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Police Presence Curbs Accidents

Dade City Recognized By State For Safety

by Max Zimmerman

One thing's for certain, the Dade City Police Department is keeping the streets safe.

The department was recently recognized by the Florida Department of Transportation as best in the state for a police force of its size.

The annual Florida Traffic Safety Challenge aims to increase awareness and participation in traffic safety-related efforts, measuring all aspects of vehicular and pedestrian accidents and deaths.

In comparing 2015 to 2016 statistics, there were 20 fewer traffic crashes, according to DCPD Capt. David Duff, and 10 fewer alcohol-related crashes in the city. Dade City experienced zero traffic fatalities in 2016; there was only one in 2015.

While participating in the statewide Arrive Alive, Click It Or Ticket and Sober Or Get Pulled Over programs does have an overall effect; Duff credited the dedicated efforts of patrol officers for the state's recognition.

"When you're out there enforcing traffic laws people are going to pay

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Angelo's Changes Its Tune

Healthier Option Offered For Failed Landfill Project

by Joe Potter

The owners of a more than a 1,000-acre parcel near Dade City are very interested in seeing it developed for commercial or industrial use.

Angelo's Aggregate Materials has been working with the Pasco Economic Development Council for some time through the agency's Ready Site Program, said Bill Cronin, president/CEO of the PEDC.

Angelo's bought the property in the 1990s and unsuccessfully tried for a few years in the early 2000s to get permission from

the state to develop a landfill there. They originally requested a 90-acre landfill that could potentially be expanded to 1,000 acres. The company later modified its request and asked for a 30-acre landfill. Both requests were rebuffed by state regulators.

Angelo's efforts were thwarted by combined opposition from the cities of Dade City, Zephyrhills and Tampa and from environmental groups who feared possible contamination of the Florida aquifers should a leak occur at the landfill. The Green Swamp that is near Angelo's property provides drinking water to hundreds of thousands of customers in the Tampa Bay Area.

The Angelo's property is unique because it has access to Interstate 75, the CSX rail line, U.S. 301 and U.S. 98. It will eventually also have access to the proposed Clinton Avenue

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Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

Hundreds Of Kids Benefit From Premier Event

by Keri McAlpine



A dentist from Premier Health Service in Dade City gave free dental inspections and screening for pre-schoolers and students at the event. Photo by Richard K. Riley

In addition to needing new school supplies and clothes for the back-to-school season, it's important for children to be in tip-top shape physically.

Required physicals and health screenings can sometimes be difficult to afford or tricky to fit into a family's busy schedule, which is why Premier Community Healthcare hosted its fourth annual Back-to-School Health and Safety Fest last weekend.

For three hours Saturday morning, dozens, possibly hundreds, of returning students and their families gathered at the Lewis Abraham Boys & Girls Club in Lacochee. Event organizers say more than 400 people were on site between attendees, about 50 volunteers and community partners and sponsors.

Saturday's event, along with contributions from Lacochee

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Water Tower's Days Are Numbered

City Continues To Work On Flood Formula

by Joe Potter

Eliminating downtown flooding and replacing an obsolete water tower were the focus of Tuesday's meeting of Dade City Commissioners.

They agreed to amend an agreement with the Florida Department of

Environmental Protection to reflect that the city now has \$1.4 million available to finally stem the tide of flooding that swamps downtown after even moderate rainfall.

Dade City has been searching for a solution for the past several years. Things looked promising in 2015 when the legislature approved \$1.9 million until Gov. Rick Scott used his veto pen to eliminate that funding source.

Dade City received \$400,000 in

state funds for the flood project during 2016 and \$1 million more during 2017. State Rep. Danny Burgess (R-38th) helped secure the extra \$1 million this year.

The replacement of the obsolete Tank Hill water tower was also discussed.

