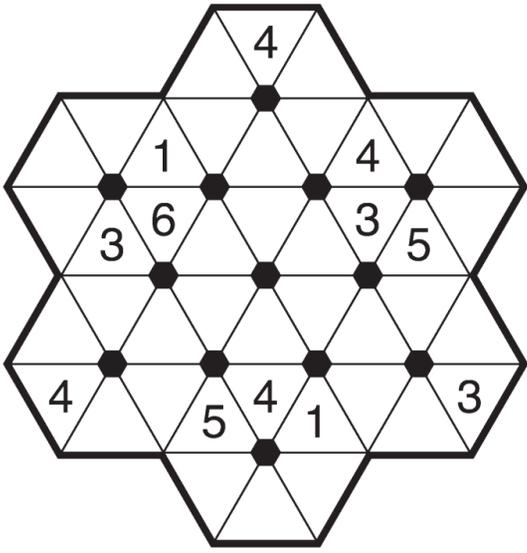
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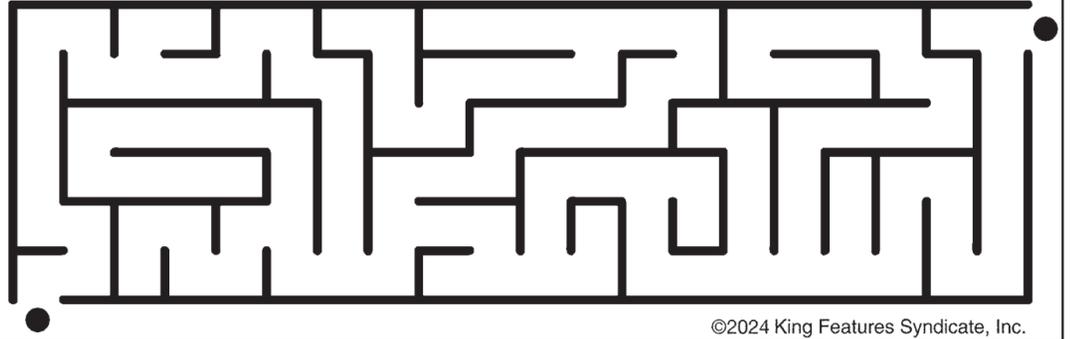
SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



Kids' Maze



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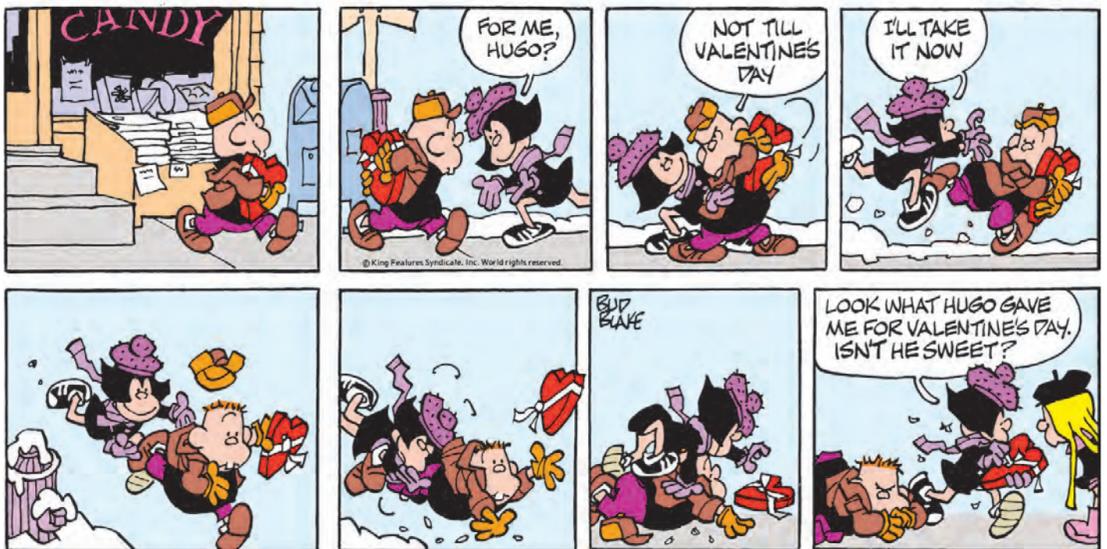
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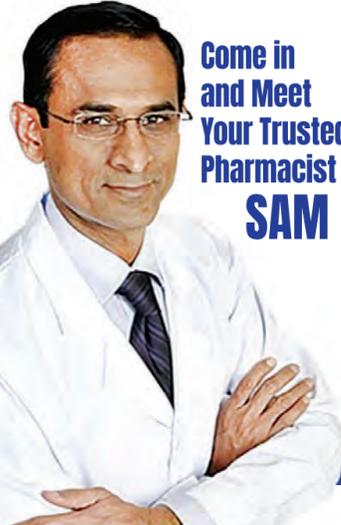
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PARK NEWS

