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A Closer Walk With Thee

Richland Baptist Church Reconstructs Bethlehem

Story and photos by **Emily Kochanski**

Pasco County residents ventured to the time of Jesus' birth last weekend at Richland Baptist Church for the annual Walk Through Bethlehem. Church members staged a visually stunning stroll through the biblical town and arrived at the nativity just in time to witness the moment B.C. became A.D.

Winding through the front yard of the church like a maze and resembling a market place, the Walk Through Bethlehem featured a number of historically accurate stations and characters, including various merchants, patrolling Roman guards, shepherds and their livestock, and the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

A staple of east Pasco County for nearly 23 years, the event

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Richland Baptist Church's Bethlehem featured a number of historically accurate characters including carpenters, fish merchants, wine sellers and soldiers.

Country Jam Continues To Inspire

Music Celebration Held At Fairgrounds

Story and photos by **Sam Newlon**



Dade City native Emmet Stevens Jr. and Kenzie Wheeler perform at DC Country Jam to help raise money for Pasco County school band programs.

Dan Cannon Auditorium at the Pasco County Fairgrounds was packed Saturday when a variety of local bands and musical talent assembled for the third annual DC Country Jam.

Despite a slow start because of the cold, rainy day, the attendance at the event grew after 5 p.m.

Spearheaded by Kenny Mathis, the concert benefits east Pasco school band programs to help buy new instruments for the students.

"This is all for the kids," Mathis said during one of the seven performances

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Retirement Decision Delayed

Commissioners Adjust Comprehensive Plan

by **Joe Potter**

Dade City Commissioners agreed Tuesday more time is needed to consider a possible re-entry into the Florida Retirement System.

City Manager Billy Poe asked commissioners to postpone their second public hearing they were scheduled to hold on the FRS on Tuesday.

More time is needed to gather information about the possible ramifications of the proposed change, Poe said.

Dade City withdrew from the FRS several years ago but is considering reentering it to give employees other options. Poe said employees who would be affected by the change need an opportunity to weigh in on the proposal.

City Attorney Nancy Stuparich said the hearing needed to be held

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'Sur-Thrive-Or' Speaks Of Near-Fatal Attack

Annual Peace Breakfast Benefits Sunrise Of Pasco

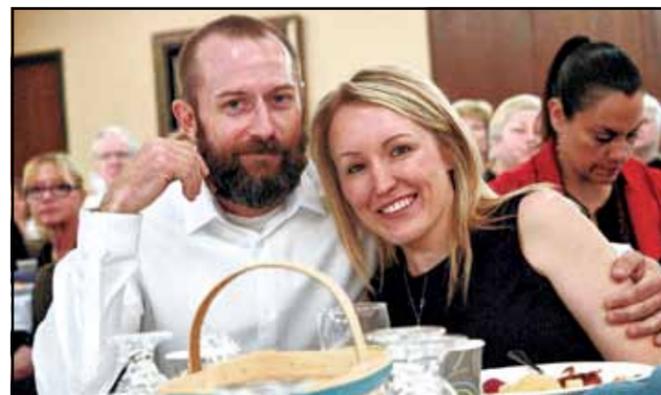
by **Keri McAlpine**

Local government, business leaders and Pasco County residents convened bright and early last week to support Sunrise of Pasco County.

The 14th annual Peace Breakfast was hosted at Saint Leo University where president William J. Lennox Jr. welcomed more than 100 guests for a catered buffet breakfast. Once everyone had their fill, a special keynote speaker was welcomed to the podium.

Melissa Dohme-Hill has told her story on multiple national and international platforms following a 2012 attack she suffered at the hands of her high school boyfriend.

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Cameron and Melissa Hill were happily married in Dade City in March. Cameron was a first responder on Melissa's call after she was brutally stabbed 32 times by her high school boyfriend.

