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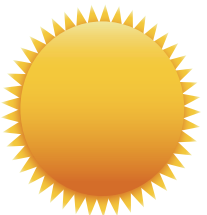
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## Easter

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➤ 2B & 3B



## Weather

Following a hot spell it gets cooler again over the next seven days. It is predicted to be mostly sunny with daytime highs cooling off to the 70s and evenings dropping into the 40s.

➤ 3A

## Sports

### Opening Day for Zephyrhills Little League

The 2021 season for the Zephyrhills Little League began last Saturday with an Opening Day celebration for more than 200 ballplayers and their families.

### Zephyrhills Athletic League opts for 7-on-7 football

With some restrictions still in place from the coronavirus pandemic, the Zephyrhills Athletic League has dropped indoor basketball and track to join a 7-on-7 youth football league for this spring.

### Bulldogs fall short in comeback bid vs. Bulls

They made it close, but the Bulldogs still came up short in a comeback bid against the Bulls on the diamond.

➤ 1B

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Zephyrhills News



## Kumquat Festival lures crowds back to downtown Dade City



Downtown streets were filled during Saturday's traditional event in Dade City. The annual festival was delayed by two months.

STEVE LEE

*The 24th annual tradition continues despite being pushed back from January to March*

By STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

It turns out that the tart little orange fruit is just as popular in March as it was in January. Traditionally held the first month of the year, the 2021 version of the Kumquat Festival was delayed for two months as organizers sought the best way to deal with restrictions stemming from the coronavirus pandemic.

The 24th Annual Kumquat Festival, a primary fundraiser for the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, took place last Saturday. The event drew hundreds of locals and visitors alike to downtown Dade City.

Two retired couples from Michigan, who spend time in Hudson during the winter, traveled across the county to taste some kumquat pie and peruse the local shops and vendors in tents lining the city streets. All four have been coming to the festival for the past 12 years.

"It's one of the nicer things you can do down here," said Alvin Bragg, who came with his wife Ruth.

"It's just good stuff," added Bette Bolt, who was with her husband Tom.

➤ KUMQUAT FESTIVAL: See Page 2A

## Crystal Bar has reopened

*Landmark watering hole in Zephyrhills has been rebuilt after original site burned down in 2019*

By STEVE LEE  
News Reporter

At long last, the Crystal Bar has reopened. A soft opening for the landmark gathering place in Zephyrhills took place last Friday at noon. The original structure burned down in 2019 and has been replaced.

An official grand opening is not scheduled until the weekend of April 23-24. In the interim, longtime and even new customers no doubt will continue to spend time at the newly refurbished watering hole, which was rebuilt this past year.

Of course, the reopening drew plenty of family, as well as longtime customers who frequented the former bar. Among the notable family members were siblings Karol Sealander, Gerri Belluso, Rene Hill, along with brothers Bob and Kurt Geddes.

At noon on Friday, the Crystal Bar officially reopened with Bob Geddes welcoming the first wave of guests as they arrived: "We're open. C'mon in. The beer's cold."

"We're proud to be able to serve the community again," Sealander said. "It's not the same. It never really will be the same, but the name's still there. Mom and dad will be proud of us, for sure."

Making the soft opening even more special is that it came on what could've been the 92nd birthday of the family's matriarch, Jerry Geddes.

"I'm thrilled I'm here," Kurt Geddes said. "It's mom's birthday. My mother broke water with me behind the bar."

Jerry's Crystal Bar & Package Store opened in 1954. Jerry and Bob Geddes, both of whom have passed away, relocated from Chicago to Tampa and purchased a gas station in

➤ CRYSTAL BAR: See Page 4A

## Spotlight on Talent adapts, forges ahead

*The longstanding talent showcase had to adapt to COVID-19 related circumstances but managed to pull off the event*

By ANDY WARRENER  
News Reporter

The Heritage Arts Center Association (HACA) annually puts on a talent showcase. In recent years, they've had the luxury of hosting their annual Spotlight on Talent at the beautiful Center for the Arts, located on the campus of Wesley Chapel High School. They just managed to get the 2020 event in before a state lockdown would have prohibited it. Arrangements were made to host the event at the Center for the Arts, with a number of restrictions. Then, just one month



➤ SPOTLIGHT ON TALENT: See Page 8A The Solo Category 1 finalists (from left to right) Amber Luu, Annabelle DePolis, Chloe Adams and Kennedy Kring. PHOTOS PROVIDED

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Above: People stopped to check out vendor booths.

