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## Marines To Strike Up The Band

*Free Performance Will Fill Downtown With Patriotic Sound*

by **Keri McAlpine**

Dade City is in for a patriotic treat at the end of the month when a musical guest will make a special appearance downtown.

The Parris Island Marine Band will entertain at the historic courthouse square on March 26 for a rather unique performance.

Organizer Bobby van Allen said he was beside himself when he learned of the possibility of bringing the band to Dade City for locals to enjoy.

The event, which involved personally filing paperwork in Washington D.C., was scheduled and confirmed in a speedy 45 days.

"We're doing this for the community ... Enjoy a family day of music," van Allen said. "We're blessed every day we wake up here in America. It's a highlight and an honor the United States Marine Corps Band is coming to Dade City to play."



The 52-member Parris Island Marine Band will make its first visit to Dade City on March 26 to perform classic military marches in a special performance free and open to the public. *Photo Provided*

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## New Course Set For Relay For Life

*Annual Cancer Fundraiser Will Spread Out Downtown*

Story and photo by **Keri McAlpine**



Survivors round the last corner on the first lap downtown during last year's Dade City and San Antonio Relay For Life.

Fundraising teams for Relay for Life have been preparing all year for this weekend. The official Dade City and San Antonio Relay for Life will be held Saturday from noon to midnight, and in the end will raise tens of thousands of dollars for cancer patients and cancer research.

The ultimate goal? Find a cure for cancer. But, for now, teams made up

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## School Celebrates Nine Decades Of Education

*Cox Elementary Party Caps Year-Long Celebration*

Story and photos by **Keri McAlpine**

Jazz music, comfort food and beautiful weather were the right ingredients for Rodney B. Cox Elementary School's successful 90th anniversary celebration and fundraiser last weekend.

The event was the last of several put on by the school in what has been a yearlong celebration of nine decades of education.

Principal Claudia Steinacker was thrilled with Sunday's festivities at the school on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.

"It was a fantastic afternoon of visiting with people who were either connected to the school at one point in time as a student or as an employee ... We even had some people from



Members of the Pasco High School jazz band perform in the cafeteria of Rodney B. Cox Elementary School.

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# Dade City Arrests

## Suspicious Activity Invites Police Crackdown

**Sharmane La Vetta Ross**, 36, of 38412 Lake Ave., was arrested by Dade City police on Feb. 17 on charges of possession of cocaine and possession or use of paraphernalia. She was stopped in the area of Hampton and Railroad avenues at 3:39 p.m. for being in an area where drug activity is known and where drugs are currently found.

She was allegedly acting in a suspicious manner by wearing a thick jacket during warm weather, attempting to put her hands inside her pockets several times and riding back and forth on her bicycle. A pat down was conducted of Ross' person. She reportedly confirmed she had a weapon on her to include scissors and allowed the officer to reach into her pocket to find the scissors. Ross spontaneously admitted to having a small piece of crack cocaine in her wallet, which was later found, as well as two glass pipes in a cigarette packet, in her jacket. The white rock substance and residue in the glass pipe both field-tested positive for cocaine. She was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

**Justin Boyd**, 20, of Lacoochee, was apprehended by Dade City police on Feb. 14 on an active Hernando County warrant charging him with fraudulent use of a credit card, possession of paraphernalia and two counts of possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Pasco County Jail upon confirmation of the warrant.



**Shelly Carr**, 26, of Port Richey, was arrested by Dade City police on Feb. 17 on a charge of possession of a controlled substance. A traffic stop was conducted for a seatbelt violation. Carr reportedly appeared to be very nervous and placed her hands under her legs. When asked if there was anything illegal in the vehicle, Carr replied 'Yes, there is a needle in my purse.'

She advised further that there was a spoon in the purse also and there was a pain pill in the spoon. She said she was 'sorry and that she was trying to get her kids back.' It was confirmed that she was in possession of an opiate and she was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

**Jason Edward Nall Jr.**, 19, of 38253 Hampton Ave., was arrested by Dade City police on Feb. 20 on a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked, resisting a law enforcement officer without violence and failure to appear – driving while license suspended or revoked. Nall was allegedly driving a 2012 Nissan the wrong way on a one-way street (Railroad Avenue). He then reportedly parked in a trail behind residences. He identified himself, but then allegedly fled on foot and failed to comply with orders to stop. A computer check disclosed Nall's driver's license had been suspended for financial responsibilities.



he was going to be issued a citation, he reportedly became argumentative and said he was leaving and began riding away. He returned to the officer's location when ordered to do so. He began riding away as the officer was writing the citation and the officer walked over to where the young man was located about 75 feet away and placed him under arrest. A single metallic knuckle was found in his right short pocket. The defendant said it was a belt buckle but he wasn't wearing a belt.