Photo by **Richard K. Riley**

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Dade City Police Report

Man Faces Weapons And Drug Charges

Donald Ray Allen Jr., 34, of Webster, was arrested by Dade City police on Dec. 5 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon or electronic weapon and possession of methamphetamine. Police responded at 8:25 a.m. to a report of a person waving a firearm in the area of 12550 U.S. 301. He was reportedly observed removing something from his waistband and placing it in a trash can, which he was trying to conceal himself behind. A large hunting knife was found concealed inside of a sheath during a pat down search of Allen that was conducted for officer safety. After he was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon (knife), Allen said he threw a BB gun into the trash can because he did not want to get into trouble. He could not explain why he had the gun while he was in front of a Cash Advance store. Allen was also reportedly found to be in possession of a metal pill container that field-tested positive for methamphetamine. He did not have a valid permit to carry a concealed weapon.

Tennison David Hammond, 21, of 16644 Sweetwater Road, was arrested by Dade City police on Nov. 17 and charged with possession of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Police stopped a Jeep Hammond was driving because of an equipment violation – inoperable headlight. A plastic bag of the type commonly used to package drugs was observed on the floorboard. A search of the

vehicle disclosed .04 grams of a green leafy substance positively identified as marijuana. Also, multiple glass smoking pipes were found inside the vehicle.

Erin Louise Godaire, 33, of 11095 U.S. 98, was arrested by Dade City police and charged with failure to return leased property. Godaire allegedly entered into a contract on Jan. 21 to purchase a bedroom set from Buddy's Home Furnishings. She allegedly failed to make a required payment on June 10, which placed her in default on the account, and did not return or pay for the merchandise. The balance owed on the bedroom set was \$849.84.

Dade City police arrested a 13-year-old male on Nov. 22 on a charge of petit retail theft. He allegedly took a bag of Doritos, valued at \$2.95, off the shelf at Dollar General, 14645 Seventh St., on Nov. 21 and left the store without paying for the item. He was apprehended about four hours later in the 14000 block of State Street and was taken to the Pasco County Juvenile Assessment Center.

Mark William Gaches, 48, of Tampa, was arrested by Dade City police on Nov. 28 and charged with disorderly conduct. Police responded to Smitty's Restaurant, 12830 U.S. 301, regarding having Gaches trespassing from the business. A few minutes later Gaches was observed standing on a sidewalk outside the business yelling,

screaming and pointing at a contractor working on the business.

Kenneth Tyrel Steele, 28, of Brooksville, was arrested by Dade City police on Dec. 2 and charged with introducing/possessing contraband into a county detention facility. Steele was being booked after having been arrested earlier on charges of battery and possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana. A small amount of marijuana was allegedly found in Steele's left rear pocket and a plastic baggie containing unknown pills were concealed under his genitals. The pills were sent off for testing.

Sean Todd Duval, 41, of 13902 21st St., was apprehended by Dade City police on Nov. 22 on a Florida Commission on Review warrant out of Tallahassee charging him with violation of probation - felony battery. He was booked into the Pasco County Jail upon confirmation of the warrant.

Gregory Scott Day, 56, of 37967 Hillside Lane, was arrested by Dade City police on Dec. 6 and charged with criminal mischief, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana and possession of paraphernalia. Day allegedly began striking the wall between his apartment and his neighbor's apartment, causing an approximately eight-inch hole in the wall. He then allegedly began to throw candy and trash into the adjacent apartment, causing damage estimated at \$300. When officers contacted Day at his front door they could see a black tray containing multiple glass pipes and a substance positively identified as marijuana. The pipes also field-tested positive for marijuana residue.

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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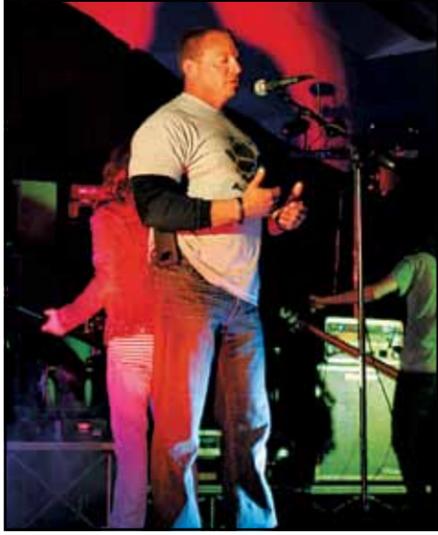
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of the day. In between performances a disc jockey played music for the teenage students in attendance to dance to while



Kenny Mathis thanks the audience at DC Country Jam before introducing one of the seven performances of the evening.

the next act set up.