Right: Two couples came from Hudson. They were Tom and Bette Bolt, and Ruth and Alvin Bragg.



Above: Walking along the city streets were local beauty pageant winners Bailie Williams, Chole Adams, Alaina Wheatley and Jalynn Widner.

Below: Families danced to music played by the Groovediggers, a Pasco County band.



Left: Selling pies were volunteers from the St. Anthony of Padula Catholic Church Women's Club.



STEVE LEE

### ► KUMQUAT FESTIVAL: From Page 1A

John Moors, the chamber's executive director, explained how organizers had to delay the festival but still were determined to put it on. "We got a permit before Christmas to have it in March," he said. "It takes so long to put this stuff together. We just thought we were going to give it a shot."

Moors noted that the festival usually attracts nearly 400 vendors, but this year that number decreased to 250 and booths were spread apart more so than normal to allow for some social distancing. Plus, there was no entertainment stage for various acts as in years past.

Throughout the day, kumquats were doled out many ways. People could simply sample the tiny fruit in its natural form. There also were the popular pies, ice cream, donuts; even kumquat beer.

The pies went over well with Lakeland's Savannah Edmonds purchasing one for herself and another for her husband George. Later, George bought a kumquat beer as the couple strode down the street to check out vendor booths.

"I love the crafts, Ruth Bragg said. So too did Caley Wallace, who bought a uniquely designed bicycle rim with floral decorations. The Plant City woman also took home a bracelet for her granddaughter and stopped by another booth with her sister Evelyn Britt for some homemade shortbread.

Running that booth while awaiting

the May 7 opening of her shop off Meridian Avenue, just west of 7th Street, was Mary Katherine Mason-Sauter, a 2001 Zephyrhills High graduate and former standout swimmer. The owner of Lanky Lassie's Shortbread considers herself a success story thanks, in part, from the pandemic.

After serving as a U.S. Marine in Iraq, Mason-Sauter got into hotel construction and interior design in Orlando. Having lost that corporate job during the past year, she moved to Dade City and tried her hand at a new business venture. Her company has shipped more than 11,000 pounds of shortbread since April.

"This is my first time as a vendor," Mason-Sauter said. "It's fun to just sit here and see the community come out. I can't tell you how much the community is excited for fresh blood. I don't think I understood much about shop local. Now that's my life. Everywhere I go I shop local."

Kumquats and vendor booths were far from the only attractions. A car and truck show near the courthouse drew crowds, as did an interactive kids area with bounce houses. Just for good measure the Groovediggers provided musical entertainment at the Dade City Tap House and Spirits.



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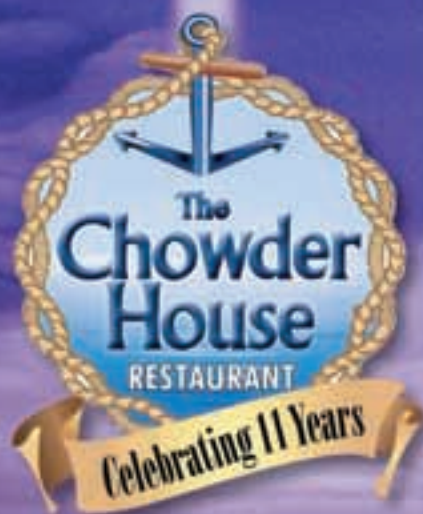
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Above: Family members who decided on rebuilding the Crystal Bar that their late parents opened in 1954 stand in front of the back entrance. They are: (left to right) Karol Sealander, Gerri Belluso, Bob Geddes, Rene Hill and Kurt Geddes.



