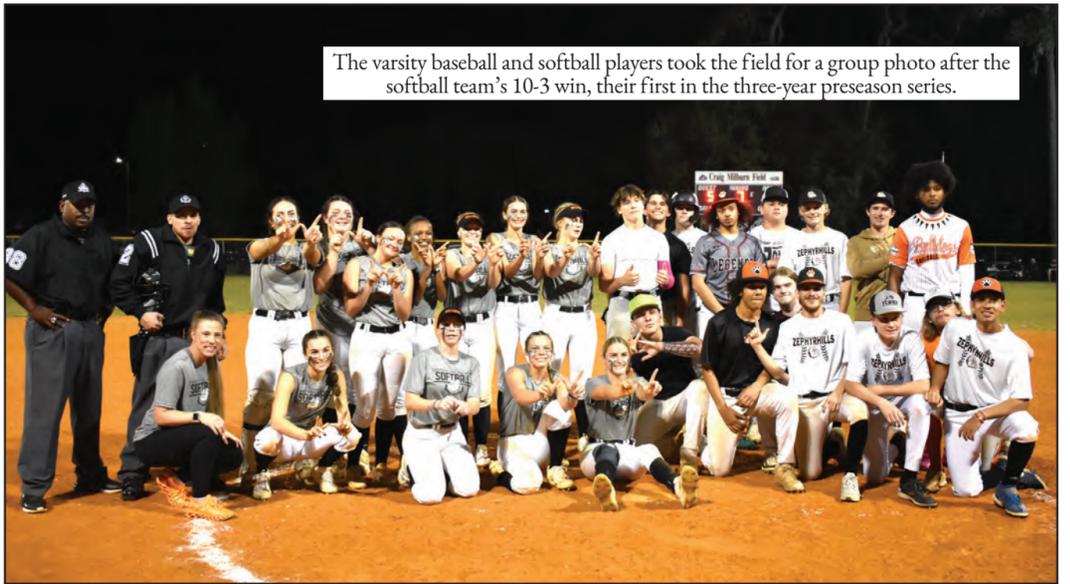




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This will be the last weekend to enjoy the Florida State Fair but next week the Pasco County Fair will kickoff on Monday with plenty of family fun including free live shows, vendors and a midway.

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Weather

Showers will dampen the weekend with temperatures dropping into the 60s but sunny skies will return for the beginning of the week.

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Community News

Suspect reportedly dies of self-inflicted gunshot, thereby ending standoff with law enforcement and U.S. Marshals.

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Park News

Residents at Bahr's Mobile Home Park gather for a Super Bowl watch party in the clubhouse.

Baker Acres' residents enjoy games with prizes during a Super Bowl Party.

Residents at Casa del Sol dance the night away during a Valentine's Day Dance.

Residents and their guests pack the clubhouse at Forest Lake Estates for a Valentine's Day dinner.

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Sports News

In the third annual preseason fundraiser featuring Zephyrhills High's junior varsity and varsity softball and baseball teams, the softball teams avoided being swept for the first time. The JV tied 7-7 before the softball team's 10-5 win in the varsity matchup.

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Cypress Creek won the Lightning High School Hockey League Championship in its first season. The Coyotes defeated rival Wiregrass Ranch in the semifinal before a win over Steinbrenner in the title game.

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Pigz in Z'hills relocates to the downtown area



Above: People in lawn chairs with some on picnic tables sat near the stage to listen to the bands during Pigz in Z'hills.

14th annual barbecue and blues festival benefitting the Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce moves from venue adjacent to the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport to 5th Avenue

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

Long held at a venue adjacent to the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport, Pigz in Z'hills relocated to the downtown corridor. Saturday's barbecue and blues festival featured musicians playing all day at the Eiland Bandstand, kids play area, a cornhole tournament, hog-calling and, of course, barbecue competitions.

The primary fundraiser for the Zephyrhills

Chamber of Commerce, now in its 14th year, likely has found a new home — permanently.

"We wanted to move it downtown to help the merchants. That's the whole purpose of our chamber," said Vicki Wiggins, the chamber's executive director. "I think it will (remain downtown in the future) because we've had a great response."

Several people with downtown connections, business owners and civic leaders lauded the chamber for its decision to relocate the popular barbecue festival.

"I think it has huge benefits for the local economy. These businesses are packed out," Kim Barker, a Main Street Zephyrhills board member, said from her Vitis Realty booth along 5th Avenue. "Even though it's a chamber event we love it because it's going to benefit all the businesses here."

Ashlyn Whalen, who along with her husband Eric, are snowbirds from Ontario who this year moved to Wesley Chapel permanently. They have

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Southport Springs blood donor program a success

Residents break records on donating blood and platelets through OneBlood's red bus

By SUSAN SLATER
News Reporter

We all have the power to save lives, but only 36 percent of the world donates blood. Why? The greatest reason is because they have not been asked. Southport Springs Community takes donating blood to a new level of community service.

"We have been told by OneBlood that we are their most successful donor group in the area, if not the state," said Joe Grigelevich, the community's organizer. "While other locations are lucky to bring in a half dozen donors, we consistently average more than 30."

For the first time, Southport Springs is hosting the 'Platelet Mobile.' This Red Bus can take nine donors within a 6 and a half-hour period. The nine donors signed up long before the bus arrived. Grigelevich's team puts forth an incredible effort saving lives and draws others to do the same. The team's momentum is driven by the honorable memory a passed of Maggie Heim, who originally single handedly coordinated the drives.

Lauren Waterman has been volunteering with the blood drive for approximately five years. "I make all of the calls from home to other residents to make appointments for them," said Waterman. "I coordinate with Joe, who works his butt off for this, and he coordinates with OneBlood. The residents' names are put on an envelope with their appointment time and Bus No."

Tom Waterman, Lauren's husband, delivers the envelopes to residents to remind them of their appointments. "The hardest part is to get the new people that move in to get on the schedule," said Lauren Waterman. "We do not have their phone numbers."

There is a concerted effort on Grigelevich's part to reach the new people moving in and honor those

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Poker Run winds up at Zephyrhills Moose Lodge

The 12th Annual Hittin' the Road for Hospice benefits Gulfside Hospice's patients and their families

By STEVE LEE
News Reporter

It was kickstands up and then the motorcycles were ridden away on a scenic cruise throughout Pasco and Hernando counties.

The 12th Annual Hittin' the Road for Hospice Poker Run took place last Saturday, starting at the Harley Davidson store on State Road 54 in New Port Richey, winding through rural areas of neighboring counties and finishing up at the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge.

