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## Students Shop With A Cop

*Youngsters Receive Needed Clothes, Supplies For School Year*

by Joe Potter

On Friday, young students from three area schools were able to go on a special shopping spree with the men and women in blue. The inaugural Shop With A Cop event welcomed 17 students who were given a partner to accompany them to the Dade City Walmart for back-to-school shopping.

Nine officers and a crime scene technician from the Dade City Police Department, two safety guards from Pasco and Cox Elementary schools, and Cpl. Jessica Zeigler from the Pasco Sheriff's Office accompanied the students. Ten members of the Dade City Youth Council also participated in the event at the store located at 12650 U.S. 301.



Brothers Kevin, 6, and David Toscano, 10, are helped by Javier Huapilla, left, and La'Dainian Johnson, both members of the Dade City Youth Council, with assistance from Sgt. Rob Tungate.

Photo by Richard K. Riley

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## Commission Mulls Investing In The Future

*Plan To Attract Retailers Could Be Developed*

by Joe Potter

City commissioners tentatively agreed Tuesday to a program that could help attract new retail businesses to different areas of Dade City.

The plan, proposed by Commissioner Scott Black, would supplement efforts currently being carried out by the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce and the Dade City Merchants Association. Each of those organizations both currently receive \$25,000 each per year for the services they provide.

It would cost approximately \$38,000 to hire a vendor for one year to develop the proposed plan.

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## Dade City Cruise In May Expand

*Event Returns From Hiatus In Two Weeks*

by Joe Potter

Classic car aficionados will be happy to learn longer hours and more space may be available when the Cruise In resumes Sept. 1 in downtown Dade City.

Hosted by Ronnie Setser for the Dade City Merchants Association, the event took a three-month hiatus (June-August) because of summer heat and rain.

It has been held from 3 to 6 p.m., Setser said, but that could change following discussions with the Merchants Association next week. People tend to come early for the event, so hours may be extended to 2 to 6 p.m., he explained.

One of the reasons for considering adding an extra hour to the event is to draw more traffic into the downtown business district. People participating in the Cruise In frequently eat at area restaurants and their spouses may visit the local shops,

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A 1950 Anglia packing a 427 cubic-inch engine was a popular vehicle to passersby during a past Cruise In in downtown Dade City.

Photo by Joe Potter

## DCPD Has New Sleuth

*Former Patrol Officer Promoted*

Story and photo by Joe Potter

Amanda Chambers realized a longtime dream last month when she was promoted to detective with the Dade City Police Department.

"I knew from the get-go when I got into this career that I wanted to be a detective," Chambers, 36, said Monday.

The University of South Florida graduate earned a bachelor's degree in psychology with a minor in criminology. Her original career path was to train dolphins, she said. Her plans changed after she took some

criminology courses and "absolutely loved them," she said.

Chambers attended the Law Enforcement Academy at Pasco-Hernando State College for 11 months while working for the Pasco Sheriff's Office fulltime as a civilian in their child protection department. She is also a certified crime scene technician.

She became a patrol deputy with the sheriff's office in 2015 after working in child protection for seven years. Former Chief Ray Velboom hired Chambers in

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Amanda Chambers

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Kristina, Steve, and their son Ryan Beebe, 6th grade, eat breakfast with Dylan, 7th grade, and grandmother Fran O'Leary at the same breakfast table at the First Presbyterian Church of Dade City. The church also sponsors Boy Scout Troop #402 of which both boys are members.

Photo by **Richard K. Riley**



Pastor Cheryl Duke, standing, welcomes, from left, Carolyn Madill, Gail Moore and Billy and Vicki Lutes, all of Dade City, to the Church's first Breakfast for a Buck on Sunday.

# Breakfast For A Buck

The church staff, volunteers and parishioners of the First Presbyterian Church of Dade City came together on Sunday to hold the first of many Breakfast for A Buck events.