Left: Longtime friends at the bar were Nancy Crane and Sharon Smith.

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Above: Shooting pool at one of four brand new pool tables were Mona Bartle and Mike Page.



Right: Tending bar on opening day, as they will be often at the rebuilt Crystal Bar, were Sophia Geddes and Valerie Mooney.

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► **CRYSTAL BAR:** From Page 1A

the Hyde Park area in the early 1950s. They later sold it and built the Crystal Bar along Gall Boulevard. The location remained the same and the bar retained a full liquor license.

While masks are required to enter the building, once inside people removed them to drink and socialize with family and friends. Unlike the former building, smoking is not permitted inside, but there are designated areas outside.

"The nation's healing, so let's socialize again," Bob Geddes said, adding "It's a no-nonsense style bar."

There is a 24-foot-high ceiling in the 5,000-square-foot building, which is about 2,000-square-foot larger than the old building, and the bar extends out into one large room. At the far north end there is a spacious bandstand. Video bar games are mounted to a side wall and there are four new pool tables.

Shooting pool on one of those tables last Friday afternoon were former regulars Russ VanDam and Matthew McDonald.

"It's beautiful," said McDonald, who is retired from the U.S. Navy. "It's the atmosphere, it's smoke-free and the pool tables are awesome. They're off the charts."

Also shooting pool at another table were Mona Bartle and Mike Page. Bartle bought a beer for her late husband.

"I was waiting for this place to reopen, because I'm within walking distance," said Bartle, adding that while the Crystal was being rebuilt "I didn't go out. I sat by my pool."

Added Page, "It's cool that they brought it back. It's awesome with all this space."

Against one wall is a piece of the original bar. The family is not sure of what to do with it yet, but wanted to preserve it. Sealander, whose husband Ed's company built the new place, figures they might put a glass top on and place photos of her parents and the family underneath.

The Crystal is open seven days a week and closes at 2 a.m. It opens at 10 a.m. daily except for Sunday when the doors open at 11 a.m.



Above: Many former customers and some newcomers gathered around the bar and nearby tables.

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**Roy Edward Hella**

HELLA, Roy Edward, 83, passed away March 19, 2021, in Dade City. Mr. Hella was born in Laurium, Mich. on July 12, 1937, son of the late Theodore Hella and Minnie Tervo. He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy and served proudly onboard the mighty battleship USS WISCONSIN BB-64 "The Wisky" from 1955 - 1958. On July 9, 1960, he married the love of his life, Virginia Kaye Gransee of Hayfield, Minn. Roy and his family resided in Tecumseh, Mich. for over 40 years. Preceded in death by his parents; loving wife, Virginia; and brother, Elwood. Loved by his children, Ann (Bryon) Salters, Timothy (Renee), Andrew, Terrance, Corry and Heidi (Jeff) Rawlings. He will also be missed by his grandchildren, Ty (Melissa), Steven, Lindsay (Jarrett), Brandon, Caitlyn (Jake), Tabitha (Micah), Kendra, Braxton (Hayley), Jacob, Virginia, Devin, Liam, Keira and Logan; great-grandchildren; his sister, June; sister/brother-in laws; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and Violet who held a special place in his heart. One of his many achievements was at the age of 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Navy, followed by his careers as a police officer in Marquette and Tecumseh, Mich. for many

years and retired from General Motors. Roy cherished the time spent with his wife and family. He loved traveling in his RV with Virginia, fishing, and making friends with everyone he met across the United States while visiting family and seeing the beautiful sites of this great country. Roy was a very caring husband, dad, grandpa, and friend who will be greatly missed. We Love You Dad! At Roy's request a memorial service will not be held. Please visit his remembrance page at [www.hodges-funeralhome.com](http://www.hodges-funeralhome.com).