In all, more than 150 riders took part in the annual poker run for Gulfside Hospice. This year's total amount, which benefits hospice patients and their families, came to more than \$22,000.

Since the ride's inception, Carla Armstrong, Gulfside Hospice's director of philanthropy, said more than \$200,000 has been raised for the charitable cause.

As for the local Moose Lodge, their members have been involved with numerous annual fundraisers including a Car and Truck Show benefitting Toys for Tots, which

> **POKER RUN:** See Page 10



Above: Riders congregated in front of the Moose Lodge, meeting up with their groups and others who took part in the annual fundraiser.

STEVE LEE



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Deputy-involved shooting in Zephyrhills

Pasco Sheriff's Office update on a deputy-involved shooting which occurred on Feb. 9 in the Ruth Avenue area of Zephyrhills.

Around 6:45 a.m., Pasco Sheriff's deputies were called to assist the joint U.S. Marshals Service with a warrant service on a man that is involved in a homicide investigation. The man is identified as Alfredo Rodriguez, 31. Around 7:25 a.m., members of the U.S. Marshals Service Task Force entered the home. Once inside the home, Rodriguez fired at law enforcement.

A Tampa Police Department officer, who is part of the U.S. Marshals Task Force, returned fire. Members of the task force took up a tactical position after that. PSO patrol deputies then arrived on scene to provide additional assistance, at which time Rodriguez fired shots at arriving deputies through a window, one PSO patrol deputy returned fire. No law enforcement officers were injured during this shooting.

PSO specialty units then responded to the

scene to assist. Over the course of several hours, Rodriguez continued to periodically fire at law enforcement outside the home.

After communications over several hours, PSO specialty units enter the room where Rodriguez was and found him deceased. Through the investigation, preliminary information indicates that Rodriguez died as a result of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Per PSO policy, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement will investigate the deputy-involved shooting. This is an ongoing investigation.

Rodriguez is a convicted felon with a violent history, and again, is currently involved in a homicide investigation in Hernando County. Rodriguez also has active warrants out of Hillsborough and Pasco counties for grand theft and criminal mischief. Rodriguez was released from the custody of the Department of Corrections in Sept. 2023.

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For additional employment-related questions, contact the City of Zephyrhills Human Resources Department at (813) 780-0000 ext. 3522 or ext. 3520, or email HRApp2022@ci.zephyrhills.fl.us.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Florida State Fair, through Feb. 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.



Fresh Market, Feb. 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at The Shops at Wiregrass, 28211 Paseo Dr. in Wesley Chapel. Shop local food and crafts, while listening to live music. For more information, visit theshopsatwiregrass.com.



Pasco County Fair, Feb 19-25 at 36722 S.R. 52 in Dade City. Buckets of Fun for Everyone is this year's theme. Don't miss your chance to help out the local agriculture students during the annual steer sale and show on Feb. 22 and the pig sale and show on Feb. 24. There will be

a midway with plenty of vendors, live shows and concerts. Tickets are \$10 for adults and children \$5 for ages 6-12 years old and free for children 5 years old and under. For more information, visit pascocountyfair.com.

Florida Gun Show, Feb. 24-25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Florida State Fairgrounds, 4800 U.S. Hwy. 301, North. The show includes new, used and antique firearms, ammunition, shooting supplies, knives, scopes, clips and much more. You may buy, sell and trade. Admission is \$5 (cash only). For more information, visit floridagunshows.com.



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FRIDAY

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Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:06am MOONRISE: 11:32am
SUNSET: 6:19pm MOONSET: 12:49am



SATURDAY

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Showers
SUNRISE: 7:05am MOONRISE: 12:17pm
SUNSET: 6:20pm MOONSET: 1:53am



SUNDAY

60|53
Showers
SUNRISE: 7:04am MOONRISE: 1:07pm
SUNSET: 6:21pm MOONSET: 2:55am



MONDAY

66|52
Showers
SUNRISE: 7:03am MOONRISE: 2:02pm
SUNSET: 6:21pm MOONSET: 3:53am



TUESDAY

70|50
Partly Cloudy
SUNRISE: 7:02am MOONRISE: 2:59pm
SUNSET: 6:22pm MOONSET: 4:45am



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Sunny
SUNRISE: 7:01am MOONRISE: 3:57pm
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Above: City councilmen Charlie Proctor, Lance Smith and Steve Spina, along with Randy Stovall, a Zephyrhills Chamber of Commerce board member, enjoyed their time at the downtown event.



Above: Alisa Starnes and Lorenzo Limoges were among the Zephyrhills Police officers on patrol.



Above: Several bands took turns on stage entertaining the crowds that gathered in the area.



Right: As has been the case in recent years, a cornhole tournament was part of the annual festival.



Left: Among the booths and tents lining 5th Avenue was one for the Zephyrhills Lions Club.



Above: Some members of the Zephyrhills Eagles 3752 chapter enjoyed the event from their downtown building.



Left: The PigZ in Zhills Barbecue and Blues Festival was relocated downtown this year.

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attended PigZ in Zhills at the open venue before but liked the idea of the event being relocated. "We come to a lot of the downtown parades and liked the downtown markets (previously organized by Main Street Zephyrhills)," Whalen said. "Here, you don't have to walk around so much and I can go into some of the shops that are open."

Among the places that were open was the Zephyrhills Eagles 3752. Gus Griswold, junior past president, noted that the building was open to the public for three days with no memberships required.

Sam Turgeon, owner of Executive Offices in Zephyrhills who is running for city council, spoke to passersby from a downtown booth. "So far it's been great," he said late on Saturday afternoon. "We've had a great turnout. This is largely like a street vendor fair. I kind of like this."

Manny Funes, a former city councilman challenging for a seat, and incumbent Jodi Wilkeson, also had booths at the festival.

Three city councilmen — Charlie Proctor, Lance Smith and Steve Spina — along with chamber member Randy Stovall, — among the familiar local faces roaming through the

streets enjoying the festival. Proctor even won a hog-calling contest. "I trained for about 10 minutes," he said jokingly, adding that he learned hog-calling as a youngster growing up in Maine on a farm.

According to Wiggins, the annual fundraiser has generated more than \$110,000 in scholarships for Zephyrhills High seniors since its inception.

Those students are not the only beneficiaries of PigZ in Z'hills. Plaques and medals were doled out to the top 10 participants in the children's barbecue competition.

Benny Brown, Brock Jarrett and Rhiya Moreno were the top three, respectively. Placing 4th-10th were Asher Jones, Sammy Brown, Makaila Manriquez, Roman Cruz, Cecelia Wallace, Brayden Fey and Miko Lanes.