One of the bands, Stonegrey, featured members from Land O' Lakes who were members of the high school band under Mathis's direction. The burgeoning band stopped for a short gig at Country Jam before going to a second gig later in the evening. After their Dan Cannon show, the musicians took time to talk to the students and posed for pictures before they left the venue.

A tandem country duo featuring Dade City native Emmet Stevens Jr. and Kenzie Wheeler of Plant City took the stage shortly afterward. Stevens, a 19 year-old Pasco High School graduate, emphasized how important Country Jam is for the community and for the students who the concert benefits.

"The best feeling after playing is having kids come up to you, smiling, and saying what instruments they play," Stevens said. "It's great knowing that you have inspired them to do what they love to do."

With three successful DC Country Jams now in the books, Mathis will look to expand next year's event to benefit more students in Pasco County.



Stonegrey performs at Dan Cannon Auditorium for the third annual DC Country Jam benefiting Pasco County school band programs.



JT Curtis warms up before his opening performance at DC Country Jam.

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East Pasco Events

Dec. 14 – Open House and Ribbon Cutting – The Salon on 7th, located at 13960 Seventh St., will be hosting an open house from 1-6 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 5 p.m. Chef Mark Goldstein will be there grilling pork, Mexican rice and beans starting at 1 p.m., so bring your appetite. Prizes and drawings will also be held – must be present to win. Call (352) 437-3907 for information.

Dec. 15 – First Friday – This month's First Friday has been rescheduled to the second Friday of December and will go back to its normal scheduling in January. Stop by downtown Dade City starting at 5 p.m. for extended shop hours, specials, sales and live entertainment. Visit the Dade City Merchants Association Facebook page for more information.

Dec. 15-16 – Rummage Sale – Moore-Mickens Education & Vocational Center, 38301 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., is holding a public rummage sale from 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Donations dropped off at the school will be accepted from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Reserve a space for \$10 and bring a table and your sale items. Call (352) 518-8008 for information.

Dec. 16 – Community Sale – Southfork Mobile Home Park will have a community sale from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Located at 10808 U.S. 98.

Dec. 16 – Dade City Symphony – The symphony presents "The Many Moods if Christmas" with guest soloist Jennifer Regal Ferguson. The concert will be held at the Pasco Middle School auditorium, 13925 14th St. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. and the concert will start promptly at 7 p.m. Be sure to get there early as seating is first come first serve. Song sponsorships are available. Visit www.dadecitysymphony.com for information.

Dec. 21-23 – Church Street Christmas – Come enjoy the splendor and delights of the season at Church Street Christmas. All are invited to experience this annual event along Dade City's historic Church Avenue. Carolers, choirs, dancers and musicians will perform along luminary lit sidewalks and brilliantly lit homes. Held each night from 7-9 p.m. Visit www.churchstreetchristmas.org for information.

Dec. 22 – Christmas Festival – JoyLan Drive-In, 16414 U.S. 301, is hosting a Christmas festival free and open to the public from 5-7 p.m. Come meet Santa and get your photo taken with him. Arts and crafts, cookies and hot chocolate and a bounce house will be featured. "A Christmas Carole" starring Jim Carey will be playing on the screen. Call (352) 567-5085 for information.

Jan. 1 – First Day Hike – Start the New Year off right with a ranger-led walk around the trails of Dade Battlefield including the historical Fort King Road and the Pine Flatwoods Trail. Cost is \$3/vehicle or annual park pass. Held at Dade Battlefield Historic State Park, 7200 C.R. 603 in Bushnell from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Call (352) 793-4781 for information.

Jan. 4 – Lions Club Sight Program – The Zephyrhills Lions Club, located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road, 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.

Jan. 6 – Car Show – Held in downtown Dade City from 3-7 p.m. Cost is \$10 per car registration; trophies will be presented. Giveaways to the first cars registered. Activities for kids will also be featured. The public and car enthusiasts are encouraged to visit the fabulous shops and restaurants in Dade City. Call (813) 879-1616 for information.