Commissioners were notified the city is attempting to get reimbursement

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Dade City Police Report Man Uses His Gun To 'Blow Off Steam'

Brian Ray Baxter, 27, of 14318 15th St., was arrested by Dade City police on July 29 for allegedly discharging a firearm in public while he was under the influence of alcohol. Baxter was reportedly 'upset' when he allegedly discharged his Ruger LCP semi-automatic .380 caliber handgun into the ground twice at 1:28 a.m. while standing outside his home. Baxter reportedly appeared noticeably intoxicated and upset when police arrived. A shell casing that matched the weapon was reportedly found inside the home. A witness made a statement regarding Baxter's alleged actions and let police into the home and advised them of the firearm. Post Miranda, Baxter reportedly openly admitted to being intoxicated and upset and discharging his firearm. He re-



portedly also said he had discharged the weapon as a means of blowing off steam.

Deanna Marie Judd, 37, of Ridge Manor, was arrested by Dade City police on July 13 on a charge of petit retail theft after she allegedly took items valued at \$124.41 from Walmart, 12650 U.S. 301 at 3:44 p.m. and left the store without paying for them. Judd was stopped by loss prevention personnel and reportedly tried to take the stolen items out of her purse and shorts prior to the arrival of law enforcement. Post Miranda, she reportedly admitted having taken lace lingerie, three pairs of sandals, hair color, wipes, underwear and bras. An hour prior, Judd allegedly shoplifted from Walmart, 7631 Gall Blvd., Zephyrhills, and



was trespassed from that business. She was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

Marie Suggs Shawna, 33, of 14012 Seventh St., was arrested by Dade City police on July 13 for allegedly possessing less than 20 grams of marijuana. An officer stopped a vehicle because they smelled the odor of burnt marijuana coming from it. Shawna reportedly dropped a rolled cigar containing suspected marijuana when she stepped out of the vehicle. She then spontaneously stated she had more suspected marijuana in her bra and pulled it out. The substances field-tested positive as marijuana and Shawna was issued a notice to appear in court.

Anthony Corey Hamilton, 33, of 37639 Howard Ave., was arrested by Dade City police on July 29 on a charge of driving while license suspended or revoked. A

traffic stop was conducted on a 2006 Kia Spectra due to the driver of the vehicle not wearing a seatbelt. A wants/warrants check revealed Hamilton had a suspended driver's license. Hamilton was issued a notice to appear in court.

Derrick Deshawn Sheffield, 24, of Tampa, was apprehended by Dade City police on July 27 on a Pasco County warrant charging him with failure to appear – driving while license suspended or revoked. Sheffield was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

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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extension. Cronin said this puts it within easy reach of the Port of Tampa and Tampa International Airport.

The fact that Withlacoochee River Electric Cooperative and Tampa Electric Company both serve the area also makes it attractive for business and industry, Cronin said, and potential employees from both Tampa and Lakeland would have easy access to the site.

Hundreds, if not thousands, of jobs could be attracted

to Angelo's property, which is east of County Road 35A and west of the Green Swamp. The site is bordered by Enterprise Road to the north and Messick Road to the south.

Angelo's would like to see the property developed, Cronin said, because it would help to improve their image with the community following their controversial attempt to create the landfill.

Cronin also said Angelo's knows industrial and commercial growth is needed to provide jobs for the many people who continue to move into Pasco County.

Cronin previously told the Pasco County Commissioners there are no other sites of this size available for commercial or industrial development in Florida.

"This puts us clearly on the map," Cronin said.

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Thousands Of Teachers Receive Supplies

Annual Stuff The Bus A Success



Retired teacher Pam Pepperman, left, gave back to her fellow teachers by volunteering at the seventh annual Stuff the Bus along with her husband, center, at the Zephyrhills Walmart.

After three days of collecting and two days of sorting and packaging, United Way of Pasco distributed more than 1,100 boxes of school supplies to teachers in Pasco County. The donations amounted into a more than \$30,000 value in materials, collected from six Walmarts in Pasco County, as well as from local business and individual monetary donations.