Those names were announced from the Boss Hogg Radio booth. That company recently took over two Zephyrhills stations — 1400 AM and 104.3 FM — with plans to broadcast Zephyrhills High football games next season.

Another youth group that was seen at the festival as The Zephyr Airport Cadet Squadron. That unit, comprised of local middle school and high school students, was on hand to assist with the kids play area, along with setup and breakdown for the event.

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OBITUARIES



Paulene Marie (Diekfuss) Shindelbower

SHINDELBOWER, Paulene Marie (Diekfuss), passed away Jan. 23, 2024. Paulene was born in Wauke-

sha, WI., to Marlyn K. and Claire Ann (Wegner) Diekfuss. She worked at Pattie Electric Zephyrhills, Columbia County ARC, and University of Florida, before retiring. Paulene married Gary Shindelbower on March 6, 2014. She is survived by three sisters, Marlene A. Kraszka, Zephyrhills, Colleen M. Johnson, Dade City, and Charlene K. Buccione, Zephyrhills; seven nephews; step-children; daughter, Randa Tyler; sons, Quincy Shindelbower and Garrison Shindelbower; granddaughter, Kelly Hart; and grandsons, Nigel Hart, Trey Davis, Grayson Tyler, Evan Tyler, and Ethan Tyler. She is preceded in death by her parents, and

a brother, Marlin D. Diekfuss. Service will be Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m. at Trinity Church of Wesley Chapel, 33425 S.R. 54, Wesley Chapel, FL 33543.

If you would like to place an obituary in The Zephyrhills News, please contact us at (813) 782-1558 for pricing or go through your funeral home. Please do not use a third party provider.

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.

Dan Schall in concert on Feb. 25, 10:45 a.m. service.

Teen First Baptist Ministires, 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

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Rotary and ZHS FFA team up to fight literacy



Above: Some of the volunteers who helped fix the Zephyrhills High School FFA Goat Barn

Right: The goat barn that was repaired.



Zephyrhills Daybreak Rotary and the FFA of Zephyrhills High School partnered-up to raise money to deal with literacy. About a year and a half ago, Dwight Douglas, the Rotary's 2022-23 Club president was talking to his wife Donna about what he should do for a club project. Donna, a retired teacher, suggested Daybreak Rotary raise a steer with the FFA at Zephyrhills High school and raffle it off.

Dwight contacted LeAnne John, the FFA teacher at ZHS, shared the idea and she agreed, but asked if Daybreak Rotary could fix the FFA's goat barn. Dwight said sure, got a \$11,000 matching Rotary grant and with the help of fellow

rotarians and FFA students renovated the old goat barn.

Club members sold \$50 raffle tickets and at the Rotary annual Bowling Tournament at Pin Chasers, two winning tickets were drawn that were sold by Manny Funes. The two happy winners were Vicki Zirbel, Funes's barber, and his longtime Rotary friend, Barbara Mallory. Both ladies will each receive about 300 pounds of meat.

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STICKELERS

by Terry Stickels

A bit of trivia ...

- 1) What is the largest lake in Canada?
- 2) What is the largest lake in the U.S.?
- 3) What is the largest lake in the world?

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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: U equals H

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CryptoQuote

AXYDLBAAXR
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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.

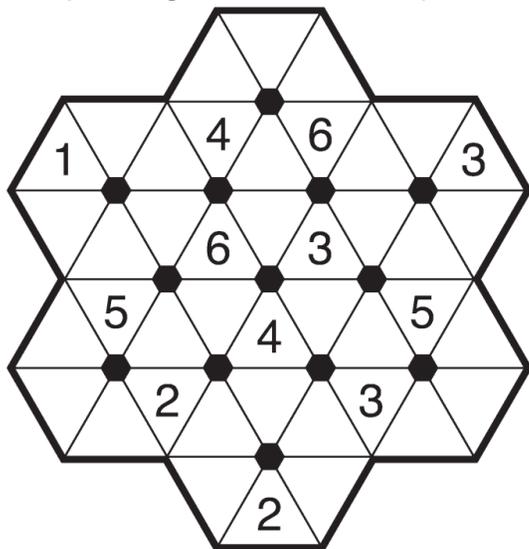
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by Japheth Light

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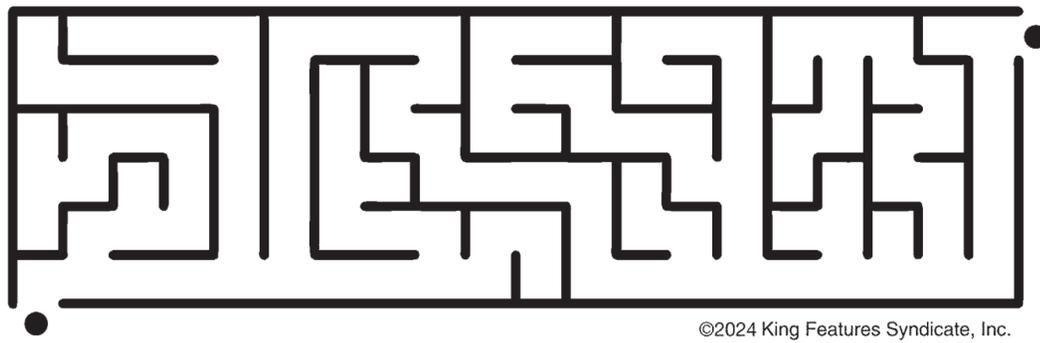


STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Lucie Winborne

- * Researchers have developed an algorithm that transforms complex data into musical sounds.
- * In 2003, Marvel successfully argued in a U.S. court that mutants were "nonhuman creatures" and, therefore, toys, in order to save on taxes, since X-Men action figures were being imported as dolls but toys have a lower tariff.
- * An ostrich can run faster than a horse.
- * Seventy-five percent of Japanese homes boast a high-tech toilet, the latest models of which eliminate the need for toilet paper, keep you warm, check your blood pressure, play the sound of running water to, er, drown out your business, and automatically open and shut so you won't have to touch anything.
- * Prior to the adoption of standard time zones in 1883, each city or town set its own local time based on the sun's position.
- * Six years after Hall of Fame pitcher Gaylord Perry stated, "They'll put a man on the moon before I hit a home run," he struck the only one of his career just hours after Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface.
- * Actor George Reeves, who played Superman in the 1950s, once had to deflect a young fan who wanted to test his "invulnerability" by bringing a pistol to a live appearance. Reeves convinced the boy to hand over his gun by warning him that a bystander might be hurt by bullets that bounced off his Superman suit.