**William Cody Lusher**, 25, of 4641 Laforce St., Zephyrhills, was arrested by Dade City police on Feb. 24 on a charge of retail theft. Lusher allegedly took an item valued at \$245.03 from Walmart, 12650 U.S. 301, and removed a security sensor from it in an attempt to take the item without paying for it. A Walmart loss prevention employee who recovered the merchandise witnessed Lusher's alleged actions.



**Crystal Dawn Lawrence**, 40, of Wesley Chapel, was arrested by Dade City police on Feb. 17 on a charge of grand theft. Lawrence allegedly took an iPhone, valued at \$700, that a customer had accidentally left in the restroom of McDonalds, 13026 U.S. 301. The incident was recorded on surveillance video. She then made a purchase at McDonald's before exiting the business. She was later identified by matching the surveillance photograph with her driver's license photograph.

**Alfred E. Adams**, 58, of 38307 Tuskegee Ave., was arrested by Dade City police on Feb. 21 on a charge of battery. Adams and the victim were reportedly involved in a verbal altercation. Adams allegedly pushed the victim in the chest, causing her to fall back into a metal barrel, striking her arm and head. Two people witnessed the incident. Adams denied having committed the battery. He was issued a notice to appear in court.

*The information provided in the Dade City Police report is taken from public record. All parties are considered innocent until proven guilty.*

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# Trump Protesters Return

## Local Group Determined To Make Voices Heard

Story and photo by Joe Potter

For the second Saturday, about a dozen people gathered outside the Historic Pasco County Courthouse to show their opposition to President Donald Trump and his policies.

“We want to preserve democracy, voters’ rights, citizens’ rights and clean air and water,” said Mary Andrews.

“We also want universal health care and to know what Trump’s connection is to [Russian President Vladimir] Putin. We want Russia out of our democracy.”

A driver honked his horn enthusiastically as they made their way past the intersection in an apparent sign of support for the protestors at Seventh Street and Meridian Avenue.

Jess Andrews, who was carrying a sign that said ‘No Human Is Illegal,’ said his disagreement with many of the policies of the Trump administration motivated him to participate in the protest.

Cheryl Pence organized Saturday’s protest along with the two events that were held last week, one of which took place in Zephyrhills.

Pence told members of her group on Saturday that they should plan on taking a couple of weeks off before the next local anti-Trump protest is held.

Their event was held on a day that had also been designated as “March 4 Trump” when people across the United States were encouraged to show their support of the president.



Members of Indivisible East Pasco County AMP show their opposition to President Donald Trump last Saturday.

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**March 10 – Spring Yard Sale** – Rosecastle of Zephyrhills Assisted Living and Memory Care is having an early Spring Yard Sale from 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Come shop housewares, toys, clothing, electronics, jewelry, vintage finds and more. The event is free and open to the public. Grab a lunch to go from the grill for \$3. All monies raised will go toward the Thomas Promise Foundation's Operation Backpack. Call (813) 783-8100 or visit [www.rosecastle.life](http://www.rosecastle.life) for information.

**March 10-11 – Book Bazaar** – Sponsored by the Friends of Hugh Embry Library, the book bazaar will be held at 14215 Fourth St. both days from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Stop by for great bargains on gently-used bestsellers and encourage the joy of reading while supporting your local library. A diverse selection of books, audio and video media, magazines, and related materials will be available. Admission is open to the public. Call (352) 567-3576 for information.

**March 11 –Spring Antique Faire and Market** – Shop historic downtown Dade City for unique furniture, garden decor, jewelry, tools, primitives, shabby chic, architectural and vintage finds from 9 a.m.- 5 p.m. Contact the Dade City Merchants Association at (352) 424-0601 for information.