Donations were accepted in east Pasco at the Zephyrhills Walmart on Gall Boulevard, during the July 28-30 collection period. The seventh annual event brought together more than 500 volunteers from all age groups, who helped at the Walmarts and in the sorting location in New Port Richey.

Held in conjunction with Pasco County Schools, the supplies were given to teachers who applied for a box in order to alleviate the costs getting ready for the school year demands of teachers. The materials will be used in the classroom to benefit the students' education.

"We appreciate the bountiful support of our Pasco County community. It has been humbling and overwhelming," said United President/CEO Alice Delgado. Stuff The Bus is an easy way to help our teachers that dig into their own pockets year-round to provide supplies for their classrooms. The generosity of this effort helps our teachers to focus on what is really important, the students."

Deputies Seek Armed Suspect

Pasco deputies are looking for information leading to the arrest of **Jevante Tomorian Hill**, 26, who allegedly fired several shots into an occupied vehicle on Aug. 3. A child and two adults, including Hill's girlfriend, were in the vehicle when the incident occurred between 7 and 8 p.m. on Blanton Road south of Frazee Hill Road.



Hill

The Pasco Sheriff's Office Public Information Officer said Tuesday that Hill has yet to be apprehended. Anyone with information is asked to call the sheriff's office at 1-800-706-2488.



Melinda Velez, United Way of Pasco; Dawn Enrite, Pasco High School; Hilda Hellwig, Alzheimer's Family Organization; and Amanda Keith volunteer by sorting items on the yellow school bus stationed outside of Walmart.

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Aug. 11 – Fall Planting – Avid gardener David Force will help you get ready for autumn gardening and harvesting. Held from 12-12:30 p.m. at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information and required reservation.

Aug. 11-12 – Book Bazaar – The Friends of the Hugh Embry Library announce the monthly Book Bazaar to be held both days from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at the library, located at 14215 Fourth St. This Book Bazaar will feature a diverse selection of books, audio and video media, magazines and related materials. These are available for a modest cost. Admission is open to the public. Contact (352) 567-7449 or bookbollard@iCloud.com

Aug. 12 – Farmers Market – Held in the San Antonio City Park from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Offering fresh produce, hand-crafted wine, yard art, plants, jams and jellies, dog treats, honey and bee products, repurposed glass items, dried herbs and herbal products and baked goods. Hot dogs, popcorn, coffee and sodas available for purchase. Vendor spaces are available for \$25. Contact Winnie Burke at (352) 437-5161 or rotarysanantoniofl@gmail.com for information.

Aug. 12 – Back to School at Verizon – The Verizon Wireless store in Dade City is throwing a BACK2SCHOOL party and vendor fair to show appreciation to the customers. Come for a fun filled day of giveaways, special offers and shop for the newest tech. Held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 14520 Seventh St. Call (352) 518-4600 for information.

Aug. 15 – Charity Bingo at Brass Tap – The Dade City Woman's Club is hosting a charity Bingo event at the Brass Tap, 37916 Pasco Ave., starting at 7 p.m. Money raised will go toward the Shoes for Children program. The first bingo card is free and cost is \$2 for each card after that. Support a great cause and win

prizes. Contact Lisa Knous at (352) 467-1722 for questions or to donate a raffle item.

Aug. 17 – Stress: The Underestimated Assassin – Definitely a silent killer. This session will talk about how stress impacts our body and techniques for minimizing it. Held from 1-2 p.m. at Florida Hospital Zephyrhills' Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information and required reservations.

Sept. 1 – First Friday – The Dade City Merchants Association invites you to enjoy a charming evening out with that someone special in a family and pet friendly environment. Refresh from the work week and explore the many offerings of our downtown merchants and restaurants from 5-9 p.m. Slowly wander through downtown; drinking in the sounds of local musicians as you sit back and enjoy a leisurely carriage ride. Visit the Merchants Facebook page for more information.