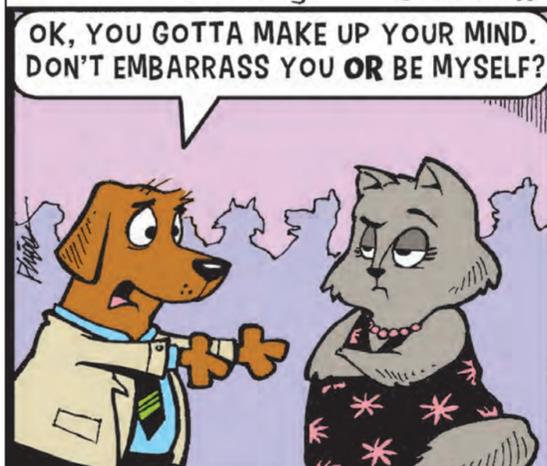
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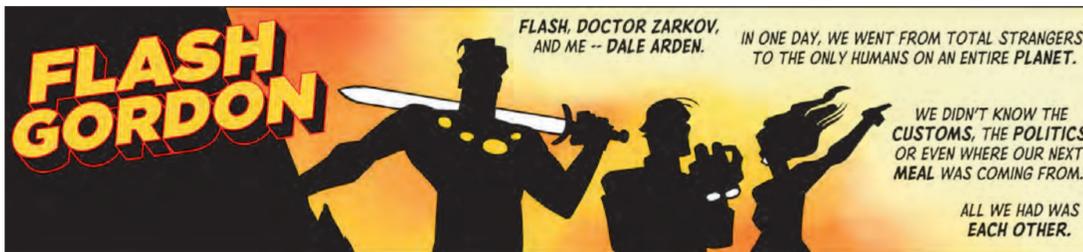
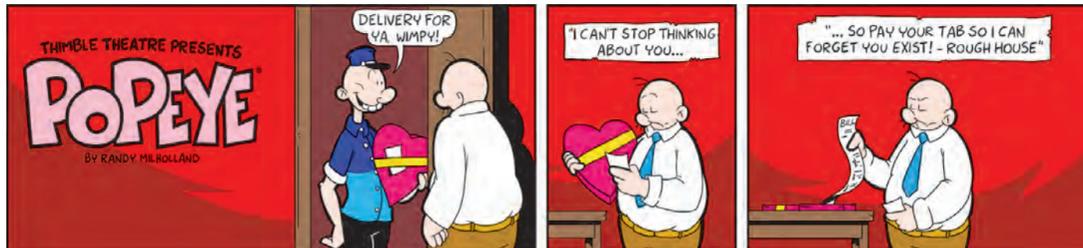
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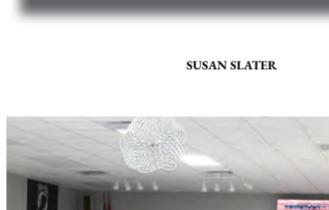
Residents at Bahr's Mobile Home Park gather to watch the Super Bowl



Left and below: Residents gather in the clubhouse at Bahr's Mobile Home Park for the Super Bowl with snacks donated by residents.



Left: Diane and Bob Schweer made their famous snack platter tree.



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Above: Residents fill their plates with snacks during the Super Bowl watch party.



Left: Residents watch as the Kansas City Chiefs beat the San Francisco 49ers.

Baker Acres' residents participate in games before the Super Bowl



Left: Several residents gather for a game of beer pong before the Super Bowl.

Below: Nancy Andrews gets on stage to start the pre show games with a cheer.

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Left: Mary Alice and Rita Rothfuss get in line to fill their plates from the potluck dishes before the game.



Above: Phil Foley challenges Rita Rothfuss at flip the cups while Holly Green keeps count on how many each contestant flips.

Above: Corndog, the Referee for the evening takes a crack at the Frogger game.

Right: Residents were playing pong and flip the cup during the pre-games for a chance to increase their scores for prizes.



PARK NEWS

Casa del Sol residents dance the night away during a Valentine's celebration



Left: The dance floor at Casa del Sol was packed at the height of the night with several couples enjoying themselves.

Below: Sue Brooks, Sandy Connizzi and Cheryl Omell shared snacks and beverages at the Valentine's Day Dance.

Below: Two tables filled with door prizes donated by residents and committees of the community.



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Above: Dave and Alic Brandel, Peggy Quinlan and Janice Wright enjoy chatting and listening to the music.



Left: The dance floor was busy all night.

Over 200 residents enjoy a Valentine's Day Dinner at Forest Lake Estates



Left: The clubhouse was packed at Forest Lake Estates for the Valentine's Day Dinner.

Below: Woman volunteered to prepare the meal for the evening.

Below: Residents and their guests enjoy beverages before dinner.



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Above: Kerri Sofield and Kera Spring look over the food table.

Left: Residents and their guests enjoy coloring their placemats.

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Left: Bikers who took part in the Hittin' the Road for Hospice Poker Run eat lunch at Zephyrhills Moose Lodge 2276.
 Below: Juliana Giraldo and Isabella Dias, both of Gulfside Healthcare Services, hold the trophy that goes to the motorcycle club that raised the most money during the fundraiser.



Above: Members of the Zephyrhills Moose Lodge 2276, vice president Gene Cartwright and junior past president Jerry Austin, stand in front of the symbolic moose.



Right: Motorcyclists register for their cards at the poker run table.



Left: Motorcyclists check in and pull a card at the Moose Lodge.

Below: At the front table were Gulfside Hospice representatives Carla Amrstrong, Lisa Gonchoff, Colleen Ludwig and Marisa Hartley.



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Left: Members of the Golden Eagles Club who rode in the poker run were John and Jessica Maglott, along with Steve and Janice Snow.

► **POKER RUN:** From Page 1

annually helps raise funds for Christmas presents for underprivileged children.

"We help the children and the elderly," said Gene Cartwright, the lodge's vice president.

"It's community," added Jerry Austin, the lodge's junior past president who has been involved with all 12 annual poker runs. "It's an everyday thing for us. That's what we do it for."

Even D.J. Rider, who played music during a lunch and ceremony following the ride, realized the impact that a fundraiser like that has on the community.

"We're all going to need quality health care for us and our loved ones in their last days," he said.

That message hits home for the Golden Eagles Motorcycle Club, which this year captured the Wings Trophy that goes to the club with the largest contribution to the cause.

"They're a tough club to beat," Armstrong said. "I think that they have several of their club members who have experienced hospice. They have been such loyal supporters for so many years. They want to come out for this."

Among the first riders to pull up to the lodge were past president John Maglott and his wife Jessica, along with relative newcomers Steve and Janice Snow.