Chili cook off welcomes new residents at Casa del Sol



Left: New residents mingle with Casa del Sol residents at a Chili cook off.



Above: Tracy Wilhem, Peggy Quinlan, Chuck Schendler and Dennis Heberlein with Frank Brooks (back), facilitator of Chili cook off.



Below: Dody Schendler accepts her first place prize from Frank Brooks.



Above: Frank Brooks posing with Bob Snyder after he accepts his third place prize.



Left: Chuck Nixon and LeeAnn Bianucci serve the entrant's Chili dishes to the residents.

SUSAN SLATER

Morningside residents from New England gather for potluck, prizes and trivia



Left: Morningside volunteers work hard at an event exclusively for residents from New England.

Below: Red hot dogs, corn chowder and many more New England dishes were shared amongst the group.



Above: Jerry Hastings and his brother, both Navy Veterans, stay in Morningside and come from the western part of Massachusetts.

SUSAN SLATER



Above: Karen Violette spoke about the history and facts from all of the New England states.

Left: Wayne Chase raises his hand high after hearing his number called for the door prize.



PARK NEWS

Oaks Royal I and II join forces to put on the annual Spring Fling



Left: Residents at Oaks Royal I and II fill their bags with kitchen ware, books, puzzles, clothes and more.

Below: Claudia Sandusky, Ginny Harris and Kim Harmon attend the bake sale table during the Spring Fling.

SUSAN SLATER

Below: Laurie Robertson, Bonnie Caston, Joanne Bailey and Debby Tezyk volunteer at the table full of basket raffles.



Above: Dino Cinciarelli and "Mort" park cars during the Spring Fling.



Left: Oak Royal residents enjoy the beautiful weather outside.



Ladies at Sundance get together for a paint class taught by Dawn Larkin



Left: Dawn Larkin instructs the class on painting techniques at Sundance.

Below: April Blackman and Judy McNeil concentrate on their paintings.

Below: Dawn Lakin gives Kelly Jones specific instructions on paint brush techniques.



Right: Diane Savage and Linda Jo Whitcomb apply the techniques to their paintings.



Left: Ladies at Sundance show off their finished painting projects.

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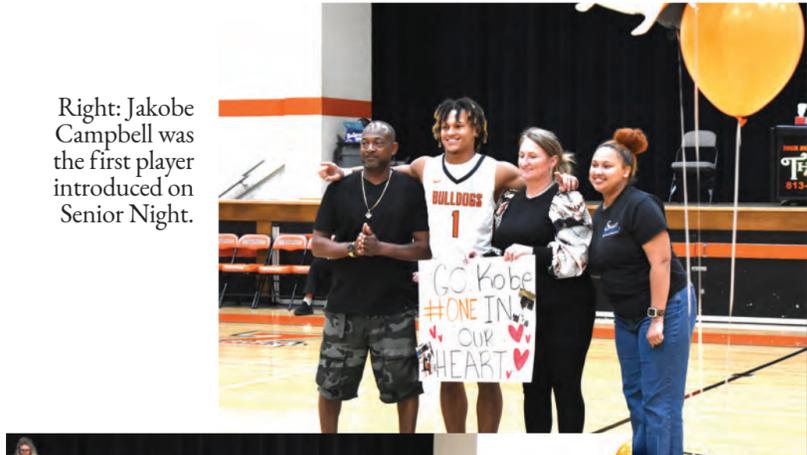
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Right: Jakobe Campbell was the first player introduced on Senior Night.