The free breakfast will be held every Sunday morning from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m. and will continue through the year. Attendees are encouraged to donate a "buck." This week, breakfast was a hearty serving of pancakes, bacon and scrambled eggs. Orange juice and coffee were also served. No reservations are needed to attend.

Pastor Cheryl Duke and her husband, Richard, are responsible for the new outreach event. The couple came from Russellville, Ky., where they helped provide similar breakfasts every Sunday in their churches for the previous eight years.

After breakfast, attendees are welcome to stick around for Sunday school at 9:15 a.m., a new member and inquirer class at 9:15 a.m. or Sunday worship at 10:30 a.m.

Call the church at (352) 567-2591 for more information. It is located at 37412 Church Ave.



Gail Malone of Dade City volunteering to help make pancakes for the breakfast.

## Dade City Police Report

# Attempt To Evade Leads To Unavoidable Arrest

**Edward Lee, 37**, of 37330 Oak St., was arrested by Dade City police on July 28 on charges of resisting an officer without violence and fleeing in an attempt to elude an officer. Police attempted to stop Lee's vehicle in reference to a non-functioning tag light and passenger side headlight. During the attempt, Lee allegedly continued to drive to elude officers. Police activated the in-car PA system to advise Lee to pull over. Police made contact with Lee after he came to a stop at Circle K, 13749 21st St. He advised he was aware of the lights and the siren but refused to stop because he "does not stop for cops." Lee was issued two written citations, one for each non-functioning light, and a written warning for an expired registration. He was then placed under arrest and transported to the Pasco County jail.

**Christine Raye Miller, 47**, 37408 Main Ave., was arrested by Dade City police on July 30 on a charge of driv-

ing while license suspended or revoked with knowledge. Police made contact with Miller during a traffic stop at Hillsborough and Dewey avenues. A check revealed that Miller's license was suspended for criminal failure to appear. Miller advised that she recently received a citation for DWLSR and had been to court for it. Police confirmed that Miller's suspension had not yet been cleared and was still active. Miller was placed under arrest and, post Miranda, advised she was aware of the suspension and that she was going to resolve the matter in a few days after her monthly income check had been deposited. She was later released with a notice to appear.

A 16-year-old male was arrested by Dade City police on July 28 on a charge of reckless driving. Police were driving northbound on Morningside Drive when they observed a vehicle approaching rapidly from behind. The vehicle nearly struck the officer's car before recklessly swerving around it, allegedly avoiding it by approximately three feet. Law enforcement attempted to stop the vehicle by

activating their lights, but the driver failed to pull over. The vehicle came to a stop one mile later and police made contact with the driver. Post Miranda, the driver stated he did not wish to speak to the officer. A check revealed the driver only had a learner's license and there was not a licensed driver present in the vehicle with him.

**Matthew Weakly Ashmore, 34**, of 3361 Jesses Court, was arrested by Dade City police on July 31 on a Pasco County warrant for contempt of court. Police made contact with Ashmore at the Parole and Probation Office, 14450 Seventh St. An active warrant was confirmed, and Ashmore was placed under arrest and transported to the Pasco County Jail.

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# Agnes Lamb Park To Be Preserved

## Comprehensive Plan Is Amended

by Joe Potter

Dade City Commissioners sought to dispel rumors during their Tuesday meeting that the extension of the Roy Hardy Trail would eliminate a popular downtown park.

The Hardy Trail will pass through the northern portion of Agnes Lamb All Seasons Park when it is extended one mile from Church Avenue to Lock Street, City Manager Billy Poe said.

The trail extension will cost nearly \$1 million and the state is providing most of the funding for the project.

Original plans called for the trail extension to go through the center of the park, named after former Dade City Mayor Agnes Lamb, but Poe directed the plans to be redrawn. The northern route will leave much of the park unaffected so people can continue to enjoy it for years to come, Poe said.

Agnes Lamb Park is bound by

Meridian Avenue, Edwinola Way and Eighth Street.