Maglott said he and his wife take part in the annual ride "just for the good that hospice does. Everyone has a connection to hospice care."

Added Jessica, "It's good to give back."

While the Snows have not been on quite as many rides with the club as the Maglotts, the importance of the hospice fundraising ride is not lost on the couple from St. Petersburg.

"This is a real big positive message we send as riders," Janice said.

The Golden Eagles were among seven motorcycle clubs to take part in this year's event. The others were: Zephyrhills Moose riders, American Legion riders, Diva Angels, Centurions, Lambs That Roar and West Coast Florida riders.

Aside from the musical entertainment, various prizes were doled out at the post-ride ceremony at the lodge. Cash prizes went to the top three poker hands with Armstrong noting that the rider with the worse poker hand had a drink purchased by the organizers for their effort.

Hittin' the Road for Hospice ranks among the non-profit organization's top two annual fundraisers. The other is the Paulie Palooza, which took place in November in downtown Zephyrhills. That music festival was initiated by local businessman Paul Correia, whose father passed away in hospice care.

In all, Armstrong said the Paulie Palooza, which also has been held by the Zephyrhills Municipal Airport, has raised about \$150,000 over the years.

Next up for Gulfside Hospice is a charity event will take place in April.

STEVE LEE



Diamond doubleheader for Zephyrhills ballplayers



Left: The junior varsity baseball and softball teams got together for a combined photo following their 7-7 tie in an exhibition softball game at Craig Milburn Field.

Right: The JV ballplayers shake hands following their tie game, which was the first part of a doubleheader as a fundraiser for both the baseball and softball programs at Zephyrhills High.



Above: Varsity softball players stand on the third-base line during player introductions.

Right: Assistant coach Tim Dobbins is shown with two former Zephyrhills High baseball players. Austin Dobbins, his son shown in the middle, now plays baseball for Webber International University in Babson Park, while Maddox Rivera, now plays football at Webber.



Right: J.J. McGovern, a senior on the varsity baseball team, takes a few practice cuts before leading off the game against the varsity softball team.

STEVE LEE



Above: Colton Jones is congratulated by his teammates at home plate after his two-run home run helped give the baseball team a 3-0 lead in the first inning.

Below: Players from both varsity teams line up for traditional handshakes.



Baseball and softball teams clash in preseason softball games for the varsity and junior varsity

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

For a third straight year the varsity and junior varsity baseball and softball teams from Zephyrhills High squared off in a doubleheader on the softball diamond at Craig Milburn Field.

The preseason event is a fundraiser for both programs and for the first time the baseball team did not sweep.

"This is very new to me, but I like it," said first-year coach Ralph Rogers, who previously coached at Hollins and replaced Rusty Guynn in the offseason. "I worry about somebody getting hurt, but it's good for the community. I know the boys and girls are looking for bragging rights."

"The kids are coaching themselves and putting the lineup together," he continued. "We're making them feel like they're in charge."

"This is like a rival game," softball coach Kristen Dumont said. "They talk smack at school."

Added Tim Dobbins, a Zephyrhills baseball assistant and head JV coach, "It's a lot of fun, just getting people out here and helping both teams. It's good to see how they're going to react in a game before the season."

While there are friends among the baseball and softball players there also is a sibling rivalry. Kye Bunner plays baseball and his sister Savannah is a softball player. At one point they slapped hands when Kye ran to third base, a position played by Savannah.

"I've been waiting for this for a while," she said.

The stands were filled with supporters of both programs. That included several former Zephyrhills ballplayers and coaches.

The JV softball team set the tone last Friday night with a late rally in the bottom of the fifth

inning for a 7-7-tie. The varsity softball squad dominated in the nightcap, coming back from an early deficit and winning 10-5 in seven innings.

"It means everything," said ace Laila Woolfolk, adding that the baseball players "have been talking crap all week to all of us. I'm a big team person and I like to contribute in any way I can."

Woolfolk fanned 15 varsity baseball players. She kept opposing hitters off-balance throughout the contest with rising fastballs and slow changeups.

"That changeup, it's brutal," baseball assistant coach Raoul Zayas said from the third base coach's box. "Talk about keeping a batter off-balance."

In the JV game, Jessie Starnes belted a two-run double to give the softball team a 7-7 tie. The sophomore also was the winning pitcher.

"They just had to trust themselves," said JV softball coach Maya Clark, a former Zephyrhills softball player who graduated in 2012. "It was 7-2 and we pushed ourselves."

The baseball team started strong in the varsity game, taking a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning highlighted by Aiden Thorne's RBI single and a two-run home run over the center field fence by Colton Jones.

Woolfolk, however, settled down and pitched five consecutive scoreless innings before the baseball team added two runs in the seventh.

Hannah Helms sparked the softball team's offense in the bottom of the first, blasting a two-run homer off baseball starter J.J. McGovern.

"I was honestly just looking for a base hit," said Helms, who played shortstop. "I got it and I ripped it."

The softball team added three runs in the third, one in the fourth and four more in the fifth to take a commanding 10-3 lead.

Unlike the JV game, though, the boys requested two more innings in hopes of mounting a comeback, but two late runs were not enough to change the outcome.

In the previous two preseason matchups, Zephyrhills baseball teams won at the varsity and JV levels.

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CRIME REPORTS

Petit theft

A 57-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Jan. 12 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after she allegedly failed to scan items valued at \$163.78.

Arrested was Brenda Lee Richardson of 5324 16th St.

Richardson was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

Retail theft

A 33-year-old Dade City man was arrested Jan. 12 at Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., after he allegedly failed to scan an item valued at \$368.

Arrested was Rudy Correa of 21505 Durden Rd.

Correa was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

Possession of methamphetamine

A 45-year-old Valrico man was arrested Jan. 14 at ABC Pizza, 5963 Gall Blvd., after a traffic stop, for a vehicle pulling a trailer with one trailer light after dark. A check allegedly revealed his license was suspended on Dec. 27, 2023. A

search allegedly revealed 2.2 grams of methamphetamine.

Arrested was James Alan Davignon of 4810 Copper Canyon Blvd.

Davignon was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Battery

A 28-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Jan. 17 at the Zephyrhills Police Department, 6118 8th St., after she alleged grabbed and pulled a man's video camera in the lobby of the police station.

Arrested was Sherry Marie Heltman of 4733 Silver Circle.

Heltman was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and given a notice to appear.

Possession of methamphetamine

A 39-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Jan. 23 at Wawa, 6450 Gall Blvd., after a traffic stop, for an expired registration, allegedly revealed a methamphetamine pipe and 2.1 grams of methamphetamine.