Jan. 6 – The Market Place – The monthly market place will be held at Hibiscus Park at Seventh Street and Bougainvillea Avenue from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. The pet friendly event is free to attend, open to the public and includes live entertainment. Shop local vendors for a variety of products including honey, home décor, garden accessories, jewelry, bakery items, jellies/jams, homemade soaps and much more. Contact lucyavila707@gmail.com or (352) 424-4972 for additional information or interested vendors.

Jan. 10 – Use Internet Marketing in your Business – This free small business seminar will be presented by SCORE at the Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St., from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Learn how to use internet marketing like email newsletters, social media and more with your business. Visit pascohernando.score.org for information and to register.

Jan. 13 – Raising Cane – Stop by the Pioneer Florida Museum, 15602 Pioneer Museum Road, for a sweet and spicy event from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Admission is \$5 per person. Children 5 and under are free. Locals are invited to compete in a people's choice chili cook off. A fully sanctioned chili cook off will also be held. Also featured will be a pancake breakfast, syrup tasting, iron skillet tossing and more. Visit pioneerfloridamuseum.org for information and a complete list of scheduled events.

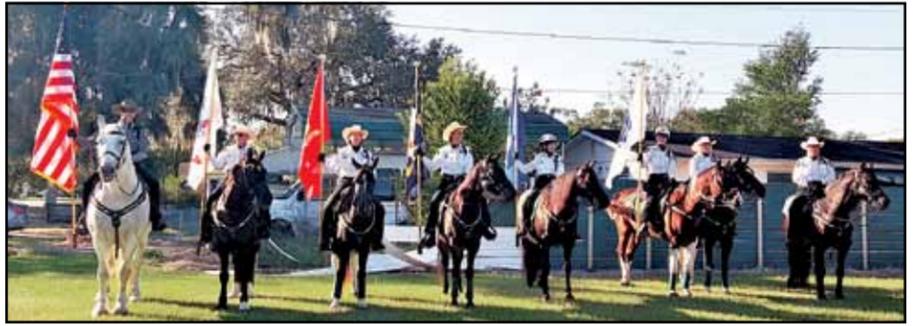
Jan. 13 – Farmers Market – Held in the San Antonio City Park from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Offering fresh produce, hand-crafted wine, yard art, plants, jams and jellies, dog treats, honey and bee products, repurposed glass items, dried herbs and herbal products and baked goods. Hot dogs, popcorn, coffee and sodas available for purchase. Vendor spaces are available for \$25. Contact Winnie Burke at (352) 437-5161 or rotarysanantoniofl@gmail.com for information.

Jan. 27 – Kumquat Festival – The annual Kumquat Festival will be held in downtown Dade City from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. hosted by the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. Stop by for vendors, music, food and, of course, kumquat pie and all other sorts of kumquat products. This event is free and family friendly. There will be two park and ride locations for easy access. Call the Chamber at (352) 567-3769 or visit dadecitychamber.org for information.

Feb. 17 – The Lights Fest – The Lights Fest is an experience where thousands of friends and families gather to listen to live music, fill up on food trucks and light up life by sharing personal wishes, dreams and goals. At the perfect moment, everyone ignites their personalized sky lanterns with Tiki torches and lets them take flight. Held at Little Everglades Ranch, 17951 Hamilton Road, from 4-8 p.m. Contact info@thelightsfest.com for ticket prices and information.

For more events visit www.pasconewspubs.com

Commentary



First Things First

Greg First

A Lofty Position For Posse Riders

I was reminded once again of how much I appreciate the Pasco County Sheriff's Mounted Posse. It seems like every time I turn around they show up in one of many places here in Pasco County.

Posse members once again participated in the Christmas parades in Dade City and Zephyrhills and also were at the Veteran's Day Parade in Zephyrhills back in November. These events just wouldn't be the same without them. The equestrian units are a big and welcomed part of our communities and it may not seem like a big deal to most folks, but it is to me. This is a huge commitment by each and every member and the great thing is all of the horses are personally owned; their services are donated at no cost to the Pasco Sheriff's Office or the taxpayers of Pasco County. How awesome is that?

According to the sheriff's office, the high visibility of these units serves as a crime prevention tool throughout the county.