**March 11 – Dog Day in the Park** – Bring your dog or just yourself and join us at the park for our annual Dog Day in the Park. The event will include a canine scent work demonstration, agility demonstration, obedience/rally demonstration, Sumter County Sheriff's Canine Unit demonstration, public dog talent show, Good Canine Citizen test administered on site, food vendor and more. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual park pass. Held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at Dade Battlefield, 7200 C.R. 603 in Bushnell. Call (352) 793-4781 for information.

**March 11 – Farmers Market** – The third San Antonio Farmers Market will be held in the San Antonio City Park from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. The market, sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Antonio, will offer fresh produce, hand-crafted wine, yard art, plants, jams and jellies, dog treats, honey and other bee products, repurposed glass items, dried herbs and herbal products and baked goods. Hungry shoppers will be able to purchase hot dogs, popcorn, coffee and sodas. Vendor spaces are available for a fee of \$25. Contact Winnie Burke at (352) 437-5161 or [rotarysanantoniofl@gmail.com](mailto:rotarysanantoniofl@gmail.com) for information.

**March 11 – Relay for Life of Dade City/San Antonio** – This year's Relay for Life will be held from noon to midnight at Dade City Historic Square, 37918 Meridian Ave. Relay for Life is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society's programs of research, education, advocacy and service programs that can reduce cancer deaths and cancer incidence, and improve the quality of life for those touched by cancer. Contact [gina.bitetti@cancer.org](mailto:gina.bitetti@cancer.org) or (404) 329-5113 with questions or to get involved.

**March 11 – Great American Cleanup** – Take part in the 2017 Great American Cleanup. The annual beautification project will be held throughout Pasco County from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Teams are registered to take part in the 2017 Great American Cleanup in several areas – including Dade City, Lacoochee and Crystal Springs. Contact (727) 856-7252 or [kking@pascocountyfl.net](mailto:kking@pascocountyfl.net) to sign up and find your local meeting spot.

**March 11 – Spotlight on Talent Competition** – Don't miss the most entertaining show of the year. Two performances will be held at noon and 7 p.m. at the Center for the Arts, located at 30651 Wells Road in Wesley Chapel. Cost is \$12 for one show or \$20 for both for adults. Cost for students through high school is \$6 one show and \$10 for both. Hosted by Heritage Arts Center Association.

**March 14 – Are You Really Healthy?** – Hosted by Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC) at the East Campus, 36727 Blanton Road., from 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m. in the Conference Center, A240. Motivational speaker Casio Jones, MHA, wellness director for Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Creation Health Wellness Center, will present the principles behind the Creation acronym. Each participant will receive a complimentary health assessment, beginning at 11:30 a.m., prior to the noon presentation. Call 1 (855) NOW-PHSC or visit [www.phsc.edu](http://www.phsc.edu) for information.

**March 17 – Women Celebrating Women** – Held at the Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road with guest speakers Jane Castor and Paula O'Neil.

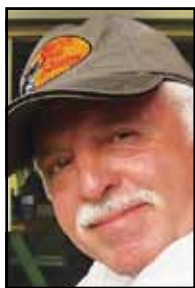
**March 18 – Paulie Palooza** – The fifth annual music and vendor festival benefitting Gulfside Hospice will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the new Zephyrhills Community Event Venue, located at 5200 Airport Road. Live bands will perform and the festival will also feature local vendors, silent auctions and drawings. Cost is a \$5 wristband donation, and food will be available for purchase. Guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chair. Contact Ashley Thibedeau at (727) 845-5707 or [Ashley.thibedeau@ghppc.org](mailto:Ashley.thibedeau@ghppc.org), or visit [Facebook.com/GHPPC](https://www.facebook.com/GHPPC) for information and vendor and sponsor opportunities.

**March 18 – Trilby Homecoming** – Plan to join us for our 12th annual Trilby Homecoming Picnic. It will be great to see everyone again and also make new acquaintances. Longtime, former, and new Trilby families and friends are always welcome. Picnic starts at 10 a.m. with a covered dish dinner at high noon, held at Charlotte Tomkow Whittington's Hunter Hill property, 36315 Tomkow Lane in Dade City, west of Trilby. Bring your family's old Trilby photos and stories and a lawn chair and a covered dish and share a good visit with us. Call (352) 523-5772 for information.