Left: Brody Kuzmaak-Griswold comes out onto the court with his family.



Right: Darryl Vereen had plenty of support on Senior Night.

STEVE LEE



Above: Three-sport athlete J.J. McGovern is shown with his family.

Below: Joseph Stosh is shown with family members on Senior Night.



► **BASKETBALL:** From Page 1

The Bulldogs made it to the district final at River Ridge in New Port Richey last season, losing in the title game to rival Wesley Chapel.

Novak, who as a former Pasco High player won on Senior Night, gladly welcomed the victory. On some Senior Nights in recent years, however, the Bulldogs have lost.

"We've lost quite a few," he said. "The teams we were able to book late in the year were always tough."

The outcome of the game against Patel was never in question as Zephyrhills opened up with a strong surge, taking a 9-0 lead before the Trailblazers finally got a basket. About midway through the first quarter, Novak pulled his starters off the court to give the backups some experience.

Clark scored a game-high 19 points to lead the Bulldogs to their decisive victory. Novak said he is impressed with Clark's "overall game and being able to handle the ball."

Teammate Messiah McKinley, a sophomore transfer from California, scored all 18 of his points in the fourth quarter.

"He got hot there. He had a good fourth quarter," Novak said.

Aside from Clark and McKinley, the Bulldogs had a third player who reached double figures in scoring, Campbell had 11 points. Meanwhile, Stosh and Akeem Collins each contributed eight points.

Sands added six with Kuzmaak-Griswold and Vereen chipping in at five apiece. Three bench players also had a few points. Tristan Lennon had three points with Ian Kuzmaak-Griswold and Samaryn Black each adding two.

As the playoffs approach the Bulldogs are doing their best to shake off the inconsistency from earlier this season. Novak is optimistic about his team's play of late, a run that includes five wins in the past seven games.

"They're trending in the right direction," the coach said. "Overall, they're starting to learn their roles."

Before the varsity game against Patel, the Zephyrhills junior varsity team closed out its season with a 56-41 win. The Bulldogs struggled this year, finishing up at 3-12.

"We have a good group," said Ashley Webster, a former standout girls basketball player at Pasco High who is now in her second season coaching the Zephyrhills JV team. "They just have to fall in line and trust the process."

High scorer for Zephyrhills in the JV game was Gabe Gibson, a sophomore and first-year player who tallied 11 points.

Aside from the games there were three others introduced during the pre-game ceremony. Three seniors on the second-year Dazzling Divas Dance were recognized. They were Mariah Lipsey, Aalailah Hicks and Chenaé Desir.



Right: Teddy Sands, shown with his family, is recognized on Senior Night.



Below: Jeremiah Clark and his family gather at mid-court to be honored on Senior Night.



Right: The Zephyrhills junior varsity team happily walks off the court following a win in its final game of the season.



Left: Joseph Stosh wins with opening tipoff for Zephyrhills.



STEVE LEE

Left: Jeremiah Clark, who scored a game-high 19 points, hits a free throw for the Bulldogs.



Right: Assistant Alan Reed, who was Zephyrhills' head coach four times and is the team's winningest coach in school history, breaks the huddle with the Bulldogs.



Right: Teddy Sands drives toward the basket from near the right baseline.



Left: Jeremiah Clark looks to make a pass from just beyond the three-point arc.