Arrested was Quiana Michelle Hambrick

of 37648 Perth Dr. Hambrick was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Possession of methamphetamine

A 45-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Jan. 23 at Wawa, 6450 Gall Blvd., after a traffic stop, for an expired registration, allegedly revealed a small quantity of marijuana, a methamphetamine pipe and 1.3 grams of methamphetamine.

Arrested was David Joshua Teeters of 37648 Perth Dr.

Teeters was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Trespass after warning

A 44-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Jan. 23 at 7-Eleven, 38544 5th Ave., after he was allegedly given a trespass warning on May 1, 2023 and returned to the property.

Arrested was Ryan Keith Brooks of 4108 Peaceful Ln.

Brooks was processed by the Zephyrhills

Police Department and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

Possession of methamphetamine

A 38-year-old Zephyrhills man was arrested Jan. 24 at 6th Avenue and 7th Street, after an officer matched the description of a subject who threw a rock at the victims front windshield of her vehicle. A search allegedly revealed a smoking pipe and a yellow medication bottle, which tested positive for methamphetamine.

Arrested was Otis C. Paige of 5152 16th St.

Paige was processed by the Zephyrhills Police Department.

Active warrant

A 31-year-old Zephyrhills woman was arrested Jan. 25 at AdventHealth Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd., after a disturbance allegedly revealed a warrant out of Pasco County for failure to appear on a larceny charge.

Arrested was Angela Christina Ingram of 41055 Cane Dr.

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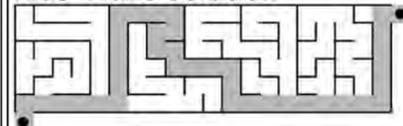
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JUVENILE DIVISION
CASE NO.: 2022-DR-2986-ES
DIVISION: EZ
IN THE MATTER OF THE TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS FOR THE PROPOSED ADOPTION OF A MINOR CHILD, M.M. AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING
*Amended to change hearing date
TO: Andrea Limas
Address Unknown
A petition to terminate parental rights pending adoption has been filed to terminate your parental rights to minor children, known as M.M., whose date of birth is May 26, 2016 and who was born in Zephyrhills, Pasco County, Florida. There will be a hearing on the petition to terminate parental rights pending adoption on March 11, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. before the Honorable Brian Gnage, Circuit Court Judge, at the Robert D. Sumner Judicial Center, 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, FL 33523. The court has set aside one (1) hour for this hearing. If you executed a consent to adoption or an affidavit of nonpaternity and a waiver of venue, you have the right to request that the hearing on the petition to terminate parental rights be transferred to the county

in which you reside. You may object by appearing at the hearing or filing a written objection with the court. The birth mother is a 32 year old hispanic female, 5'2", 130 lbs with brown hair and brown eyes. The age, race, hair and eye color and approximate height and weight of the birth father is unknown and cannot be reasonably ascertained. The birth mother resided and traveled in Santa Rosa County, Florida during the twelve (12) months prior to the minor children's birth. UNDER SECTION 63.089, FLORIDA STATUTES, FAILURE TO FILE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THIS NOTICE WITH THE COURT OR TO APPEAR AT THIS HEARING CONSTITUTES GROUNDS UPON WHICH THE COURT SHALL END ANY PARENTAL RIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE REGARDING THE MINOR CHILD. If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Public Information Dept., Pasco County Government Center, 7530 Little Rd., New Port Richey, FL 34654; (727) 847- 8110 (V) for proceedings in New Port Richey; (352) 521-4274, ext 8110 (V) for proceedings in Dade City at least 7 days before your scheduled court appearance, or immediately upon receiving this notification if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days; if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711. Alfonso Hersch, P.A. 38416 Fifth Avenue Zephyrhills, Florida 33542 (352) 567-5636
Attorneys for Petitioners /s/ Nancy McClain Alfonso Nancy McClain Alfonso, Esquire Florida Bar No. 845892
Published: February 8, 2024, February 15, 2024 and February 22, 2024.

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FILE NO. 512024CT000138CPAXES
DIVISION: A
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The administration of the estate of JOHN PATTERSON EVANS, deceased, whose date of death was September 25, 2023, is pending in the Circuit Court for Pasco County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is Robert D. Sumner Judicial Center, 38053 Live Oak Avenue, Dade City, FL 33523. The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
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Case No.: 4024-0027
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
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Cypress Creek wins Lightning High School Hockey Championship



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Left: Cypress Creek coaches J. Powers and Mark Kroeten are former Wiregrass Ranch coaches.



Above: Brothers Brayzen and Nicholas Savaive got Cypress Creek pucks from the team's coaches.

Above: The Coyotes celebrate after winning the Lightning Cup.

Below: Wiregrass Ranch goaltender Brody Levering makes a glove save on a shot from one of Cypress Creek's top scorers, Tyler Greene.



Left: Tyler Greene skates past the bench to receive congratulatory slaps after scoring against the Bulls.



Right: Wiregrass Ranch's Aiden Bishop takes a shot at Cypress Creek goaltender Carter Lindquist.



Left: Cypress Creek forward Hayden Hutner skates out of the defensive zone.

First-year Coyotes beat rival Wiregrass Ranch in semifinals before defeating Steinbrenner for the title

By STEVE LEE
Sports Reporter

In its debut season, Cypress Creek won the championship in the Lightning High School Hockey League. The Coyotes earned it with a 5-0 semifinal victory over nearby rival Wiregrass Ranch before defeating Steinbrenner 5-3 for the title.

"It feels great being the first Cypress Creek team to make the championship," said forward Tyler Greene, who scored twice in the semifinal and added a hat trick in the final. "Many more to come."

Perhaps few enjoyed that outcome more than Cypress Creek coaches J. Powers and Mark Kroeten, both of whom once coached together for Wiregrass Ranch and noted that there is plenty of crossover among the players.

"There's some seniors over there that I coached," Powers said of the Wiregrass Ranch roster. "In the back of your mind it's a little bit more special."

Added Kroeten, who preceded Powers at Wiregrass Ranch, "The kids know the other guys very well. They're all from this same area." Powers' ties to Wiregrass Ranch include his children. Sebastain was a high-scoring winger for three varsity seasons when he starred for the Bulls (Class of 2022). He currently plays for the Florida Eels, a minor league hockey team based in South Florida's town of Estero.

Additionally, Powers' daughter Isabel is a junior at Wiregrass Ranch and is in that school's marching band. So it is no coincidence that he still spends time supporting events at both schools, who have been rivals since Cypress Creek opened six years ago.