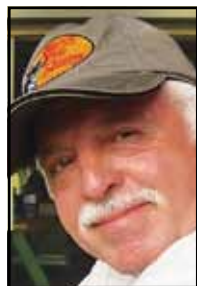
Sept. 2 – Cruise In – Held from 1:30-5:30 p.m. around the historic courthouse in downtown Dade City. This free event will feature DJ Starvin' Darwin and a hula hoop contest for kids. Come on down with your prized car/truck, or just with the family to check out all the wonderful antique and specialty cars. Enjoy lunch at one of our many exceptional restaurants, and shop in out antique and specialty shops. Call (352) 567-3769 or visit www.facebook.com/dadecitycruisein for information.

Sept. 7 – Lions Club Sight Program – The Zephyrhills Lions Club, located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road in Zephyrhills, will be accepting applications for its Sight Program from 9-11:30 a.m. Applicants must bring required documents, which can be found on www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/zephyrhills. The program is open to all Pasco County residents in need of basic eye care. Contact the clubhouse at (813) 788-1441 for information.

Oct. 21 – Pasco High School Reunion – The Reunion of the Decades will be held from 5-10 p.m. at Tampa Bay Golf & Country Club, 10641 Old Tampa Bay Drive. The Class of 1977 is hosting this year and welcomes the Class of 1987 for the first time. Space is limited. Get early bird pricing at \$45 per person when your reservation is received or postmarked by Sept. 1, then cost will be \$50. Price includes buffet dinner, live band and donation to PHS scholarships. A cash bar will be available. Contact 77pasco@gmail.com or call (813) 713.3110 for information.

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Commentary



First Things First

Greg First

Nice Grass Comes With A Cost

As most of you know several of my friends and I go to breakfast almost every day at 7 a.m. It seems like when we arrived on Monday two guys from a local mowing company had already started mowing. I am not sure how often but would guess this time of year it is weekly or every other week. I figured I would park away from the discharge of the zero-turn lawn mower they use. I dodged the grass but got blasted by the blower as a cloud covered the whole parking lot. Kind of like a sand storm.

This has been sort of an ongoing joke because the goal of the company, other than to do a good job mowing, seems to be to cover each of the vehicles in the parking lot with dust and debris. It wouldn't be so bad but the morning dew still covered the vehicles. When it's time to leave the restaurant the grass looks really nice but the cars and trucks are covered with a coat of debris. You have seen this before. You know the ones I am talking about, they

say, "Wash Me" on one of the windows, sometimes followed by a sad face.

I understand the grass has to be mowed on a regular basis. I also understand the hours of the businesses in that area are well marked. The restaurant opens at 7 a.m. and all the other stores open at 8 a.m. or later. It would seem to me they could do the restaurant first and finish the job before the patrons start showing up. I had just washed my truck the day before and when I left after breakfast it needed to be washed again.

When I was leaving I heard a lady tell her husband, "That is the last time we are eating here when the mowing truck is in the parking lot." To me it is a concern especially as a business owner myself. A friend of mine said one of the landscape employees walked right into the side of his parked SUV. He probably didn't hear the truck pulling in because of the headphones that keep the noise of his power equipment to a minimum. Maybe he was listening to "Green Grass and High Tides" by the Outlaws or "Dust in the Wind" by Kansas, and had it cranked up all the way. In any event those guys need to be careful also. They are a moving target from people who have not had their first cup of coffee yet.

I think it's time for the property manager to have a talk with the mowing company and see if they can work out better times for them to complete their mission. If that doesn't work out there are a whole bunch of companies that would like to talk to them and would love to have the opportunity to work something out for the benefit of all concerned.

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more attention to what you're doing," he said.

"(U.S. Highway) 301 has historically been our biggest draw for crashes," he said, noting that State Road 52, 17th Street, Meridian Avenue and the U.S 98 Bypass also receive a lot of scrutiny from the department. Serious accidents aren't the norm for side streets.

According to Duff, the city recorded 92 percent seat-belt usage among drivers who were contacted by police.

"Getting into the 90s like that, that's a pretty good accomplishment," Duff said.

Another factor the FDOT challenge accounts for is accidents involving pedestrians.