**March 18 – Spring Vendors Fair** – Presented by Hillbilly Farms, 10325 U.S. 98 in Dade City, the home of gluten free baked and dry goods. Stop by from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. and shop for jewelry, candles, honey, makeup, pet care, crafts, coffee and more. Live entertainment will feature Jeremy "E" and a special Elvis tribute show from 12-1:30 p.m. Yard salers welcome and vendors needed. Contact [monthlyvendorevents@gmail.com](mailto:monthlyvendorevents@gmail.com) for information.

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## Commentary



### First Things First

Greg First

### Sometimes One Way Is The Wrong Way

It's not uncommon to hear stories of someone going the wrong way on one of the many interstate highway systems. Usually the result is catastrophic. When two objects meet head-on with both traveling at a high rate of speed you don't have to be a rocket scientist to figure out what happens.

We have our own set of problems right here in east Pasco County when it comes to one-way streets.

Take Zephyrhills.

I was heading north on Seventh Street, which is one way and has two lanes. I was driving in the left lane when the person driving in the right lane decided to make a left turn and, without looking, made a hard left and cut in front of me and a long line of traffic and about caused a chain reaction.

That's the first time that happened to me but I have heard many stories from others that this is not so uncommon.

I have seen people coming out of one of the many businesses on Seventh Street and turning south, going in the wrong direction. They usually get a clue after they make the turn and are staring at a bunch of red signs indicating they are going the WRONG WAY. Also drivers are quick to let them know they need to change direction

– some not as politely as others.

And in Dade City it's not rare to see people making a left turn out of the post office trying to get back to the main highway. For the most part these examples usually happen more often with the influx of visitors and seasonal residents coming into this area that are not familiar with the traffic pattern here. I'm not really complaining but these roadways can be confusing at times.

I think for the most part these roads are marked pretty well but the problem is getting worse and worse. Thank God that the speed limit is pretty slow. These are not super highways but every now and then some treat them like they are. I pretty much know where law enforcement catches a few and sometimes I pray that they will be there when someone in a major hurry flies past everybody.

It is our responsibility to make sure the direction we are going is correct. It may be too late if a wrong turn is made. "I just didn't know" are not the words you want to say or explain to a family member because you caused an accident that causes injury or took a life.

As long as I am talking about traffic when you make a right turn at a red light you must come to a complete stop first. Do not blow your horn at the person that does this. The rule in Florida is to stop first, look and then proceed if the coast is clear. Oh, and lastly at a four way stop. Each vehicle must come to a complete stop. I don't care how big of a hurry you are in. Don't follow the guy in front of you through the four way stop. He stopped and waited his turn. Now it's your turn to wait.

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of cancer survivors, caregivers and volunteers are going to do whatever they can to raise money for the cause.

The Dade City Relay has traditionally been held in April, however this year's usual date coincided with the Easter holiday causing organizers to move it nearly a month earlier. Gina Granger is returning for her second and final year organizing the event, and said even though teams have had less time to prepare and there are fewer registered teams so far, the overall money raised is higher than it was at this point last year.

Other events such as Zephyrhills' Founders' Day and the Dade City Spring Antique Fair and Market both occur on the same day as the relay, but Granger said Founders' Day will be mostly finished by the start of relay and she hopes the antique fair will only boost fundraising efforts.

"On our survey from last year a lot of folks asked for it to be earlier in the year so we could hopefully get a lot of snowbirds to come to the event and support it," Granger said.

Organizers have set a goal of raising \$55,000 for a second time in a row. Last year's total was just under \$50,000. Granger is hopeful they will meet the goal this time around. Total funds raised won't be determined directly after the relay, as the American Cancer Society does not close out their fundraising year until Aug. 31. According to the Dade City relay website, 16 teams were registered with the event as of Tuesday with about \$30,000 raised.

Granger said that a donation of \$100 provides one night of lodging at a Hope Lodge for a patient and their caregiver. Patients are not always able to travel to treatment centers for their needed appointments, so close lodging is an important service provided through funds raised at events like Relay for Life.

This year's survivor brunch will be held Saturday at 10 a.m. at the American Legion Post #15, located at 37745 Church Ave. in Dade City. Survivors who wish to attend are encouraged to call 1 (800) 227-2345 as soon as possible to register and ensure they get seating and a survivor t-shirt.