**Lois F. Gonzalez**

GONZALEZ, Lois F., 78, of Zephyrhills, passed away March 20, 2021. She is survived by children, Judy, Richard and Gregory.



**Martha J. Howell**

HOWELL, Martha J., 72, of Zephyrhills, passed away March 22, 2021. She is survived by sons, Tommy Champion and Tracy Champion.



**Ellen J. Fisk**

FISK, Ellen J., 75, of Dade City, passed away March 26, 2021. She is survived by her children, Dawn, Dempsey, Brenda and Angela.



**Wilma F. Greene**  
GREENE, Wilma F., 73, of Zephyrhills, passed away March 23, 2021. She leaves behind her loving family, husband, Jimmy; and children, John, Angela and Jimmy Jr.



**Lois M. Henry**

HENRY, Lois M., 82, of Dade City, passed away March 13, 2021. She is survived by her three children, Andrew, Helen and Aleda.



**Gregory A. Bernal**

BERENAL, Gregory A., 36, of Zephyrhills, passed away March 26, 2021. He is survived by his mother, Sheila; sister, Maria; and niece, Sara.



**Wallace "Colonel" Anderson Taylor**

TAYLOR, Wallace Anderson, 96, of Zephyrhills, passed away peacefully at Gulfside Hospice in Zephyrhills on Feb. 26, 2021. Wallace was born May 4, 1924 in Louisville, Ky. to Thelma Anderson Taylor and Daniel Taylor. As a teenager Wallace joined the Army Air Corp in 1941 to help support the war efforts during WW2. He continued to serve his country after WW2 having been promoted to Soldier Staff Sergeant (SSGT). Wallace deployed to Korea with the Army's "38th Ordinance Company" as the section chief. SSGT Taylor and his platoon were tasked with supporting the Marines 1st Armored Amphibious Unit on the front lines north of the 38 parallel. SSGT Taylor went to where the action was, and supported many operations such as Guerilla Operation "Wolf Pack" north of the 38th parallel. After the Korean War SSGT Taylor returned home to Louisville, Ky. As a result of his service to his nation, SSGT Taylor was awarded the title "Kentucky

Colonel," which is the highest title of honor bestowed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky. This commission is given to individuals in recognition of noteworthy accomplishments, contributions to Kentucky society, remarkable deeds, and outstanding service to a community, state, or nation. Following his service and the end of the Korean War, Wallace spent most of his time traveling. Always fond of new places and new adventures, Wallace operated "Colonel Taylor's Fly By Night" concessions all over the United States at county fairs, music festivals and other events. Wallace eventually retired to Zephyrhills, where he raised border collies and maintained his home. A stranger to none, Wallace was known and beloved by many in his community for his fast wit, generous heart and his caring soul. Those who knew him speak fondly of his desire to help those in need and his deep love for the United States of America. Wallace was preceded in death by his mother, Thelma Anderson Taylor and father, Daniel Taylor; his sisters, Nancye

Lea Taylor Gittings and Kitty Taylor Ketcham; and brother, Daniel Thomas Taylor. He is survived by nieces, Tori Ketcham Guthrie and Berta Lea Gittings and nephews, Peter Ketcham and Thomas Wallace Gittings. Wallace's body will be transported from Zephyrhills to his final resting place at Resthaven Cemetery in Louisville, Ky. for a funeral service. He will receive a motorcycle escort along the 850-mile journey by the great men and volunteers at The Last Mile, an organization committed to ensuring that no Veteran of the United States Military will be forgotten and buried without the proper military honors. Wallace's funeral service will be April 18, 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that well-wishers and those that knew Wallace make a donation to the Last Mile, via the GoFundMe account that has been established here: [gf.me/u/zmr5xr](https://www.gofundme.com/zmr5xr). The donations will be used to offset the cost of transportation, escorts and military honors that will be given to Wallace --- all things that he certainly deserved.