In other business Tuesday, commissioners adopted an ordinance approving amendments to the city's comprehensive plan. The changes were needed because of new state laws that have been implemented over the past few years, according to city planner Michael Sherman.

The changes will be transmitted to the Florida Department of Community Affairs which will have 30 days to respond and tell the city if any additional changes are required, Sherman said.

Acting Chief James Walters informed commissioners of two recent promotions which occurred within the Dade City Police Department. Former detective Robert Tungate is now a sergeant and Amanda Chambers, who was a patrol officer, is now a detective.

Also, Tyler Deliberti was sworn in as a new DCPD patrolman.

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late 2016 as a patrol officer for DCPD.

Chambers applied for the detective's position earlier this year after former detective Robert Tungate was promoted to sergeant. Tungate and Acting Lieutenants William Rowe and Brian Uppercue interviewed her. Chambers was promoted to detective by Acting Chief James Walters.

Aspects of her job she enjoys include investigating crimes, following up

on leads, interviewing witnesses and hunting down and arresting suspects, Chambers said.

"You learn to talk to different people different ways depending on how they interact with you and adjust your investigative techniques accordingly," Chambers said.

When she isn't busy working, the Tampa native said she enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

# County Utilities Water Quality Reports Available Online

What's in your water? Pasco County Utilities customers can now view the latest water quality testing results for their service area online in the annual 2017 Consumer Confidence Reports (CCR).

"Providing safe and dependable drinking water is the number one priority for any utility," said Pasco County Utilities Customer Service Director Sandra Anderson. "Equally important is the reported data, showcasing the exceptional quality of our water."

Customers can view the CCR specific to their residential area by accessing the direct link provided on their utilities water bill, or by selecting their report

at [bit.ly/2017pascowaterreport](http://bit.ly/2017pascowaterreport). Pasco County Utilities routinely monitors drinking water according to Federal and State laws, rules and regulations.

August also marks #WaterQualityMonth across the Nation. Protecting the quality of water for all residents starts at home. The sources of Pasco drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells.

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East Pasco Events

**Aug. 16 – Bingo** – August Bingo will take place from 2-3 p.m. in the Thyme Out Café at Florida Hospital Dade City, 13100 Fort King Road. Play a few games of Bingo for prizes, enjoy cake with buttercream icing, and a short presentation on how to avoid dehydration and heat stroke by Dina Erickson, RN, the hospital’s stroke coordinator. This is a free event, but reservations are required. Call (833) 300-2371 for information.

**Aug. 17 – National Thrift Shoppe Day** – In honor of the special holiday all six Gulfside Hospice Thrift Shoppes will offer savings of 25 percent off storewide, plus double punches on store loyalty cards. Each shop will also be holding a drawing for store gift certificates and other prizes. Shops are open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed on Sundays. The local shop is at 37925 Sky Ridge Circle.

**Aug. 18 – Social Dance** – A dance will be held from 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Strawberry Square, 4401 Promenade Blvd., Plant City. Cost is \$6. Bring your own snacks, drinks and table service. No alcohol allowed on the property. Visit [strawberrysquaredancing.com](http://strawberrysquaredancing.com) for information or contact (863) 409-7714 or [pcsocialdanceclub@inbox.com](mailto:pcsocialdanceclub@inbox.com) for directions.

**Aug. 18 – Pet Adoption Event** – All adoption fees will be waived to help local families bring home a new pet during this national event. Held 12-6:30 p.m. at Pasco County Animal Shelter, 19640 Dogpatch Lane, Land O’Lakes. All adoptions include spay/neuter, microchip and vaccinations. The waived fee applies to all dogs and cats with no exclusions. County residents are required to purchase appropriate county licensing at time of adoption. Visit [www.mypasco.net/PAS](http://www.mypasco.net/PAS) for information.

**Aug. 18 – Antique Faire and Sidewalk Market** – This monthly event, held the third Saturday, will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. throughout the downtown shops. Shop with the local merchants for furniture, garden décor, jewelry, tools, shabby chic and more.