The 2017 theme will be Passport to a Cure. Each team has chosen a country to represent, and their 'campsite' and individual fundraising efforts will be decorated accordingly. Themed laps and activities will be held throughout the evening, including a "Walk Like An Egyptian" lap, where 'The Bangles' song will blare through downtown.

"All of our activities committee, they did an excellent job planning the fun games and activities for the day. They tie in to our theme and back to the American Cancer Society services. It's going to be really fun," Granger said. "We've got a couple of new, funny games this year that will probably raise a few eyebrows but be funny at the same time."

The biggest difference for this year's downtown Relay is the route that walkers will take during the 12-hour event. The new path will go down Meridian Avenue from Fifth Street to Seventh Street, then turn down Sixth Street until Pasco Avenue, and then turn back around to meet up with Meridian again.

"We're hoping to improve the event experience with this change and also reduce the footprint a little bit so that will free up a couple streets for parking," Granger said.

After a full day of walking, participants are meant to feel exhausted and be reminded of what a cancer patient experiences through chemotherapy treatments. The luminaria ceremony will be held at 9 p.m. with closing ceremonies at 11:45 p.m.

Check out the Relay Facebook page, or visit [www.relayforlife.org/dadecityfl](http://www.relayforlife.org/dadecityfl) for information and the latest news.



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by **Danielle Albritton, DO**  
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**Ideas For Better Sleep**

Have you ever had trouble sleeping? According to National Sleep Foundation's Inaugural Sleep Health Index, almost half of Americans have experienced poor or inefficient sleep at least once a week. WebMD and the Centers for Disease Control have assembled the most common issues that can affect your sleep and ways to deal with them:

- Blue light from technology can keep your brain stimulated for hours after turning it off. Instead, try reading by a soft yellow light prior to bed.
- Try to go to bed and wake up at same time even on weekends. Use a bright light to begin the day.
- Try to limit naps to 20 minutes.
- Don't look at the clock all night.
- Have the appropriate pillows and


mattress support. Keep the thermostat in the 60s.

- Try airtight dust proof mattress covers to help eliminate allergies.
- Avoid doing work in bed.
- Don't work out hard too closely to bedtime.
- Avoid caffeine after lunch.
- Eat only a light snack 1 hour before bedtime instead of a heavy meal.
- Avoid alcohol – it makes for a restless sleep.
- Don't drink liquids about 2 hours before bed.
- Try white noise to cancel out disruptive sounds.
- Avoid nicotine – it is a stimulant.
- Avoid pets in the bed – this goes for children too.
- Avoid stressful thoughts before bed. Try meditation, prayer, or journaling.
- Be careful with sleeping pills. Use of them should be short term while lifestyle changes are made.

See your physician if sleepiness still occurs longer than 2-4 weeks.

Hopefully, you can use one or more of these ideas to help you get a better night's sleep.

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the area that just wanted to come and be able to visit the school," she said.

A total of funds raised from meals sold, silent auction items and donations had not been determined at press time. Whatever the total, Steinacker said the school will start by using the money to purchase 'buddy benches' and picnic tables to place by the playground.

Snowbirds or new residents of the area had heard about the school's legacy and celebration and were interested to see the architecture and original structures on the campus, she said. Close to 300 people stopped by the school throughout the afternoon.

"It was everything we wanted it to be. People just had a great time visiting and smiling; remembering when they worked together, remembering when they went to school together," Steinacker said.

Buddy benches are becoming more popular in schools across the country, according to the principal.

"Children are encouraged to sit there when they need a buddy to be able to hang out with or if they are willing to be a buddy," she said. The benches are



**Students designed colorful placemats depicting the historic Dade City school as decoration for the 90th anniversary celebration held Sunday afternoon.**

designed to curb bullying or isolation.

A number of guests at the celebration could spot and catch up with former teachers from their elementary school days.

About a dozen poster boards touting facts of important figures in the school's

history were posted up on one of the brick walls around the courtyard, creating a 'memory walk' for interested readers.

Inside the school's newly renovated cafeteria, sit-down and to-go Italian lunches or early dinners were served for a small price. Baked ziti, salad, a dessert

and drinks were catered from Piccola Italia in Zephyrhills.