The PSO has three equestrian units under the leadership of Sheriff Chris Nocco. The Mounted Unit is comprised of sworn sheriff's deputies. The Mounted Posse members are comprised of 40 civilian volunteers and 10 civilian ground assistants. The third group is the Junior Posse, teenagers between the ages of 14 and 17.

These units are very active in all Pasco communities and participate in numerous events. Among them are ranch patrols, search and rescue missions, parades, crowd control, dignity protection, parking lot details, spring and fall festivals, mall parking details, memorial services, educational demonstrations, and even community rides.

The posses also help in many other ways.

More than \$150,000 was raised for Gulfside Hospice and the current charity ride proceeds will help the Fight Against Human Trafficking and Light Up The Night.

In addition, the posses have received nearly 3,700 items this year to support the 2017 Sheriff's Food Drive — Feeding Pasco Children. They also support the Sunrise Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center in Dade City.

In case you are interested they are now taking applications for all units and the rewards are said to be priceless.

Members of these equestrian units have much love for our communities and it shows in everything they do. They take the time and effort necessary to help residents, our children and those in need. This is truly an act of kindness.

During this holiday season please join me in wishing each and every one of them a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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The auction will end Dec. 15. Once purchased, books can be picked up at the West Pasco Judicial Center in New Port Richey, 7530 Little Road, Suite 108.

In April, a similar auction sold more than 9,000 books. The balance was donated to the Pasco County Library system.

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Bayfront Health Deal Will Cause Ripples

Dade City, County To Lose Out On Tax Windfall

by Joe Potter

The Adventist Health Systems' deal to purchase Bayfront Health Dade City is anticipated to close in the spring of 2018.

Bayfront's property on Fort King Road is assessed at more than \$10.5 million according to the Pasco County Property Appraiser's Office. The parcel currently generates more than \$284,000 in property taxes annually, according to the Pasco County Tax Collector's Office.

These taxes are divided among Dade City, the Pasco County Commissioners, the Pasco County School District, the Southwest Florida Water Management District and the Pasco County Mosquito Control District.

But the hospital's property will no longer be on the tax rolls after the sale closes because Adventist Health, the parent of Florida Hospital, is a not-for-profit business.

Dade City will receive \$75,000 less per year if only the 19-acre parcel on Fort King Road has been sold, City Manager Billy Poe said.

"I don't know the full impact on the city because I don't know all the parcels that are being sold," Poe said. "There's definitely going to be a tax hit to the city."

A Bayfront Health Dade City spokeswoman who was contacted Monday did not reply by press time regarding how many parcels AHS is buying.

"We will look at everything as we move forward," Poe said.



Billy Poe

New annexations of property into the city and new development occurring within the city may help to offset the shortfall, he said. If that doesn't happen, Poe and his staff will have to take a closer look at the city's budget to see if there are any areas that can be cut.

It's even possible taxes might have to be raised.

"There are a lot of moving parts to this," Poe said. "It's really too early to tell what the city will have to do to make up the \$75,000 it will no longer get once the hospital sale is finalized."

The County Commission's Operating Budget receives \$80,119 annually from the Bayfront property and its Municipal Service Fire Budget receives \$18,995 before any early payment discounts, said Erik K. Breitenbach, an assistant Pasco County administrator.

"If the sale of this property to the AHS not for profit occurs, the resulting impact will be a reduction to the two budgets ... for this property only," Breitenbach said.

"However, it is too early to determine the net impact to the overall operating budget and municipal service fire budget," Breitenbach said.

"The potential reduction to the two budgets for this property may likely be offset by increases in overall property values in the county as well as new revenue resulting from new construction throughout the county."

The Pasco County School District will receive approximately \$79,000 less per year after AHS buys the 120-bed, full-service Dade City hospital.

"Every penny counts, and although \$79,000 is a relatively small portion of our overall budget, any reduction in revenue has an impact on our district and our students," said Linda Cobbe, the school district's spokeswoman.

Pasco County Commissioners will receive \$91,672 less; Southwest Florida Water Management District will receive \$3,773 less; and the Pasco County Mosquito Control District will receive \$2,960 per year after AHS acquires Bayfront Dade City.