**Aug. 18 – Wine For A Purpose** – Break out that little black dress and support Sunrise of Pasco County at a special wine tasting event from 6-8 p.m. at Beach House Wiregrass, 30070 S.R. 56, Wesley Chapel. Tickets are \$30 or two for \$50. A variety of wines and appetizers from local restaurants will be featured, along with live entertainment, raffles and auction items. Visit [sunrisepasco.org](http://sunrisepasco.org) for information and to reserve tickets.

**Aug. 22 – Chair Yoga** – Easy stretching routine that works wonders. Reservations required. Held 3:30-4:30 p.m. at Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information.

**Aug. 22 – Vegetable Gardening Basics** – Interested in starting a vegetable garden, but have no idea where to begin? Join this free UF/IFAS Pasco County Extension seminar to learn about how to choose a location for a garden, what makes good soil, when to plant different vegetables, and how to control common vegetable garden pests. Held at 15029 14th St. from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Eden at [esantiagogomez@pascocountyfl.net](mailto:esantiagogomez@pascocountyfl.net) for information.

**Aug. 23 – Cooking Demo** – Learn to make Vero’s triple play smoothie, which

includes three valuable ingredients. Reservations required. Held 11 a.m.-12 p.m. at Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information.

**Aug. 24 – Pomegranate Field Day** – Stop by James Grove and Ranch, 17821 James Road, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. to see a citrus grove that has been converted to pomegranates. A field talk by Manager Joseph Alexander will be featured, along with a Q&A with researchers. A light lunch will also be provided. Ali Sarkhosh of UF/IFAS will also be speaking. Presented by the Florida Pomegranate Association, tickets are \$5 for members or \$10 for non-members. Contact (863) 604-3778 or visit [pomegranate-date.eventbrite.com](http://pomegranate-date.eventbrite.com) for information and tickets.

**Aug. 29 – Proper Food Safety** – Learn how to handle fruits and veggies to ensure maximum benefits, limit waste, and prevent illness/toxins. Reservations required. Held 1-2 p.m. at the Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. Call (813) 779-6476 for information.

**Sept. 1 – Cruise In** – Visit downtown Dade City to show off your vehicle, check out all of the vehicles on display, enjoy delicious food from local restaurants, shop and hang out with friends. Held the first Saturday of each month. Event begins at 2 p.m.. Call (352) 437-3466 or (352) 518-5683 for information.

**Sept. 6 – Cooking Matters** – This four week series is presented by the UF/IFAS Extension from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St. Learn about nutrition and healthy eating while also sampling easy and healthy recipe ideas you can enjoy at home. Call Shari Bresin at (352) 518-0156 for information and to sign up.

**Sept. 12 – Guardian Ad Litem Info Session** – Children in our community need your help. Find out how you can help abused, neglected and abandoned children by attending a Guardian ad Litem information session at 1:30 p.m. The sessions are held monthly at the Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St. Contact Larnelle Scott at (727) 834-3493 or [Larnelle.scott@gal.fl.gov](mailto:Larnelle.scott@gal.fl.gov) or visit [www.herotoachild.org](http://www.herotoachild.org) for information.

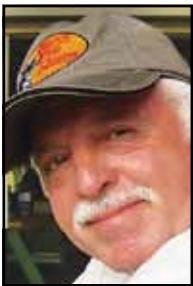
**Sept. 15 – Charity Show of Talent Auditions** – Auditions for the annual fundraising event (scheduled for March 2, 2019) will be held from 3-6:30 p.m. Call is for singers, dancers and musicians. Call or email Faith Pridmore or Cheryl Chadick at (352) 588-8443 or [hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu](mailto:hnmdevelopment@saintleo.edu) to learn more.

**Sept. 15 – Antique Faire and Sidewalk Market** – This monthly even, held the third Saturday, will be held from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. throughout the downtown shops. Shop with the local merchants for furniture, garden décor, jewelry, tools, shabby chic and more.