Duff said educating pedestrians has been the practice of the department, and it appears to be working as vehicular crashes involving pedestrians were halved during the yearlong rating period.

Rather than ticketing people for walking against the light or jaywalking and the like, officers are more prone to

stop and talk to the offender and explain the law to them.

"If they stop them again they'll probably get a ticket," Duff said.

One area where police are finding a growing problem nationwide is distracted driving, or more specifically, drivers using their smartphones behind the wheel.

"People just can't leave their phones alone. It's as if they put it down they're gonna die."

Unfortunately, for the country, more people are dying on the roads and smartphones aren't helping the situation.

According to the National Safety Council, 40,200 people died in vehicular accidents in 2016, a six percent rise from 2015.

Along with the uptick in distracted driving, an improving economy and lower prices at the pump have meant more folks on the road, resulting in more accidents, a February NSC report said.

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Needy Youngsters To Get School Supplies

Rotary Clubs Donate Backpacks To Sunrise Of Pasco

Story and photos by Keri McAlpine

Zephyrhills Daybreak and the Dade City Noon Rotary clubs recently joined forces for a backpack collection, which ended Monday afternoon. After weeks of collecting backpacks and supplies to stuff them with, the backpacks were brought to Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic and Sexual Violence Center.

A total of 30 backpacks were filled, and some additional supplies were also provided that could not fit into the packs. The materials will be distributed to children in Sunrise's shelter and outreach programs, just in time for the first day of school.

"We appreciate Rotary going out and collecting all of these things together for us. It definitely makes a



Standing, from left, with 30 backpacks recently donated to Sunrise of Pasco County are: Vicki Wiggins, director of development, Sunrise of Pasco County; Mignon Edwards, Interact sponsor and career specialist, Pasco High School; Jeannie Germain, assistant governor, Rotary Area 5; Cliff Martin, Dade City Noon Rotary; Kelly Sinn, CEO, Sunrise; Jodi Wilkeson, president, Zephyrhills Daybreak Rotary Club; and Nicole Newlon, president, Dade City Noon Rotary Club.



Zephyrhills Daybreak Rotary President Jodi Wilkeson, left, Sunrise of Pasco CEO Kelly Sinn, center, and Green Dot Coordinator Aubrey Hall haul in backpacks and school supplies donated by the Zephyrhills and Dade City Rotary clubs.

difference for the kids to have something new on their back when they go to school," said Vicki Wiggins, director of development for Sunrise.

This is the first time the two clubs have participated in a backpack drive, but not the first time they have pitched in together for Sunrise. Two years ago, the clubs worked to renovate Sunrise's Smith Road volunteer center and conference room in Dade City.

A recent conversation between Sunrise CEO Kelly Sinn and Nicole Newlon, president of the Dade City club, clued the clubs in to just how they could help the nonprofit.

"We stepped up like we always do and it was a great interactive experience for us and we're very happy with the turnout," said Zephyrhills Daybreak Rotary President Jodi Wilkeson. "If one child can go to school feeling great about what's in their backpack and they're ready to learn that day then it made a difference."

In addition to the clubs' participation, Pasco High School's Interact Club and the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce stepped in to help.

The Chamber donated some supplies, and Interact club members volunteered to sort and bag the supplies.

"They're (backpack recipients) just going to be so proud to have that new stuff on them. It's going to be really awesome," Wiggins said.



Jeannie Germain, assistant governor, Rotary Area 5, left, and Nicole Newlon, president of the Dade City Noon Rotary Club, deliver backpacks and school supplies to Sunrise of Pasco County on Monday afternoon.

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Elementary School and the Boys & Girls Club, provided nearly 600 stuffed backpacks for children in need.

Coinciding with National Health Center Week, the Premier event aimed to highlight the importance of access to children's health care and children's health insurance coverage. Children who have health insurance generally have better health throughout their childhood and into their teens; and kids that are covered are less likely to get sick, according to a press release from Premier.