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because it was legally advertised. Commissioners could receive public comments on the proposed change and then close the hearing, she said.

No one spoke during the public hearing.

Commissioners then decided 5-0 to reschedule the hearing for Feb. 13.

The FRS is one of the five largest retirement systems in the United States.

In another matter Tuesday, commissioners made minor changes to the city's comprehensive plan.

The changes were necessary because two developers are seeking rezoning for

their properties.

Suwannee Lake LLC wants to build 302 single-family homes on a 149-acre parcel it owns off State Road 52 near Adair Road.

Suwannee was previously approved for up to 325 units, which were to be a combination of single-family homes and town homes. They now want to eliminate the town homes and build 302 single-family homes on the property because of changing real estate market conditions, said Michael Sherman, the city's development director.

He said an error in data from

a consultant working for the city incorrectly listed the number of housing units for which Suwannee is entitled.

Another housing development, Fox Hill, was previously approved for 120 units and its owner now wants to build 150 single-family homes there. The property is off Clinton Avenue behind Publix.

In 2009, the Florida Department of Community Affairs ordered the city to have site-specific requirements for the number of homes that could be built at Suwannee, Fox Hill and three other developments in the city.

DCA is now the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.

Sherman said the DOE recently told him the policy concerning Suwannee and Fox Hill is a local issue. The city just needs to formally notify the DOE of any changes it makes in the number of housing units that can be built there, Sherman said.

Commissioners agreed 5-0 to make the changes and send them to the DOE.

Determinations will be made at future meetings regarding the rezoning requests the two developers have made, Sherman said.

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takes a great amount of time to put together. Volunteers and church members begin construction on the venue in early October. This year the honor of overseeing the event's assembly went to Henrietta Illig, a regular member of Richland Baptist.

"I've participated in the event most of the time," said Illig. "I've only been the head of it for two years."

Illig worked hand in hand with the church's senior pastor, Mark Warren, to bring the event to life. This year, the duo added a new segment to the Walk; something they hoped would be sure to astound guests.

"We wanted Christ to connect with each person on a personal level," Warren said. "We added the surprise new venue where guests actually encounter the risen Christ personally."



An intimidating set of Roman guards stood between guests and the entrance to Bethlehem.



Dennis and Jodi Lane portray Mary and Joseph on that momentous night in the manger.

Taking on the important role of Jesus Christ was Jayson Lowery, a first-time Walk Through Bethlehem participant and recent member of Richland Baptist.

"I'm extremely humbled to be filling this role," Lowery said. "I'd like to do it again next year. Same role."

The event takes a lot of manpower to assemble each year. Illig and Warren invite any members of the community who are interested to come by and pitch in next year.

"It takes more people to operate this night by night than we actually have in our small congregation," Warren said.

"Help!" laughed Illig. "We always need the help."

Those interested in participating in or helping create 2018's Walk Through Bethlehem can visit the Richland Baptist

Church, 40443 Stewart Road, south of Dade City, or contact pastor Mark Warren directly at mwarren@RichlandBC.org.



Newly added to the Walk Through Bethlehem, Jesus (portrayed by Jayson Lowery) addresses guests first hand before they exit the event.

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Peace • Continued from Page 1A

Robert Burton had already been arrested for a battery charge against Dohme-Hill. Three months after their breakup and his arrest, he attended his first day in court for the charge. That night, he incessantly called Dohme-Hill, seeking one last face-to-face conversation for closure. It was then that she decided to hear him out.

"I was walking out to my murder," she said thinking back to the night.

She spent the first half of her speech discussing what domestic abuse is – the desire for power and control. She explained regarding her situation how teens especially have a difficult time navigating a breakup, which can lead to danger.

"The period of time after leaving an abusive relationship is extremely dangerous and volatile ... [and] when the most murders occur. Women are 500 times more at risk after they leave," their abuser, she said.

In the fateful face-to-face Dohme-Hill was stabbed a total of 32 times by her boyfriend of two years and she lived to tell the tale. In the aftermath of the knife attack, she had her entire blood volume replaced twice, flat lined four times while undergoing surgery, and suffered a stroke in the emergency room leaving half of her face paralyzed.