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**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19) Regarding your upcoming challenges, the Aries Lamb should very quickly size things up and allow you to make the best possible use of whatever resources you have on hand. Good luck.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20) You rarely blame others for missteps that worked against you. But this time you need to lay out all the facts and insist that everyone acknowledge his or her share of the mistakes. Then start again.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20) You might want to start making vacation plans. And don't be surprised by unexpected family demands. Maintain control. Be open to suggestions, but don't get bogged down by them.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22) Work with both your Moon Child and Crab aspects this week to keep both your creative and your practical sides balanced. Your intuition sharpens, giving you greater insight by the middle of the week.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22) The Big Cat finally should have all the information needed to move on with a project. If not, maybe you'll want to give everything a new and more thorough check before trying to move on.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22) Too much emotional pain caused by someone you can't win over as a friend? Then stop trying to do so. You have other things you need to work on this week. Go to it, and good luck.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22) It's a good time to reassess where and how your strengths can help you build, and where your weaknesses can hinder you. Remember to build on your strongest foundation.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21) That personal matter that seemed so hard to deal with should be less confusing now. Don't rush. Let things happen easily, without the risk of creating even more puzzlement.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21) Change continues to be a strong factor in many important areas. Keep on top of them, and you won't have to worry about losing control. A personal situation takes on a new look.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19) A business offer sounds intriguing. But if you don't check it out thoroughly, you could have problems. Take a set of questions with you when you attend your next meeting.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18) Your self-confidence should be coming back. That's good news. But it might be a bit over the top right now, so best to let it settle down before you start making expensive decisions.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20) Your life, your decisions. Good enough. But be sure you have all the facts you need to put into the decision-maker mixing bowl and hope it will come out as it should.

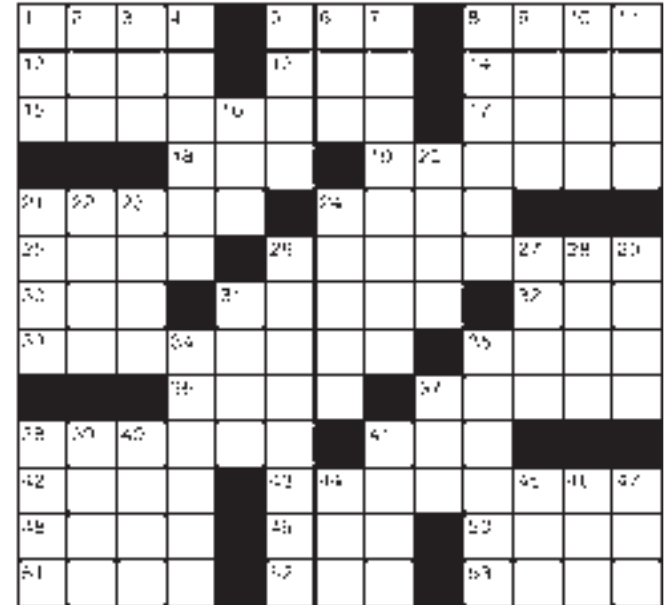
**BORN THIS WEEK:** You find much of your creativity with new people who give you much to think about.

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**ACROSS**

- Tub session
- Petrol
- Microwaves
- Jai -
- Dadaist artist
- Vicinity
- Home to the Buccaneers
- Fish feature
- Evening hrs.
- Whirl
- Jazz genre
- Crossword hint
- Former mates
- Turquoise-like color
- Mimic
- Rib
- Ltr. holder
- Pentagon VIPs
- Broad
- The Eternal City
- Golfer's wear
- Calms
- Actor Holbrook
- Canal zone
- Dorm room sleepers
- Curved molding
- Corn spike
- Pakistani language
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- Reuben bread
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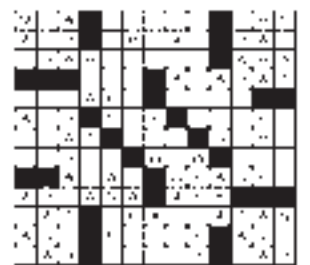
- Hide
- Auction
- Sound booster
- Year-end celebration
- Tempo
- Big fair, for short
- Pager sound
- Stop
- Trucker in a union
- Floral rings
- Nullify
- Always
- Helen's home
- Impudent
- Orville's brother
- Moving day rental