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CRIME REPORTS
Active warrant
 A 30-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Jan. 18 at the Zephyrhills Police Department, 6118 8th St., after a check allegedly revealed a warrant out of Pasco County for violation of probation. Arrested was Michael Edwin Owens Jr. of 38401 South Ave. Owens Jr. was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

Active warrant
 A 57-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Jan. 22 at AdventHealth Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd. after he allegedly fell asleep in someone vehicle. A check revealed a warrant out of Polk County for failure to appear on a driving under the influence, resisting an officer and driving without a license charge. Arrested was John Kaufmann Stone of 6134 11th St. Stone was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

SLEEPY HOLLOW II PARKWIDE SALE
Saturday, February 17th • 8am-1pm
 Coffee & Donuts • Hotdogs • Beverages • Chips
50/50 Raffle
 38741 County Road 54 East, Zephyrhills 33542

TIPPECANOE COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE
SALE
Saturday, February 17th • 8am to 1pm
 Corner of Morris Bridge and Chancey Rd. Zephyrhills

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LEGALS

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE SIXTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR PASCO COUNTY, FLORIDA
CASE NO.: 2023CA004857WS
DIVISION: HW
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, as Pasco County Clerk & Comptroller, Plaintiff,
vs.
All Unknown Spouses, Heirs, Creditors, Devises, Beneficiaries, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Trustees and All Other Parties Claiming an Interest By, Through, Under or Against the Estate of Kelley Anne Warren, Chester Warren and Bay Area Asset & Judgement Recovery, LLC, Defendants.
NOTICE OF ACTION (formal notice by publication)
 TO: All Unknown Spouses, Heirs, Creditors, Devises, Beneficiaries, Grantees, Assignees, Lienors, Trustees and All Other Parties Claiming an Interest By, Through, Under or Against the Estate of Kelley Anne Warren.
 6628 Static Lane, New Port Richey, FL 34652
 YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a Complaint has been filed in this court. You are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, on petitioner's attorney, whose name and address are: Nancy McClain Alfonso, Esquire, 38416 Fifth Avenue, Zephyrhills, FL 33542 on or before FEBRUARY 20, 2024, and to file the original of the written defenses with the clerk of this court either before service or immediately thereafter. Failure to serve and file written defenses as required may result in a judgement or order for the relief demanded, without further notice. Signed on this January 10, 2024.
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
 Notice is hereby given that DADE CITY SELF STORAGE located at 16031 US Hwy 301, Dade City, FL 33523 intends to hold a sale to sell the property described below to enforce a lien under the Florida Self Storage Facility Act, Statutes, section 83.801-83.809. The personal property may include but not limited to general household, office, personal property, furniture, boxes, clothes, and appliances. The auction will occur on February 10, 2024 at approximately 11 a.m. online at www.storageassets.com. The following units are delinquent in rents and fees: A1060-Wayne Johnson A1127-Vincent Nuccio A2003 Harry Pasquale C012-Priscilla Harrison D012-Josh Capitano F011-Quanisha Redfield F021-Gary Devalle
 Published: February 1, 2024 and February 8, 2024.

LEONARD JOHN HELEMS, JR., a/k/a LEONARD J. HELEMS, JR. a/k/a LEONARD J. HELEMS, JR. a/k/a LEONARD J. HELEMS, JR. a/k/a LEONARD HELEMS, Deceased.
CASE NO.: 2024CP00040CPAXES
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 The administration of the estate of JOHN HELEMS, JR., a/k/a LEONARD J. HELEMS, JR. a/k/a LEONARD J. HELEMS, JR. a/k/a LEONARD HELEMS, deceased, whose date of death was NOVEMBER 10, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pasco County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, FL 33523. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
 All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate must file their claims with this court WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE.
 ALL CLAIMS NOT FILED WITHIN THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH IN FLORIDA STATUTES SECTION 733.702 WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
 NOTWITHSTANDING THE TIME PERIODS SET FORTH ABOVE, ANY CLAIM FILED TWO (2) YEARS OR MORE AFTER THE DECEDENT'S DATE OF DEATH IS BARRED.
 The date of first publication of this notice is February 1, 2024.
 Attorney for Personal Representative: R. SETH MANN, ESQUIRE R. SETH MANN, P.A. E-mail address: seth@semanlaw.com SETH MANN AND ASSOCIATES, P.A. Florida Bar Number: 09990434
 38109 Pasco Avenue Dade City, FL 33525 Telephone: (352) 567-5010 Facsimile: (352) 567-1877 Personal Representative: JAMES L. HELEMS 1318 Hampshire Road Charleston, SC 29412
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 The administration of the estate of GORDON LEON HAMMOND, deceased, whose date of death was August 28, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pasco County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, FL 33523. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
 All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate on whom a copy of this notice is required to be served must file their claims with this court ON OR BEFORE THE LATER OF 3 MONTHS AFTER THE TIME OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR 30 DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
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 Attorney for Personal Representative: STEPHEN D. CARLE, Attorney Florida Bar Number: 0213187 HODGES & CARLE, P.A.