**Sept. 18 – Relay For Life Kickoff** – The American Cancer Society Relay For Life of East Pasco kicks off its new fundraising season at Atonement Lutheran Church at 29617 FL-54 Wesley Chapel, from 6-7:30 p.m. The community is invited to come out and learn more about the Relay For Life movement and how they can help the American Cancer Society attack cancer from every angle. Visit [www.relayforlife.org/eastpascofl](http://www.relayforlife.org/eastpascofl) for information.

For more events visit [www.pasconewspubs.com](http://www.pasconewspubs.com)

Commentary



First Things First

Greg First

Who Is Bob White?

The primary elections are right around the corner. Early voting begins Aug. 18 and goes through Aug. 25. The early voting sites are open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. Pasco County voters can cast a ballot at any of 11 sites countywide. Just be sure to bring a photo and signature ID.

Rumors have been swirling that a Bob White is running for the Governor of the State of Florida. Well, it’s true. The name Bob White is on the official primary election Republican sample ballot sent out by Supervisor of Elections Brian Corley’s office. This has got to be one of the best kept secrets around but it might be confusing to voters in this area.

I actually know two outstanding guys with the name of Bob White. The first is the founder of Bob White Painting in Zephyrhills. I know him pretty well. I didn’t know he had any political aspirations. I do know he is a first-class guy and has probably painted more homes here in east Pasco than anyone else I know. His son, Daniel, now runs the company. He and his dad have always exceeded expectations and always go above and beyond what is expected. They are both humble and honest. I would definitely vote for this guy.

The other Bob White that I know is also a pretty awesome guy. This Bob was elected Sheriff of Pasco County in November of 2000 for three consecutive terms. He served the citizens of Pasco County with

honesty and integrity. He retired in 2011 after 35 years in law enforcement. Sheriff White is now the owner of Lonestar Strategies LLC, a government relations strategy company that builds lasting relationships between private sector clients and elected sheriffs, police chiefs, and law enforcement officials along with state and local governments. This guy would also definitely get my vote.

After doing some research on which one is running for office it has been determined that neither of these two guys are running. I saw a post on Sheriff White’s Facebook page that said, “I’m Bob White. I am not running for Governor of the State of Florida or any other state in the union.” I sent a private message to Daniel White and asked about his dad. Daniel confirmed that his dad is officially retired.

When I vote I consider several things. The most important is character. Both of these men have great character and if they ever did decide to run they would have my vote. They are both top notch guys.

The Bob White who is running is from Melbourne. His website says he is the founder and former chairman of Liberty Catalyst Fund. Their mission is to educate fellow Americans on the issues of liberty, freedom and constitutional integrity so voters will make informed choices at the ballot box.

I don’t know about you but I learned all of those things at a very early age beginning right here in Pasco County. I applaud all of my teachers, my family and my community. They taught us right from wrong. They taught us that we are responsible for our actions. We learned that honesty is the best policy. They taught us about the love of God and country.

I appreciate all of that. I do love the Lord with all my heart. I also love our veterans and the military. I will always be grateful for their sacrifice and I will always proudly stand and salute the flag of the United States of America no matter what.

Suncoast Credit Union Shines On Thomas Promise Foundation

The Suncoast Credit Union Foundation named The Thomas Promise Foundation as a recipient of a \$10,000 grant to help the organization fulfill its mission.

The Thomas Promise Foundation is a non-profit organization that provides bags complete with six meals and snacks for Pasco County students over the weekend when they would otherwise go without. Twenty-four Pasco schools and more than 1,100 children benefit from this program every week of the school year and when school is not in session.

This donation will provide more than 20,000 meals to nutritionally-challenged students within Pasco County.

“We are grateful for the donation,” said Joe Simmons, executive director of the Thomas Promise Foundation. “We are preparing to launch into a new school year. For six years we have not missed one weekend of packing and delivering weekend lunches and have delivered more than one million meals so far. We couldn’t do it without the support of organizations like Suncoast Credit Union.”