A total of 18 school physicals and about 50 dental screenings were completed on site.

"It was fantastic. I think it was our best one yet," said Cheryl Pollock, director of business development at Premier. "Ensuring kids get preventative health care is important to academic



Dade City Commissioner Nicole Newlon shares small toys with Lacoochee residents. The favors were provided by the Officer Friendly and Citizen Service Unit.

success. Healthy kids tend to have better attendance and perform better in school overall."

Dozens of follow up appointments were scheduled as a result of the free screenings and access to healthcare information, Pollock said. If attendees were not able to stick around for the free services, they were given information on how to schedule the exam at a later date, with a special for uninsured families.

The event was meant to cater to east Pasco residents, but drew in a crowd from central Pasco and Hernando County as well to take advantage of the services. Pollock said there is even demand in west Pasco for a similar event to provide assistance to needy families.

"Our number one goal is to make sure kids get their health screenings, that parents know what resources are available in their community, and that kids have a starter kit... to begin their first day of school," she said.

More than 20 community partners

set up resource booths inside the club, including vision screenings and an identification booth allowing families to get IDs for their children. The event ran from 9 a.m. to noon, but some families arrived as early as 7:45 a.m. to beat the crowd.

"Parents were there bright and early. They were very happy for the convenience of getting their physicals on a Saturday morning, free of charge, and to understand what services are available in our community," Pollock said.

A new addition this year was entertainment for children once they had made their rounds. Music, a hula-hoop contest, snacks and an inflatable obstacle course added some fun to the otherwise serious event.

"That was truly the icing on the cake for the event. Just seeing kids smiling and playing ... it brought so much joy to all of us who planned the event," Pollock said.



Cpl. Jessica Ziegler, Officer Friendly for the Lacoochee / Dade City area takes a ride in a shady kiddie car while a mother takes a photo of her daughter in the background.



Kathy Browning, Pasco County School nurse at Lacoochee Elementary School discusses the University of Florida Family Nutrition program with Tabitha Villa and Linda Tesar, program assistants for the Extension Service.

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Withlacoochee State Trail Study

Public Information Open House Tonight

The Pasco County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is holding a Public Information Open House for the Withlacoochee State Trail Connector Planning Study on Aug. 10 starting at 6 p.m. The event will take place in the County Board Room on the second floor at the Historic Pasco County Courthouse, 37918 Meridian Ave. in Dade City.

The study will identify the preferred trail alignment alternative to connect the future northern extension of the Hardy Trail that will end at Lock Street in Dade City, to the southern terminus of the Withlacoochee State Trail Trailhead on the west side of U.S. 301 (approximately five miles). It will also identify the preferred alternative to connect the current southern terminus of the Hardy Trail in Dade City to the existing trail along U.S. 301 that currently ends at Dade City Avenue (approximately one mile).

The purpose of the open house is to allow the public to review several possible alignments of the future trail and to provide options and

other information that may be useful in development of the alignment alternatives.

This is the second of several public meetings being held in conjunction with this project. Anyone interested in the study is encouraged to attend the open house to provide input, share information and ask questions. Interested parties are welcome to stop by any time between 6-7 p.m. A brief presentation will be made at approximately 6:15 p.m.

A map of the trail study area and proposed alignments for consideration is included with this notice. Representatives from the Pasco County Planning and Development, MPO and the consulting team will be in attendance to take comments, address any issues, and help answer questions.

Visit the MPO website at www.pascompo.net or contact: Sam Beneck, Pasco County Project Management, at (727) 834-3604 or sbeneck@pascocountyfl.net for more information or to view project maps.

Auditions Open For Arts in Motion

Local Residents Make Up Production Team

Arts in Motion, a community youth theater arts education program, has announced auditions are open for their newest production, "Annie", to be performed in November.

Auditions will be held on Aug. 18 and 19 at the Alliance Church in Zephyrhills with a pre-casting rehearsal on Aug. 15, also at the Alliance Church, located at 6251 Fort King Road.