38410 North Avenue P.O. Box 548 Zephyrhills, FL 33541 Telephone: (813) 782-7196 Fax: (813) 782-1026 E-Mail: hodgescarle@hotmail.com
Personal Representative: DEDE HAMMOND
 5944 Plaza View Drive Zephyrhills, FL 33542
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Pasco defeats host Zephyrhills in season opening tri-meet



Above: Pasco's Peyton Rhoden lifts the bar over his head and holds it up for a good lift.



Right: Pasco's Jonah Diaz spots teammate Wesley Howard on the bench.



Above: Malachi Woodard was Zephyrhills' lone state champion last season.



Above: Riley Brinker lifts for the Bulldogs.



Above: Rodney Smith spots Zephyrhills teammate Jordan McDaniel.



Right: Pasco coach Bryan Patterson watches the lifters.



Left: Rodney Smith is spotted on the bench by Zephyrhills teammate Malachi Woodard.

STEVE LEE

Pirates win in Olympic and Traditional divisions with host Bulldogs as the runners-up and Brooks DeBartolo third

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

In a season-opening boys weightlifting tri-meet at the Bruce Cimorelli Weight Room, host Zephyrhills came in second in two categories while arch-rival Pasco won both the Olympic and Traditional divisions and Brooks DeBartolo of Tampa came in third.

The Pirates outscored the Bulldogs 48-32 in both divisions, which was somewhat surprising since the host team has made deep postseason runs of late while their longtime rivals have struggled in recent years.

Afterward, Bryan Patterson, Pasco's third-year coach, lauded his team while complimenting the Zephyrhills lifters.

"The hard work that they're putting in is finally paying off," he said of his lifter, adding, "A win is a win."

Since the Pirates have not competed for conference, district and region titles like the Bulldogs have in recent years, Patterson does not feel that the rivalry is not quite as intense as in some previous seasons.

"Zephyrhills has been at the top or near the top since I've been a coach," he said. "It's nice to beat Zephyrhills, but the rivalry is not the same with us. We go and have a good time. We cheer for them and they cheer for us. We're more focused on (upcoming) county and districts."

Zephyrhills coach James Aguilera, a former athlete for the Bulldogs, does not exactly share that good-natured sentiment. For him, losing to Pasco in any sport does not sit well.

"It's always going to be a rivalry to me," said Aguilera, who also has been a football assistant coach at Zephyrhills. "You never want to lose to Pasco if you're a Bulldog. That (loss to

Pasco last week) left a bad taste in my mouth. It's a mutual respect so we have a lot of fun with it."

As for the competition, Pasco had three lifters win in both Olympic and Traditional. That trio included freshman Noah Armstrong in the 119-pound weight class, junior Carlo Picciurro at 139 and Leroi Vickers, a junior who competed at 199.

Additional winners for the Pirates were sophomore Jonah Diaz, a sophomore at the 238 level who won in Olympic, and junior Juan Torres at 238 Traditional.

Patterson felt his team could have had a few more victories, but depth is lacking and some weight classes vacant. He has some more recruiting to do on campus.

"It's just being in the hallways and asking kids to do it," he said. "If you have a little bit of success, now kids want to do it."

Zephyrhills has a little more experience in the winning department. Junior Malachi Woodard was one of five Bulldogs to win a conference title last year and he went on to be a state champion at 154. He and Rodney Smith, a senior, are two returners from the six Bulldogs who qualified for states last year.