- Starting
- Olympic sled
- Lusty look
- Employ
- Path
- Epoch
- License to drill?
- Dine

**DOWN**

- Cudgel
- Pie - mode
- Highland hat
- Zoo heavyweights
- Yaks
- Coach Parseghian
- Small telescope
- Capital of Croatia
- Operatic solo

**ANSWERS TO KING CROSSWORDS MARCH 25**



**Puzzles4Kids** by Helene Hovanec

**WORD FUN**

Study the two words on each line to find the ONE letter in the left column that is NOT in the word in the right column. Write the extra letter on the blank space. Then read DOWN to answer this riddle:

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- |        |     |       |        |     |       |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|-----|-------|
| WHIRLS | ___ | SWIRL | OODLES | ___ | LODES |
| DASHES | ..  | SHEDS | BLAMES | ..  | MALES |
| MARRED |     | DREAM | RISING |     | GRINS |
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# Even Exchange by Donna Pettman

Each numbered row consists of two clues and two letter answers. The two answers differ from each other by only one letter, which has already been inserted. For example, if you exchange the A from MASTER for an O, you get MISTE. Do not forget the order of the letters.

1 Good-luck leaf	O	Irigenous	E
2 Thought	N	Witch's alter	P
3 Of a greater age	I	More peculiar	O
4 Rowing wizard	R	Lancelot's buddy	O
5 Stretching	A	Use money or energy	E
6 Windowsill	E	Traveler's home	O
7 Tempest	----- V	Stockpile	----- E
8 Shaving foam	I	Date	F
9 Edge of a page	G	Scorsese or Van Buren	T
10 Post DeGeneres	E	Hoel Ginsberg	A

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Warning: RINSE

Get: PARTS

Furnish: REACT

TODAY'S WORD

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I G O N T U E I E D D B Z N V  
S O I N A L G R E S O C M K I  
G E C A P Y U E A W C H S Q P  
N I D H E P L G N D N E R G  
C A Y N K H A B A N E R O I V  
P S O P N C M I N T E R K E J  
H E E O C S A B A T E Y C I B  
Z Y N V U I R E B J Q M A I P  
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Find the best words in the maze. They can be all directions: forward, backward, up, down, and diagonally. Find a word in each box. Also, write a word for Peppers.

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by Linda Thistle

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	2				7			8
		7	3			6		
4				9			1	
		8		1				4
	9		5					3
7					6	1		

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row, column, each column, down and each small 3 box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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Above: The Solo Category 2 finalists (from left to right) Linley Bishop, Tavin Groomes, Kendall Hill and Nikki Lang.

Right: The Solo Category 5 winners (from left to right) Katherine Hines, Ezekiel Richards, Harley White and Kennedy Engasser.

Right: Solo Category 1 finalist and first-place finisher Amber Luu.



Above: The Solo Category 3 finalists (from left to right) Abigail Wallace, Sofia Acosta, Marlee Scaglione and Salvador Hernandez.

Right: Solo Category 6 finalist Faith Phaller performing a ballet piece.



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► SPOTLIGHT ON TALENT: From Page 1A

before the event date, the Pasco County School Board prohibited all performances in the Center for the arts.

"A lot of people would have let it go at that point," producer and publicity chair Barbara Friedman said. "The Dan Cannon Auditorium was booked, we approached several churches but they had Saturday evening services."

The event was at a crossroads. Would the 38-year string be broken?

"After 38 years of doing Spotlight, we

were on a roll, with the wonderful huge theater at Wesley Chapel as our base," Friedman said. "This year, almost all policies had to be changed to be able to do the competition safely in the middle of the pandemic. We were determined not to let the Spotlight experience and rewards for these talented kids go the way of so many other of their beloved activities."