In the regular season, the Coyotes and Bulls

tyed for second place in the Andreychuk Division with 24 points each. They split two games with the Coyotes winning their season opener, 7-4 over the Bulls. Later in the season, Wiregrass Ranch won the rematch by eking out a close game, 2-1.

Cypress Creek then went 4-0 in the post-season while Wiregrass Ranch went 2-1. The Coyotes opened the playoffs with an 8-1 rout of Mitchell, then beat Land O' Lakes 7-2 before the semifinal. As for the Bulls, they defeated Riverview 5-3 and Newsome 4-1 before facing the Coyotes.

The semifinal was close and was scoreless through two periods. Cypress Creek got all five of its goals in the final frame. Aside from Greene's two goals, Hayden Hutner, Henry Bourtnan and Cody Spera scored on Wiregrass Ranch goaltender Brody Levering.

Greene added a hat trick (three goals in one game) and Hutner scored twice in the final against Steinbrenner.

Hutner, named the player of the month for January, led the league in scoring with 33 goals and 57 points during the regular season. Greene finished fourth with 30 goals and 46 points. In four playoff wins that pair combined for 16 points.

In the playoffs to reach the final, Cypress Creek outscored the opposition 20-3 in winning three games. Goaltender Carter Lindquist posted a 1.00 goals-against average with a .962 save percentage in that span.

"He stepped it up pretty good," Powers said.

Powers, who followed Kroeten at Wiregrass Ranch with the two coaching together for one season before Kroeten left to spend more time coaching a travel team, work well together. Since Kroeten asked Powers to join him at Wiregrass in 2017, Powers figured he would return the favor when he took on the Cypress Creek job.

"I love coaching with Mark," Powers said. "He brings a little bit of a different perspective."

"(Powers) likes to coach and he's a very positive guy," Kroeten said. "We agree on just about everything so it makes it easy."

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Right: Brandon Hunley, Brian Olsen, Lauren Waterman and Joe Grigelevich are in the Platelet Bus at Southport Springs Golf & Country Club Community.



Right: Kaja Hietala prepares Tom Waterman's arm to begin the donating blood process.



Left: The blood drive lives on to honor Maggie Hein the founder of Southport Springs Blood Donor Program.

Below: Lauren and Tom Waterman in the Big Red Bus where Tom gave blood.



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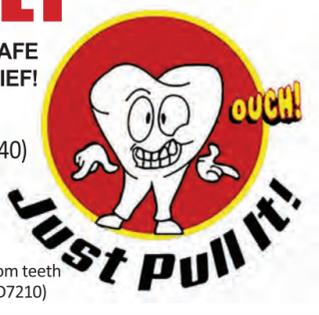
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who have donated. A flyer is placed in the new residents Welcome Kit. Those that have given are honored with recognition in the Southport Sun newsletter.

Make sure to eat a light meal, bring your photo ID, a list of your medications, wear a short-sleeved shirt and answer a questionnaire along with getting your vitals, i.e. blood pressure, temperature, and iron levels.

"Ten percent may not donate today," said Brian Olsen, account representative and drive organizer. "High or low blood pressure would be a reason to be disqualified. Using a blood thinner or an infectious disease could disqualify you, as well as, being sick recently or exposed or high risk to malaria."

"I love helping people," said Tom Waterman before he gave his blood

"You give one pint in whole blood and when you reach eight pints, you have given a gallon," said Sara Cramer. "Today, Tom has reached the point of giving one gallon. Today he will have saved three lives or 10 infants."

Kaja Hietala, Phlebotomist has been drawing blood for a year and a half. "I used to be a vet tech for 20 years. I love this, absolutely love it," said Hietala. "I love people and am drawn to the medical field."

"It is the same process to donate blood as is for platelets. The average time to donate platelets is one hour to an hour and a half, said Brandon Hunley. "There are two processes in one arm or two arms. "Of course, we prefer the two arms," said Hunley. "Blood has different densities. We are taking blood in machines and separating individual components, plasma, and platelets."

While donating you can watch a movie to pass the time. The platelet bus is the only bus of its kind. It comes from St. Petersburg and goes all over the state seven days a week.

"With blood you can donate every 56 days, with platelets, you can donate every seven days," said Hunley. "Platelets are in the highest demand because they only last five days. Platelets are used mostly for cancer patients because of how harshly chemo can affect a patient."

"I have made a lot of friends through doing this. It is very gratifying and now we are doing it with the platelets and the double blood which is a double donation," said Lauren Waterman. "It is a group effort and I have made friends doing this."

For more information and to find a bus near you, go to www.oneblood.org.

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DAYTIME TV schedule for Thursday, February 15, 2024. Channels include 3, 34, 4, 8, and 9.

DAYTIME TV schedule for Friday, February 16, 2024. Channels include 10, 11, 12, and 13. Includes TRIVIA section.

COUCH THEATER



Donald Glover, left, and Maya Erskine star in "Mr. & Mrs. Smith"

"The Marvels" (PG-13) -- After an underwhelming run at the box office, "The Marvels" starring Brie Larson, Teyonah Parris and Iman Vellani is out now on streaming!

"Mr. & Mrs. Smith" (TV-MA) -- This spy comedy series is based on the iconic 2005 film of the same name starring Brad Pitt and Angelina Jolie but puts a quirkier spin on the original story.

"Past Lives" (PG-13) -- This semi-autobiographical romantic-drama directed by Celine Song was recently nominated for Best Picture and Best Original Screenplay at the Oscars -- an incredible feat for Song's directorial debut.

"The Pod Generation" (PG-13) -- In this sci-fi romantic-comedy, Alvy and Rachel Novy are a married couple in a futuristic version of New York who wish to grow their family, but with Rachel's bustling career and a promotion on the way, the timing isn't right for her to have the child herself.

THURSDAY TV schedule for February 15, 2024. Channels include 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

FRIDAY TV schedule for February 16, 2024. Channels include 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

SATURDAY TV schedule for February 17, 2024. Channels include 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

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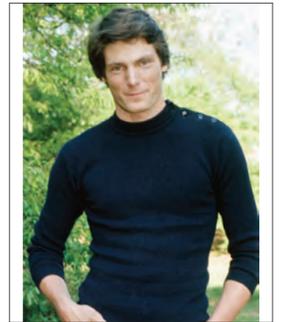
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TUESDAY TV schedule for February 20, 2024. Channels include 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

WEDNESDAY TV schedule for February 21, 2024. Channels include 3, 34, 4, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.