As a team, Zephyrhills also won a conference title two years ago and last season was a runner-up in the district and regional tournaments.

As for this year's conference and district tournaments, Aguilera said, "We're going to make a run at it. I've just got to fill up some holes. I'm still on the recruiting trail."

So far, the team needs lifters at the 199, 219 and 238 levels.

In the tri-meet, Zephyrhills had three dual winners. Taking titles in Olympic and Traditional were Woodard, Kiev Mattox, a senior at 129, and senior Joan Alfaro at 169.

Additionally, senior heavyweight Christian Velasquez won at Traditional. Also of note, Ryleigh Brinker, a sophomore, was second at 154 and 169-pound senior Demetrius Oats, who missed the meet due to a JROTC commitment, will lift in the next meet against Sunlake.



Left: Showing up for support are Zephyrhills girls weightlifters Grace Gonzalez-Liz, Rhianna Giles and Isabella Patrias.

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These annual awards allow team members to nominate their peers based on outstanding job performance, devotion to duty and cooperation. Nominations are submitted by department and branch – and our leadership team votes for our top performers.

Pasco County's 2023 Star Team of the Year award goes to the Wiregrass Ranch Sports Campus (WRSC) Transition Team. They overcame a huge obstacle: in a mere 45 days, the team took over operations of WRSC from an outside agency. Dozens of team members from all facets of Pasco County Government played an important role in the transition. These devoted employees offered their services, assistance and guidance to successfully complete this monumental task.

Sarah Suhkram, volunteer and foster coordinator with Pasco County Animal Services, is the 2023 Star Performer of the Year. Suhkram has worked to create one of the finest volunteer programs in the country, validated by Points of Light and the Association of Leaders in Volunteer Engagement (ALIVE) as a Service Enterprise organization for standards of excellence in volunteer engagement. She routinely goes above and beyond – making a difference in not only people's lives, but animals' lives as well.

Training and Development Manager Ben Diel is Pasco County's 2023 Star Leader of the Year. With nearly three decades of dedicated service to Pasco County, Diel has provided outstanding service to team members and leaders across the organization – making him a top role model for all.

"Pasco County continues to attract top-notch, customer-service focused team members," said Board of County Commissioners Chair Ron Oakley. "These awards are our way of recognizing these innovative, talented team members who impact the lives of people in Pasco County every day. We couldn't do it without you."

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DAYTIME TV schedule for Friday, February 9, 2024. Includes channels 10, 11, 12, 13 and programs like NEWS, GOOD MORNING AMERICA, etc.

TRIVIA
By Fifi Rodriguez
TELEVISION: Gordon, Percy, James, Toby and Emily are characters on which children's show?
LITERATURE: Who wrote the book series "The Chronicles of Narnia"?
MOVIES: Which movie has the tagline, "May the odds be ever in your favor"?
LAST WEEKS ANSWERS:
TELEVISION: Bugs Bunny
LITERATURE: William Peter Blatty
MOVIES: "The Man Who Knew Too Much"

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024. TV schedule for Thursday, Feb 8. Includes channels 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and programs like BBC NEWS, TRAVELSCOPE, HOUSEWIFE, etc.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 9, 2024. TV schedule for Friday, Feb 9. Includes channels 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and programs like BBC NEWS, TRAVELSCOPE, HOUSEWIFE, etc.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 10, 2024. TV schedule for Saturday, Feb 10. Includes channels 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and programs like DOOKY CHASE, MASTERPIECE, POPSTAR, etc.

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2024. TV schedule for Sunday, Feb 11. Includes channels 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and programs like M HOOPER, MAKE IT ARTSY, PAID PROG, etc.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 12, 2024. TV schedule for Monday, Feb 12. Includes channels 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and programs like BBC NEWS, TRAVELSCOPE, HOUSEWIFE, etc.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 13, 2024. TV schedule for Tuesday, Feb 13. Includes channels 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and programs like BBC NEWS, TRAVELSCOPE, HOUSEWIFE, etc.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 14, 2024. TV schedule for Wednesday, Feb 14. Includes channels 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13 and programs like BBC NEWS, DOC MARTIN, HOUSEWIFE, etc.