With the Center for the Arts and its 900-seat theater and state-of-the-art technology, sound and lighting off the table, event producers scrambled to find an alternate venue. They landed the Fellowship Hall of the Dade City Methodist Church. That was only the first step.

A litany of restrictions begat an obstacle course of hoop-jumping. There would be no audience, no personal microphones. There would have to be hundreds of people temperature screened before entry and all tables and chairs in the scenes would have to be wiped down between each contestant. Furthermore, the waiting contestants would have to be queued up outside the building and a temporary shelter erected to keep them from the rain.

"All hurdles were cleared, nothing could stop the Spotlight Team," Friedman said. "This team of super heroes were all volunteers. The 15-member board of directors with five producers: Barbara Friedman, Laurel Weightman, Michelle Twitmyer, Michael Roberts and Ava Larkin, Lauretta Brown's website expertise, and additional community friends managed to pull it off. Forty different corporate/community sponsors generously donated toward the awards and production costs."

Attendance by performers was expected to be way down from previous years but as registration opened in January, 150 performers eventually signed up to showcase their talents.

"Heritage Arts Center Association was astounded to find that 150 talented young people weren't going to let a virus stop them from polishing and sharing their impressive talents with professional judges," Friedman said.

Parents and family had to watch from home but the contestants donned their costumes and honed their performances and the show went on. All told, \$6,000 in prizes, trophies and scholarships were awarded on

March 6.

"It is a shame the audiences missed the wonderful variety of many types of talent that were presented, including vocal, piano, dance, musical theater, classical guitar, cello and violin, both comedic and heart-rending spoken monologues, and even a beatboxer," Friedman said. "An always exciting announcement was the naming of our 9th Pasco Heritage Scholarship recipient."

This year's winner of the scholarship was Pasco High's Agnes Hernandez and her piano performance of 'Rachmaninoff Prelude.' Hernandez had entered the last few years and always earned high marks. Now a senior at Pasco, it was a fitting denouement for Hernandez to earn the top spot and the scholarship."

"Hard work, discipline, great instruction and sacrificial parenting paid off with a demonstration of the wonderful and inspiring gifts that the performing and visual arts can be to our lives," Friedman said. "The HACA organization is especially thrilled that even in an awful viral pandemic these precious gifts can survive and thrive."

Left: Solo Category 2 finalist and category winner Linley Bishop performing her ballet piece.



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### APRIL 2021 CALENDAR

THURSDAYS	FRIDAYS	SATURDAYS	SUNDAYS	MONDAYS	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS
<b>Every Thursday</b> Eagles Nest Card Game 7pm	<b>RED SHIRT FRIDAY</b> 2nd Johnny Blevins Band 8-11pm 9th Nunes At Night 8-11pm 16th Jase Randall Band 8-11pm 23rd Southern Knights Band 8-11:30 30th Karl Sapp 8-11pm	<b>3rd, 17th &amp; 24th</b> Aerie Dual Bingo 12:30pm <b>3rd</b> Darts 7pm <b>10th</b> <b>Antique Fire Truck Show</b> 11am-4pm With George Durham Band 8-11pm <b>17th</b> <b>Aerie Pig Roast</b> Begins at 5pm with Reel Playerz Band 6-10pm <b>24th</b> Darts 7pm	<b>Every Sunday</b> Willie & Christine Karaoke 3-7pm	<b>Every Monday</b> Trustee Meeting 8am <b>Every Monday</b> Bingo 12:30pm <b>Every Monday</b> Queen of Hearts 7pm	<b>Every Tuesday</b> Learn to Line Dance 2-4pm <b>6th &amp; 20th</b> Aerie Meeting 7pm <b>13th</b> Joint Officers Meeting 7pm <b>27th</b> Mary Kay Cosmetics and Color Street Nail Party 7pm	<b>Every Wednesday</b> Auxiliary Bar Bingo 12:30pm <b>7th &amp; 21st</b> Auxiliary Meeting 7pm <b>14th &amp; 28th</b> Eagle Riders Meeting 7pm

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