Tables were decorated with laminated placemats designed by students depicting the façade of the historic school. Miniature trees were decorated with pictures of students and their friends or families. And along another row of tables, a table runner was designed specially for the event, containing old class photos and depictions of the original buildings from back in the day.

"The jazz band did a phenomenal job. I just thought it was the perfect thing to play while people were visiting and reminiscing," Steinacker said of the Pasco High School Jazz Band.

Although it was the last event the school will hold in honor of the 90th anniversary, there will be some meetings at the end of the year regarding a time capsule. School administrators have worked throughout the year to compile historical photos and documents, and they plan to contain those in the capsule, as well as consider input from the students.

A nearly 8-minute video paying homage to Cox Elementary is posted on the Pasco County School's Facebook page.

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"It's such a cool setting," he said, referring to the outdoor location in front of the old courthouse on Meridian Avenue.

The band will play a select number of songs, comprised mostly of military marches, sprinkled in with a few recognizable Broadway or concert band

tunes. Gunnery Sgt. Brad S. Rehrig, drum major, has travelled all over the United States and in many areas of the Pacific Islands, he said. The band participates

in community events or parades about once a week, and is always booked for major holidays such as Fourth of July and Memorial or Veterans Day events.

"The most enjoyable thing is to speak to people that have not necessarily talked to a Marine before or seen a Marine band," Rehrig said. "Even just to talk to many different people from all over the country and all over the world, and see what they think of our performances and the Marine Corps in general," is his favorite part of playing at community events.

Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket or lawn chair to enjoy the 3 p.m. performance in the outdoors on the Sunday afternoon, as seating is not guaranteed. Picture opportunities for children alongside Clydesdale horses and fitness presentations from special forces officers will be set up downtown about an hour before the program starts, van Allen said.

The band has never performed in Dade City, making their visit even more special.

One of the more unique things about the performance is the format, van Allen said.

After the Marine musicians perform a select number of songs, they stick around and mingle with the audience, welcoming questions from anyone who has curious questions about the band or the military service.

"It's supposed to be very interactive. We just thought it'd be a cool opportunity," van Allen said. "Come to enjoy the downtown; come with the family and learn."

The event is sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance in conjunction with the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, the City of Dade City and Jimmy's Sanitary Services, Inc.

Originally established in October of 1915, the band's primary objective is to provide musical support for Marine graduations and other military ceremonies, according to the official Marine Corps website.

However, in addition to their regular duties, the band is known for travelling the United States to perform concerts and march in parades.

When the band was first formed, the dozens of musicians in the group doubled as marksmanship instructors, close combat instructors and provided support for various units on the depot, the website says. Today, the Marines of the Parris Island Marine Band make up the concert band, marching/ceremonial band, brass band, brass quintet and a jazz combo.

# United Way Boosts Sunrise With \$10,000

## Domestic Violence Center Earns Annual Grant

by Joe Potter

The Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic & Sexual Violence Center has been awarded a \$10,000 Outside Agency grant by the United Way of Pasco.

Vicki Wiggins, director of development for Sunrise, said the money will be used to help pay part of the salary of a recently created shelter advocate position.

The advocate was hired because the size of Sunrise's shelter has nearly doubled in the past four years from 24 beds to 40 beds, Wiggins said.

A shelter advocate works directly with people who

are staying at the shelter and helps them with basic needs, such as childcare, and help navigating through the court system.

Sunrise is the only agency in Pasco County that is certified to help victims of both domestic violence and sexual assault, Wiggins said. The Salvation Army operates a shelter in west Pasco for domestic violence victims.

Sunrise is a nonprofit organization depending solely on grants and contributions to help provide its services.

No fee is ever charged to people who are receiving services from Sunrise.

Wiggins joined Sunrise in October after having worked in fundraising in the athletics department at Saint Leo University.

Sunrise of Pasco County traces its origins all the way back to 1982 when a Dade City violence survivor decided to become an advocate for other victims in the area. Soon, there was an office in City Hall and concerned citizens were offering their own homes as refuge for survivors fleeing their abusers.

Sunrise secured a safe house in 1987 and gradually expanded its services to meet the needs of the community.

Not only does Sunrise offer comprehensive services such as advocacy, counseling and legal resources for survivors but the agency strives to educate the community to prevent domestic and sexual violence from happening in the first place.