HOLLYWOOD



Richard Simmons in 2013

HOLLYWOOD -- Former exercise guru Richard Simmons has kept a low profile for the last five years, but came out of hiding to denounce a proposed film starring comic Pauly Shore as Simmons.

"Hi, everybody!" wrote Simmons on a Facebook post. "You may have heard they may be doing a movie about me with Pauly Shore. I have never given my permission for this movie. So don't believe everything you read. I no longer have a manager, and I no longer have a publicist. I just try to live a quiet life and be peaceful. Thank you for all your love and support!"

Unfortunately for Simmons, they don't need his permission to make a movie about him. Celebrities are considered public domain. Now should the filmmakers defame or malign you, then you have recourse to sue. But he's got another problem besides the feature film rumored to be in development. A short film starring Shore as Simmons, titled "The Court Jester," already premiered at the Sundance Film Festival on Jan. 19 and is available on YouTube.

Sad news for Barbra Streisand! Her 1,000-page memoir has -- dare we say? -- flopped! Despite prime interviews everywhere, "My Name Is Barbra" sold little over 200,000 copies, while Prince Harry's book, "Spare," sold 3.2 million copies across all formats. Britney Spears' memoir, "The Woman in Me," sold 1.1 million copies.

In addition, Streisand's film company, Barwood Films, may be in hot water because they paid her groundskeeper \$200,000, which allegedly came from the Paycheck Protection Program. The program was intended to help small businesses make payroll in 2020 and 2021, and the loans were written off by the federal government.

You knew there would be a threequel in the "Top Gun" franchise after the \$1.5 billion grosses of "Maverick." Ehren Kruger is writing a screenplay that would bring back Miles Teller and Glen Powell. This explains why Tom Cruise's recent move to Warner Bros. was "nonexclusive," leaving the door open for his return to Paramount for the "Maverick" sequel.

Meanwhile, Teller has the Apple TV+ romantic-action film "The Gorge" with Anya Taylor-Joy and Sigourney Weaver coming soon. Powell has the \$200-million disaster film "Twisters" with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos due in theaters on July 19.

Pedro Pascal, the busiest actor in Hollywood, has "Drive-Away Dolls" coming Feb. 23; "Gladiator 2" on Nov. 22; "The Uninvited" sometime in March; plus the drama "Freaky Tales" and the thriller "Tropico" with Willem Dafoe on his vision board for 2024! No release dates yet for the last two.

Jennifer Coolidge, who took home Emmys two years in a row for "The White Lotus" (her winning streak is over now since she was killed off), is headed for the big screen with Jason Momoa and Jack Black for the film adaptation of the popular video game "Minecraft."

Those of us who loved her and never missed her in the CBS series "2 Broke Girls" knew Coolidge was destined for bigger things. And a "Broke Girl" she is not!

CELEBRITY EXTRA



Ariana Grande (Upcoming in "Wicked")

Q: When is the movie "Wicked" coming out? Will it be one of those live musicals on TV like they did with "The Sound of Music"? -- H.G.

A: "Wicked," a prequel to the classic 1939 film "The Wizard of Oz," is a musical, but it won't air live on television. It will be released in movie theaters as a two-part film series -- the first releasing on Nov. 27, 2024 and the second a year later. It's a film adaptation of the Tony-Award-winning Broadway musical, which was based on the novel written by Gregory Maguire.

"Wicked" the motion picture will star Ariana Grande as Glinda Upland, otherwise known as Glinda the Good Witch, and Cynthia Erivo as Elphaba, aka the Wicked Witch. The film adaptation appears to be in good hands with director Jon M. Chu at the helm. He's also directed the hit film "Crazy Rich Asians" and the well-received musical film "In the Heights."

Chu recently thanked his cast and crew on social media, stating it was "the most ambitious cinematic production I have ever been a part of, or, frankly, ever witnessed."