The new production is being led by local director, Connie LaMarca-Frankel of Dade City. Frankel has worked with Arts in Motion in the past.

Frankel has an impressive resume and will bring a great deal of experience in working with children to the production. She is professor and chair of humanities at Pasco-Hernando State College and has an MFA in directing from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. While her specialty is youth theatre directing "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "Annie", "Cinderella", "The Trial of The Big Bad Wolf", and "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" for Arts in Motion, she has also directed adults

in multiple productions including: "A Midsummer Night's Dream", "The Crucible", "The Odd Couple", "The Good Doctor", and "Carousel". Frankel is a founding member of the Tampa Repertory Company and directed their productions of "Cold Storage", "Phoenix", "I Do! I Do!", and "Silent Sky".

Also on board as musical director is Alison Graham, director of the Showstoppers performance group. Frankel and Graham are enthusiastic about bringing Annie to life.

Annie will be performed at Pasco Middle School from Nov. 10 through 12.

Shirley Surratt, president of the Arts in Motion Board of Directors, said, "We are really pleased with our production staff and look forward to auditions and casting the show. There is a great deal of talent in our area and we can't wait to see what these kids will bring to our production."

Visit www.artsinmotionpasco.com for more information about Arts in Motion or auditions for Annie.

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from the Department of Environmental Protection for part of the \$230,000 it will have to pay for the design of a new tower.

Dade City is asking to be placed on DEP's drinking water priority list. Since the DEP provides help on a competitive basis, Dade City's application gets a 400-point boost because the tower upgrade is for a water tank that has exceeded its useful life.

Prior to the regular meeting, the Community Redevelopment Agency board voted 4-0 to approve a request by Hodges Family Funeral Home for a \$7,050 grant to improve the exterior of their 14056 Fifth St. building.

Members of the City Commission sit as the CRA

board and member Eunice Penix did not attend Tuesday's meeting.

Randy Bush of the funeral home told the board the original curved glass window on the entrance of the building has to be replaced soon.

But as the window is of unique bow shape, constructed in 1912 as a Sears & Roebuck kit home, none of the contractors he spoke with were willing to take on the task of replicating it. They were, however, willing to replace it with a more contemporary design.

"We have got bids on the window. We need to do something soon to keep the window from falling in," Bush said.

Hodges Family Funeral Home received three

competitive bids from Cunningham Construction, \$11,000; Ryman Construction, \$10,000; and Paul Schaper Inc., \$9,398.

"It looks like you're in dire need of a replacement window," CRA board member Jim Shive said.

The funeral home is on the local historic register, said City Planner Michael Sherman. It was used as a private residence for many years before it began to be used as a funeral home.

Board member Scott Black moved, and Shive seconded, to approve the request. Hodges will receive 75 percent of the cost of the project. They will need to receive a permit from the building department to do the work.

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New Store Opens On First Friday



Tammy Belmore of Dade City plays for the crowd in her spangles.

Merchants' Event Draws Shoppers Downtown

The Dade City Merchants' Association held its monthly First Friday event last weekend and welcomed a new store to the roster. The Rusty Rooster opened its doors for the first time at 14114 Seventh St., in the previous location of The Shabby Hen's Nest. In addition to street performers, dozens of merchants and restaurant owners welcomed visitors into their stores after normal business hours, most staying open as late as 9 p.m. Select stores scheduled in-store sales to coincide with the event and some even offered tasty treats or activities for customers to enjoy. The next First Friday will be held Sept. 1.



Laurie Venable of Brooksville opened her first day on Dade City's First Friday with her new store, The Rusty Rooster.

Photos by Richard K. Riley



Gordon Comer, owner of Flint Creek Outfitters, keeps his business open every First Friday to welcome local shoppers and out-of-town visitors.



Kim Rush, left, and Terri Trembly, center, of Zephyrhills take a class in specialty paint skills and projects at Jonelle Wiley's Dade City Magnolia House during First Friday.



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**October 22nd
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