Sunrise has a 24-hour crisis hotline – (352) 521-3120 – that victims may call for assistance.

## Burglars Target Businesses

### Police Tracking Down Suspects In Four Cases

by Joe Potter

Two juveniles were arrested last week for their alleged role in a Feb. 25 attempted burglary of Tin Can Pam's grocery store.

Chief Raymond Velboom reported that would-be robbers tried to gain entry to the store by throwing concrete against the front door of 14444 Seventh St. Their attempt failed.

The grocery store case is one of four that the Dade City Police Department is investigating.

Just a few doors down at 14427 Seventh St., thieves threw a brick through the window of Dade City Jewelry, on Feb. 20. They then smashed a display case and took a gun and approximately \$1,000 in jewelry, Velboom said.

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Meridian Ave., was burglarized a week later at 3 a.m. Two suspects wearing masks or hoodies threw a brick through the window to gain entry, the chief said. The culprits took some jewelry but dropped it as they fled when police arrived. Velboom said the officers arrived within two minutes of the burglary being reported.

A day later, someone threw the rock at the door of Dollar General, 14645 Seventh St., but failed to gain entry.

It is unusual for so many burglaries or attempted burglaries to occur in such a short time, Velboom said.

"We're working every lead we can and we are getting a lot of cooperation from the community," he said.

Anyone with information about any of these unsolved cases is asked to call Det. G. Richardson at DCPD at (352) 521-1493.

## Church Welcomes Boy Scouts



Boy Scout Troop 301 leading the Pledge of Allegiance on Feb. 26 at the First Presbyterian Church of Dade City. Scott Meyer, clerk session for the church, arranged the troop's visit, helped them take an active part in the worship service and promoted the work the troop does in the community. Photo Provided

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Folks flocked to gawk at the classic and collectible vehicles during the Cruise In.

# Cruise In A Popular Attraction

## Hundreds Visit Downtown For Monthly Event

Story and photos by **Joe Potter**

Hundreds of folks visited downtown on Saturday for the monthly Cruise In where nearly 200 collectible and classic

vehicles gleamed in the sunshine.

One of the more outstanding vehicles at Saturday's show was a pristine 1961 Cadillac Coupe Deville that belongs to Ron Daniels of Galesburg, Mich.



Ron Daniels of Galesburg, Mich., is the proud owner of this pristine, low-mileage 1961 Cadillac Coupe Deville. He bought the car in January and plans to display it at his museum in Michigan.

Daniels, who spends the winter months in Zephyrhills, is the third owner of the classic coupe that has 62,000 original miles. The car originally came from Pennsylvania before making its way to the Ocala area.

The coupe is powered by a 390-cubic inch V-8 that produces 325 horsepower. Power is transmitted to the rear wheels through a General Motors' four-speed Hydra-Matic transmission.

Although he already owns two other 1961 Coupe Devilles, Daniels couldn't turn this one down when he looked at it in Ocala in January.

Daniels operates GoGo Classics Inc. in Galesburg. He plans to drive the '61 Caddy there and to exhibit it in a museum. He said he doesn't charge people to go through the museum where he has many other collectible vehicles.

A 1969 Chevrolet Impala station wagon that was shown on Saturday nearly equaled the size and power of Daniels' Coupe Deville.

There were plenty of customized Ford Model T bucket street rods for those who favor a smaller vehicle in which to ride. Also, there was a good sampling of Ford Mustangs, Chevrolet Camaros and Pontiac Firebirds on display.

Another head-turner was a red 1979

Pontiac Sunbird sedan delivery with a huge V-8 sitting in the engine bay. Not far from it was a blue two door 1949 Chevrolet Fleetline.

Right up the street was a classic 1957 Desoto and a venerable 1945 Lincoln Zephyr Club Coupe. Very few of the Zephyr Club Coupes were made so this was a valuable addition to Saturday's Cruise In.

Starvin' Darwin provided music for the event. Also, there were some vendors set up along Sixth Street and Meridian Avenue where people could get food.

The Dade City Merchants Association is already planning for next month's Cruise In that will be held on April 1 - no foolin'.



This 1945 Lincoln Zephyr Club Coupe is a limited production model.



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