Q: What can I look forward to seeing Tom Ellis in now that "Lucifer" has ended? Does he have another series lined up? -- D.L.

A: British actor Tom Ellis gained fame here in the United States for his portrayal of the DC Comics character Lucifer Morningstar. Netflix aired "Lucifer" after Fox chose not to renew it for a fourth season, and it continued on the streaming giant for a total of six seasons.

Next up for Ellis is a new series called "Second Wife," that he's

co-producing with his wife, Meaghan Oppenheimer, for Hulu. It stars Ellis and Emma Roberts ("American Horror Story") as a couple who spontaneously marry after meeting in London. The half-hour dramedy doesn't have a premiere date yet, but it's expected sometime in 2024.

If you can't wait to see more of Ellis, you can catch him in the upcoming Netflix film "Players" with Gina Rodriguez ("Jane the Virgin") this Valentine's Day. You can also see him in the limited series "Washington Black," based on the best-selling novel by Esi Edugyan. It co-stars Sterling K. Brown ("This Is Us") and can be streamed later this year on Hulu.

So, it looks like you won't be experiencing a death of Tom Ellis projects for much longer!

Q: Why isn't Maksim Chmerkovskiy on "Dancing with the Stars" anymore? He was my favorite pro on the show. -- A.C.

A: Maksim "Maks" Chmerkovskiy hasn't been part of the ABC dance competition show since 2017, but has been sorely missed by his fans. His wife, Peta Murgatroyd, and his brother, Val, are still pros on "Dancing with the Stars," but Maks has been busy with other projects. He'll be a judge on the upcoming season of Fox's "So You Think You Can Dance," and he's a celebrity contestant on the current season of "The Traitors" on Peacock.

Send me your questions at NewCelebrityExtra@gmail.com, or write me at KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803.



Above: Ronda Hogg, who is in her first season with Hunter's Run, makes her pitch.



Above: Bryan Jorgensen, the Hunter's Run captain, shakes hands with former Morningside captain Tom Reynolds.



Above: Players from both teams follow the action during host Morningside's matchup with Hunter's Run.



Above: Morningside's Chuck Baker wears a wristband that reads: Stay Focused.

Left: Morningside's Mike Simons lets his horseshoe fly.



Left: Tom Reynolds pitches for Morningside.

Left: Bob Keefer is a longtime member of the Hunter's Run team.

STEVE LEE



Above: Members of host Morningside and Hunter's Run gather around the picnic tables near the clay courts for a group photo.

► **HORSESHOES:** *From Page 1*

fun," Baker recalled, reasoning he did so well because of "Tom Reynolds, my mentor. He's my teacher. He told me to always stay focused."

Indeed, now Baker wears a wristband with the engraved words: Stay Focused.

Like some of the current pitchers on teams throughout the league, Baker excelled in another sport in his younger days. He was a former professional softball player for years in Ohio.

As for horseshoes, "Tom got me into it," said Baker, a snowbird at Morningside who goes back to Ohio in the spring.

Reynolds not only ranks among the top players on his team and in the league, but he apparently is quite the recruiter as well.

"He's the one who got me into pitching," Granlee said of Reynolds, who often is his partner during the matches.

The doubles partners often play in sanctioned tournaments and have also won various titles throughout the years.

As one of the oldest players in the league at the age of 86, Bob Kiefer pitches for Morningside. He grew up on a farm in upstate New York and began tossing horseshoes as an 8-year-old. In 2014 he won the state elders championship in New York when he was one of five brothers on the same team.

For Kiefer, the best part of pitching horseshoes "is throwing a ringer. It doesn't happen like it used to."

Hunter's Run has several newcomers on its rebuilding team this season. That includes Ronda Hogg, whose husband has played on the team for the past five years.

"I just came out because they needed a body," Hogg said. "It's fun. I'm enjoying it. They're clay pits (at Morningside), so it's harder."

Morningside's lone loss of the season came against rival Settler's Rest/Sweetwater. Frey said the team looks forward to a rematch later this season. Once again, that matchup could determine the league champion.



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