

Therapist Provides Clues To Concussions

Local Rehab Office Has Machine To Measure Balance

by Vincent Pensabene

As each day passes the sports world becomes more aware of head concussions and yet there is still much that isn't known about them.

Luckily, a local registered physical therapist has a machine that could be able to help people determine such an injury.

Joel Knickerbocker, co-owner of Pasco Rehabilitation, has technology that can determine if a person is suffering from a concussion and whether a player is fit to return to the field.

Concussions are defined as "a type of traumatic brain injury that interferes with normal function of the brain. It occurs when the brain is rocked back and forth or twisted inside the skull as a result of a blow to the head or body."

With current concussion tests mainly dealing with physical conditions, the Clinical Test of Sensory Interaction and Balance (CTSIB) takes it a step further by measuring balance.

"Balance issues are a symptom of a concussion," Knickerbocker said. "I always knew there was more than just the cognitive side of it."

The therapist has more than 30 years of experience in his field and has been volunteering with the Pasco Pirates football team for more than 20 of them since his mentor, and then team physician, Dr. Don McBath, asked him to help out. He even keeps a picture of McBath next

to the CTSIB machine to remind himself who helped him along the years.

This is his first year with the concussion program and Knickerbocker is looking to become certified in the field. The machine's purpose was first used to help his senior citizen patients who were at risk of falling and injuring themselves. However, the functions of the machine also help those who may be suffering from a traumatic head injury.

The CTSIB process consists of four 30-second trials which measure the amount of sway your body has in that time frame. The first two trials are on the machine, first with eyes open and then with eyes closed. Next, the patient stands on top of a foam surface on the machine and repeats the first two trials. The test results are printed out and show where they rank compared to the mean for the person's age.

The test takes about five minutes and the information is stored onto Knickerbocker's computer for a year, he said.

The primary machine stays in the office and Knickerbocker has a portable machine, too, which he intends to bring to Pirates' games at the high school.

He is also attempting to help other schools in the area and hopes to coordinate with their trainers.

"The kids are the most important. I've seen kids get



A machine once used to help senior citizens is now being used to test young athletes for brain injuries.

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PHSC Students Display Skills

Place At National Skills Competition

Pasco-Hernando State College students Jeff Haney and Michaela DiPerna, awarded gold medals at the SkillsUSA state competition in April, competed in the national SkillsUSA competition held at the 53rd annual National Leadership and Skills Conference from June 18-24 in Louisville, Ky.

Haney placed seventh in the nation in the computer programming category, receiving an 89 percent final overall score and a SkillsUSA mastery certificate for his programming skills. The NLSC is a showcase of career and technical education students representing 52 state and territorial



PHSC students Jeff Haney and Michaela DiPerna place at SkillsUSA national competition.

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SLU Softball Camp Scheduled

Saint Leo softball announced their camp date, set for Sept. 16 on the campus of Saint Leo University from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at University Softball Stadium. The camp is open to all softball players in 8th grade through junior college athletes.

The registration fee is \$125 per participant. Athletes are asked to bring a lunch and a water bottle along with their softball gear.

Water will be supplied in the dugout. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of the camp.

The one-day camp is designed to include skill instruction in the morning session, followed by live games in the afternoon and a campus tour.

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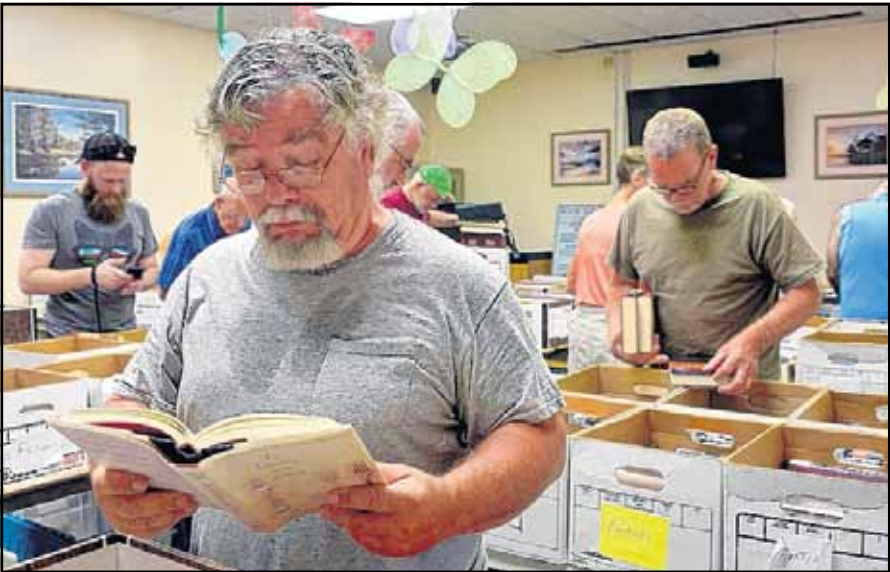
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It's A Little Bazaar Every Month At Hugh Embry