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The students from Rodney B. Cox and Pasco Elementary and Pasco Middle School were each able to get up to \$100 in clothes and supplies to help them have a better start on the new school year, which started Monday, said James Walters, DCPD’s acting chief.

Leon Thomas, manager of Walmart #713, donated two \$100 gift cards. The Youth Council provided \$750 from funds it raised through The Marketplace, a monthly event held at Hibiscus Park. The remaining \$750 came from DCPD’s budget, said Dade City Mayor Camille Hernandez, who works closely with the Youth Council.

There were two primary reasons for holding the Shop With A Cop event on Aug. 10, Walters said.

First, the police department wanted to be sure the students had an opportunity to feel good about the first day of school and get the best possible start on the academic year.

“We also want the children to have a positive interaction with law enforcement officers,” Walters said.

The participating students were selected in advance by staff members at their respective schools, Hernandez said.

Zechariah, 8, who attends PES, said he was “Happy” to be able to get some clothes and supplies. He enthusiastically added he plays football for the PES Pirates.

Enrique, 9, attends RBCES, and said the event was “Cool . . . awesome.”



All the students, the members of the Dade City Youth Council and the involved Dade City Police Department officers and staff after Friday’s event.

Lacie, 11, who attends PMS, said she felt “very happy.”

“It’s actually really awesome,” Lacie said with a smile.

Another PMS student, Ziya, 12, said she “felt good about it.”

Walters thanked Walmart, the Youth Council, and the Pasco County School District for the roles each organization

played in the success of Friday’s event.

Walmart manager Theresa Jaramillo said it took “at least a couple of weeks” to plan for the Shop With A Cop event.

“It is fantastic. This is great for the community,” Jaramillo said.

Several of the officers, including the two school safety guards, volunteered time to shop with the children, Walters said.



Rosalinda Colunga, 10, considers a shirt with a big heart during the Shop With A Cop event last week.

“We want the students and their families to know our police department is there to assist them and help them, not just in times of crisis, but always, even during the good times,” Hernandez said.

The DCPD and the Youth Council will partner again at Christmas to help families and students with Christmas purchases.

“We hope to continue this program each year as we make new friends in the community and continue this outreach so the police department and the Youth Council can become friendly faces for all the people in Dade City,” Hernandez said.



Dade City Youth Council member Kayla Contreras, 15, helps Adriana Trujillo, 11, of Pasco Middle School, choose shirts at Walmart.



Hayley Johnson, 16, left, of the Dade City Youth Council and Terri Reed, DCPD executive assistant, help Keylin Garcia, 7, choose a shirt for school on Friday.

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# Registration Fun Preps For School Year



Lacoochee Elementary administrative assistant Hope Buchanan takes registration information from a new family. Grandmother Tracy Perez and mother Ashley Gonzalez were on hand to get Alicia Gonzalez, 6, reregistered for first grade and Elena Romerosa, 9, for fourth grade classes.

Photos by **Richard K. Riley**



Prodigy Program Assistant Josefina Gonzalez, 'Lacoochee Prodigy 2018 Ambassador' Timmy and Danielle Foglio, the new program manager for the Lacoochee Boys & Girls Club, during last week's registration event at Lacoochee Elementary School.



First-grade teacher Kristina Carter of San Antonio is ready for the new school year.

To prepare for the 2018-2019 school year students and families of Lacoochee Elementary School attended a registration day event at campus on Aug. 9. The event allowed students to sign up for classes if they hadn't already and make sure all of their paperwork was in order. Representatives from local student services such as the Lewis Abraham Boys & Girls Club of Lacoochee, Sunrise of Pasco County Domestic and Sexual Violence Center, and even Officer Friendly of the Pasco Sheriff's Office were represented at the event.

Teachers could also be spotted during the event and in their classrooms, making sure everything was prepared for Monday's first day of classes.

Visit [les.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://les.pasco.k12.fl.us) for more information on Lacoochee Elementary.