Once she recovered from her physical injuries, Dohme-Hill realized her calling in life was to speak about her experience and to hopefully prevent others from experiencing anything similar.

Next month will be the six-year anniversary of her attack.

"This attack was one day in my life and I will not let it define me," she said confidently in front of the crowd.

Dohme-Hill discussed the red flags she looked past or ignored before the attack. If only she had an education



Kelly Sinn, CEO of Sunrise of Pasco County, thanks the crowd for attending the 14th annual Peace Breakfast. Sinn updated guests on the organization's recent growth and introduced the keynote speaker for the morning. Photo by Richard K. Riley

program at an earlier age, she said, she maybe could have avoided her life-threatening situation.

"Prevention and education is how we can stop this epidemic from continuing," Dohme-Hill said.

Today, she calls herself a "sur-thrivor" and works full time for Hands Across the Bay, a Clearwater-based nonprofit organization.

She speaks to schools and other groups to teach about the cycle of abuse.

Dohme-Hill will soon be a Pasco County resident as she married a firefighter who was a first responder to her call when she was attacked. Her now husband set up the landing zone for the helicopter that airlifted her to the hospital.

She met him about a year after the attack, when she was able to meet the first responders who helped save her life that night.

After her speech, guests were encouraged to make a donation to Sunrise to benefit their shelter and education and outreach programs.

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Weather Chills Country Christmas

Pioneer Museum Hosts Seasonal Fun

by Keri McAlpine

Despite the cold and rainy weather, locals flocked to the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village on Saturday for a bit of Christmas magic.

The annual Country Christmas event has been organized for the past three years by museum event coordinator Brenda Minton, but it has been held at the grounds long before that.

Considering the 50-something degree weather that persisted throughout the morning and afternoon, Minton said the turnout of parents and children was decent.

“It was freezing cold ... if the weather had of been better it would have been a fantastic turnout,” she said.

About 1,000 people stopped by to

take part in barrel train rides, listen to Christmas carols and a bell choir, and shop through about 40 vendors.

The number of vendors who signed up for the event this year was double last year’s roster. However, the chill in the air prompted organizers to allow some vendors to pack up and head home early, although many did stay and brave the elements.

Free photographs with Santa and Mrs. Claus were provided by the museum for children and families, just in time for a Christmas card. The photos were posted to the museum’s Facebook page this week.

Dozens of toys were collected at the entry gates, which will be gifted to San Antonio Elementary School.

“Overall, considering the weather it



Robert Stafford, 3, lists some of the items he would like for Christmas as he visits Santa on the front porch of the Overstreet Home at the Florida Pioneer Museum & Village.

Photos by **Richard K. Riley**

was a pretty good success ... everyone was in really good spirits and seemed to be having a good time,” Minton said.

The museum’s next event will be

Raising Cane: A Sweet and Spicy Event, which is scheduled for Jan. 13. Visit pioneerfloridamuseum.org for more information.



Dec. 16 – Photos With Santa – Stop by Outside the Box, 38430 Fifth Ave., from 2-4 p.m. to snap a photo with Santa for \$5, for a Christmas memory. Call (813) 312-4697 for information.

Dec. 16 – Pictures with Santa – Stop by the Hugh Embry Library, 14215 Fourth St., from 1-2 p.m. to take a picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus. This event is free. Call (352) 567-3576 for information.

Dec. 16 – A Coney Island Christmas – The Coney Island Drive-Inn, 5327 Gall Blvd., is hosting a free family friendly event for the holidays. Karaoke by Cathy’s Music and More will be featured from 1-3:30 p.m. Santa will be there to take pictures and there will be free cookies for kids. Call (813) 702-4041 for information.

Dec. 22 – Christmas Festival – JoyLan Drive-In, 16414 U.S. 301, is hosting a Christmas festival free and open to the public from 5-7 p.m. Come meet Santa and get your photo taken with him. Arts and crafts, cookies, hot chocolate and a bounce house will be featured. “A Christmas Carole” starring Jim Carrey will be playing on the screen. Call (352) 567-5085 for information.



Vendors and customers appreciated the inside locations of the newly expanded museum during Saturday’s Country Christmas event.



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