HOLLYWOOD

by Tony Rizzo



Christopher Reeve ("Superman")

HOLLYWOOD -- The children of four-time "Superman" Christopher Reeve bare their souls in a documentary commemorating the 20th anniversary of their father's passing at the age of 52.

I met Christopher in 1976 when he played Katharine Hepburn's grandson on Broadway in "A Matter of Gravity." He also starred in the soap "Love of Life" and asked me to write a story on why he was leaving the soap.

To my surprise, he called six months later after completing a role in "Gray Lady Down" with Charlton Heston and Rosemary Forsyth, and he became my house guest.

He was then flown to London for testing and serious bodybuilding to become "Superman" for four films from 1978-1987. In addition, he made other classic films such as "Somewhere in Time" (1980).

Glen Powell has become the first breakout star of 2024. His rom-com "Anyone but You" passed the \$100 million mark, possibly saving the genre. In addition to his Netflix film "Hit Man" (due June 7) and the disaster film "Twisters" with Daisy Edgar-Jones and Anthony Ramos (due July 19), Powell is currently prepping for "Huntington," which was inspired by the 1949 British comedy "Kind Hearts and Coronets."

Both Margot Robbie and Greta Gerwig of "Barbie" were afforded a great deal of airtime about being snubbed for the Best Actress and Best Director categories at the Oscars. Most reports failed to mention that Gerwig was nominated for Best Adapted Screenplay -- and Robbie as a producer of "Barbie."

In addition, Gerwig was nominated three times before for Best Director and Best Original Screenplay for "Lady Bird" (2017) as well as Best Adapted Screenplay for "Little Women" (2019). Robbie also received a Best Actress nomination for "I, Tonya" (2017) and a Supporting Actress nod for "Bombshell" (2019).

"Oscar" is not a person who snubs anyone! He's comprised of approximately 9,500 members in the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences who vote independently. They just thought it was harder to play Ken than it was to play Barbie!



Free community clean-up



The City of Zephyrhills and Zephyrhills Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is excited to announce a free community clean-up event scheduled for Feb. 24, 8 a.m.-12 p.m. at Zephyr Park, located at 38116 5th Ave.

The City of Zephyrhills encourages residents to take advantage of this opportunity to declutter and enhance the overall appearance of our community.

City of Zephyrhills Public Works crews and dumpsters will be conveniently located on-site, adjacent to the Zephyr Park tennis courts, to assist with the disposal of appliances, electronics, furniture, mixed debris, tires, and other items.

Please keep in mind the following for the event:

This community cleanup is a mobile drop-off only event; alley sweeps and pickups will not be a part of this initiative.

To ensure the safety of all participants and the environment, hazardous materials and chemicals will not be accepted.

Proof of City of Zephyrhills residency will be required to participate.

For additional questions, contact the city's public works department at (813) 780-0022.

Jump right in to make Zephyrhills cleaner and more vibrant. Your participation in this event will contribute to the overall well-being of our town.

Saint Leo Nursing Program, AdventHealth partner for Dedicated Education Unit



Saint Leo University nursing instructor Paige Porter; Dr. Kathleen Van Eerden, dean of College of Health Professions; AdventZephyrhills/Dade City Nurse Education Manager Kimberly Friedmeyer; Saint Leo nursing instructor Angelique Tolentino-Martin; Dr. Deb Peterson, chair of Saint Leo's Nursing Program; and Gwen Alonso, chief nursing officer of AdventHealth Zephyrhills/Dade City.

Saint Leo University Nursing Program, AdventHealth partner for Dedicated Education Unit

AdventHealth Zephyrhills Nurses will mentor, provide practical learning experiences for university's first nursing cohort

Saint Leo University's first cohort of nursing students will get practical, hands-on experience thanks to a new partnership with AdventHealth. Saint Leo and AdventHealth have created a Dedicated Education Unit (DEU), which will provide nurse-mentors at AdventHealth Zephyrhills for the university's nursing students. This is an innovative model in the Tampa area of Florida and leaders from both institutions believe this collaboration will be beneficial not only to the participants, but also to the patients and residents of the surrounding community.

In the DEU model, AdventHealth nurses will serve as preceptors/mentors for the students, providing a personalized learning experience between the nurses and the nursing students.

"This is a win-win for Saint Leo and AdventHealth," said Dr. Kathleen Van Eerden, dean of the university's College of Health Professions, who also is a registered nurse.

On Jan. 30, AdventHealth Zephyrhills welcomed Saint Leo's first cohort of nursing students along with the nurse mentors, faculty, and hospital leadership for a luncheon at which time the students and nurses will get to know each other for a future match.

"This collaboration with Saint Leo University is not only shaping the future of health care but also addressing the need for skilled nurses in our community," said Gwen Alonso, chief nursing officer of AdventHealth Zephyrhills. "Together, we are cultivating a generation of compassionate and highly trained health care professionals who will make a lasting impact on

the well-being of our community."

The students will begin their clinical rotations with their preceptors this week at which time they will work 12-hour shifts side-by-side. Saint Leo nursing instructor Paige Porter also will be with the students for 12-hour shifts, Van Eerden said.

Creating the DEU

Van Eerden met with Alonso shortly after the worst of the COVID 19 pandemic had ended and discussed the concerns they both had in their respective positions. Alonso said maintaining sufficient staffing was the biggest challenge while Van Eerden said what worried her most was providing quality student clinical experiences. The two leaders then decided to explore ways to collaborate in order to meet both organizations' needs.

After some research, Alonso found that two other AdventHealth locations had implemented or were in the process of implementing a similar model to DEU at locations in Florida. From there, Saint Leo and AdventHealth formulated the plan to create a DEU to serve the university and AdventHealth locations in Zephyrhills and Dade City.

"From the AdventHealth perspective, they see us as a strong partner that is in their backyard," Van Eerden said. "We have a fair number of students who are Florida residents and likely will seek employment in the area. For hospitals, it is expensive to recruit and orient new nurses. This DEU model places students on units only for Saint Leo. We are launching this spring at AdventHealth Zephyrhills on two units. Nurses who are interested in a closer mentorship arrangement will work with one or two of our students on their unit."

"The Dedicated Education Unit model from our perspective is positive because it will provide a realistic clinical nursing experience for our students," Van Eerden added.

Free food distribution on Feb. 22

Pasco Sheriff's Office is teaming up with Pasco Sheriff's Charities, Farm Share, UF/IFAS Extension, the Gentlemen's Course, Samaritan Corporation of Pasco County Inc. and the Pasco County NAACP for a free community food distribution.

The next food distribution event will be at the UF/IFAS Extension in Dade City on Feb. 22 and will begin at 9 a.m. It's first come first served, so come out early.

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