Lillian Gonzalez, front left, and Sandra Larios, front right, represented the Sunrise shelter during the event. Behind them at the second table the new staff security guard for the elementary school, Bill Wade, along with the Pasco Sheriff's Officer Friendly Jessica Zeigler.

## Horror Park Looking To Hire Hundreds

by **Emily Kochanski**

The spookiest time of the year is just around the bend and **Scream-A-Geddon** is looking to get the party started early by hiring hard workers and dedicated horror fans for the upcoming season.

Scream-A-Geddon, located at 27839 Saint Joe Road, was established in 2015 and has since proved to be one of the state's most successful and unique Halloween attractions.

"It was opened because we knew we had a unique haunted house experience that we could bring into Florida that would both be loved and feared," said Jon Pianki, the park's marketing director. "We have been designing and building haunted attractions for over nine years and know what it takes to build a truly unique, terrifying and fun experience."

This year's event will feature a number of new and returning haunted houses and scare zones, and the Scream-A-Geddon team is looking for a slew of dependable, teachable and hardworking folks with a desire to scare and bring the park to life.

Scream-A-Geddon hires more than 300 employees

each year and is seeking individuals to supervise parking, concessions, make-up, and to assume the roles of greeter, shift supervisor, cashiers, and, of course, scare actors.

"We are looking for applicants who are good with surprise, misdirection, sensory overload, and interaction," said Pianki. "We have six haunted attractions allowing us to bring a lot of variety to the haunted house scene, but our biggest is our fully interactive attractions where our monsters can grab you, hold you, remove you from your group, strap you to a chair, or even... keep you behind."

Returning houses include fan favorites "Deadwoods," "Blackpool Prison," and "Infected: Ground Zero." This year's event will welcome new attractions, such as "Rage 3D," "Demon's Revenge," and "Zombie Paintball Assault."

"We have a full Monster Midway that features games, food, drinks, fire pits, and roaming monsters that allow customers to stay all night and have fun," Pianki said. "Customers can enter each attraction as many times as they would like with a general admission ticket."

Applicants must be 18 or older and pass a background check. Rehearsals will run from 1 to 4 p.m. every Saturday and Sunday through Sept. 5 with free actor



Creepy creatures love to get up close and personal with unsuspecting attendees during the seasonal haunted houses.

Photo Provided

training each Wednesday from 6 to 9 p.m. The park will be open for business beginning Sept. 15.

Visit [www.screamageddon.com/jobs](http://www.screamageddon.com/jobs) for specific operation dates, more information, or to apply and schedule an interview.

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The next Cruise In in downtown Dade City will be held Sept. 1 and will continue to be held the first Saturday of each month through May 2019. Photo by Richard K. Riley

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Setser said. This will mean the downtown streets, which used to close at 2 p.m. to accommodate cars and trucks coming to participate in the event, will have to close earlier. In addition, Setser said more streets may also close. The Cruise In has been held on the Sixth and Fifth streets between Meridian and Church avenues. The area for the Cruise In may expand a block farther to the east to take in Fourth Street as well.

The event has always been free to attend. People who desire to be considered for a trophy for their vehicle at the end of the show may pay a \$10 registration fee. Sometimes only 10-15 people register out of the hundreds of people who bring their classic cars, trucks, motorcycles and other vehicles to the event, Setser said. People who have registered generally stay until the event is over to see if they have won a prize. Others can just come and show their vehicles and leave whenever they want to, Setser said. Setser lives in Dade City and operates Ronnie Setser's Customs in Tampa.

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Commissioner Nicole Deese Newlon favored a two-year contract. She said she didn't think the city's goals could be met in one year. Mayor Camille Hernandez questioned why the city would want the plan to be developed since there is currently no qualified full-time city employee to implement it. Hernandez said she has had discussions with City Manager Billy Poe regarding possibly hiring a new employee for fiscal year 2018-19, which begins Oct. 1. That person could work part-time as director of the city's Community Redevelopment Area and part-time in the planning department. She indicated Tuesday she will bring that possibility up at budget workshops that will be held prior to the final adoption of the new budget in September. Otherwise, Hernandez said, the city might pay to have a plan developed that would just sit on a shelf and not be implemented. The proposed plan would indicate what types of retail businesses could be

attracted to Dade City and what steps could be taken to help them succeed after they were established, Black said. There's no reason a city the size of Dade City hasn't been able to attract more businesses, Black said, adding some surrounding communities appear to be more aggressive in this area. An area that is ripe for development will be created when State Road 52 is rerouted to connect with Clinton Avenue, Black said. The plan he is proposing could also help encourage development along the city's north, south and west sides as well as redevelopment within some areas of the city's downtown business district, Black said. Commissioners did not take any formal action on the proposal Tuesday but indicated to Poe there was consensus so money could be considered for it in the new budget. Poe said the \$38,000 would come from reserve funds. There are several different companies Dade City could consider hiring to develop the plan, Hernandez said.



Ukulele Summer Camp participants celebrate the end of the July camps. Photo Provided

Ukulele Player Wins Instrument Library Concludes Summer Music Camps

The Hugh Embry Library is happy to announce the completion of its two ukulele summer camps. Two separate groups completed the camp, one in June and the other in July. A total of 34 new ukulele players participated in the four-session camp in June and 29 new players in July. The camps included children as young as 6 years old all the way up to their grandparents. The library thanks the Tampa Bay Ukulele Society and teachers, Gail Reynolds and Gayle Grindey, for facilitating this camp. As in June, the Friends of Hugh Embry Library gave away a brand-new ukulele during the final session of July's camp. The grand prize winner was six-year-old William Bozone. Congratulations, William! The library encourages all participants to maintain their new skills and to keep on strummin'.



Tampa Bay Ukulele Society teachers Gayle Grindey, left, and Gail Reynolds, right, with 6-year-old William Bozone, the winner of a brand new ukulele.

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# American House Staff Strut Their Stuff



Life Enrichment Director Kristin Jenkins strikes a professional pose in her flattering business casual attire during Monday's fashion show.



Marketing Director Keaton Hobbs dazzles American House residents with her all-blue ensemble.

## Fashion Show Makes Shopping Fun And Convenient

Story and photos by **Emily Kochanski**

On Aug. 13, American House Zephyrhills hosted one of its favorite, and most stylish, returning events: the BonWorth fashion show. Members of the American House team modeled the latest ensembles from the popular Zephyrhills department store for residents and visitors.

“We have been coming to American House and putting on the fashion show for at least five years now,” said Susan Blackwell, BonWorth’s branch manager. “A lot of these ladies can’t get out to go shopping, so we bring the

shopping experience to them.”

Fashion savvy residents with a desire to buy gathered in the building’s lobby turned catwalk and watched as the lovely ladies of the American House crew donned and paraded more than 20 outfits of various colors, sizes and styles. When the catwalk officially closed, residents and attendees were invited to shop from the latest selection BonWorth had to offer.

“We like all sizes of ladies because we know that we all come in all shapes and sizes,” said Blackwell. “This is always such a nice, diverse event.”

The staff at BonWorth host the show at American House between three and four times a year, usually around the holidays in order to show of their ever-changing seasonal wear.

“We just love coming to American House,” said Blackwell. “Everyone is so friendly and it’s such a beautiful place. And it’s just right across the street from work!”

Blackwell encourages all to stop on by BonWorth at 7409 Gall Blvd. in between the events to peruse the latest fashions.



Patricia Watkins, a volunteer model from Nurse On Call Home Health Care, looks pretty in peach.



Business Office Manager Abigail Castro can't help but laugh as the emcee and the audience deem that she is in no way 'circumferentially challenged' and that she looks sleek and slender in her outfit of choice.



American House Executive Director Virginia Rice looks patriotic in a pair of navy blue capris and a red and white striped top.



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