Gregory Smith, Saint Leo City Commissioner and member of the Friends of Hugh Embry Library, reviews some of the donated and discarded books available at a monthly Book Bazaar. The next bazaar will be held Sept. 8 and 9, from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at 14215 Fourth St. The event offers bargains on gently used or like-new books of all genres. DVDs are often available, too. Book Bazaar proceeds help to fund programming for all ages at Hugh Embry Library. *Photo by Richard K. Riley*

More Free Breakfasts For Pasco

Pasco County Schools amended its policy for serving meals to students under the School Breakfast Programs.

All students will be served breakfast at no charge at the following sites:

Dade City: Centennial Elementary, Lacoochee Elementary, Pasco Elementary, Rodney B. Cox Elementary, San Antonio Elementary, Centennial Middle School, James Irwin Educational Center, Pasco Middle School, and Pasco High School.

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Free Nature Detectives Workshop

The Dade City Garden Club is proud to announce the popular and educational Nature Detectives workshop for kids ages 6-12 will be presented again at the Hugh Embry Library meeting room, Dade City, on Aug. 26 at 11:30 a.m.

Attendees will study the amazing butterfly this summer and a different pollinator next year.

These STEM workshops have won State-level Garden Club awards and have also been recognized by the American Library Association. They are an opportunity for children to learn about butterflies as pollinators with hands-on activities, a free book, workbook and other interactive goodies to take home, as well as books to check out from the library.

Created by members of the St Augustine Garden Club, the program will be presented by members of the Dade City Garden Club in cooperation with the Hugh Embry Library.

Space and materials are limited, so please register at the Hugh Embry Library at 14215 Fourth St. Call (352) 567-3576 to reserve your spot.

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associations. DiPerna competed in the related technical math category, placing 11th in the nation.

More than 300,000 students and advisors join SkillsUSA annually. SkillsUSA, formerly known as the Vocational Industrial Clubs of America, is a partnership of students, teachers and industry representatives working together to ensure America has a skilled workforce. SkillsUSA is a national organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in technical, skilled and service occupations, including health occupations and for further education.

Call 1 (855) NOW-PHSC or visit www.phsc.edu/career-programs for more information about the career programs at PHSC.

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hurt and get no medical release before going back into the game, I'd feel lost without being able to help those kids."

It is important to note this test must be done prior to an injury to have a measurement in the computer with which to compare.

Knickerbocker has set his price for the test at \$20, where similar tests can cost upwards of \$100. He is contemplating raising the price to \$30 and donating some of the money to programs at the schools.

"With the natural progression of technology that I have, why wouldn't I want to give back? . . . It's always good to give back," he said.

If you are interested in taking this test, contact Knickerbocker at (352) 521-0002. Pasco Rehabilitation is located at 37104 Clinton Ave. He also has an open-door policy if an injury occurs.



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Dog Days Live Up To Name

Weather Dampens Farmers Market

Story and photos by by **Joe Potter**

Attendance was down at Saturday's Farmers Market held at the San Antonio city park because of rain and beastly hot, humid weather.

Lemonade shakes and specialty hot dogs and were among the items that were available to quench visitors' thirst and hunger. About 10 vendors set up booths for the Dog Days in the Park event, sponsored by the Rotary Club of San Antonio. Saturday's event was geared toward friends of the four-legged canine.

Some visitors, including Mike and Kathy Stearns of Dade City, brought their

dogs to the park for the market.

Artist Lynn A. Hayward of San Antonio had a booth filled with hand-painted signs and plaques. The burst of color coming from her booth added vibrancy to the otherwise drab day.

Faithful Friends Pet Cremation was represented at the market. The family owned Zephyrhills business celebrated its 10th anniversary on July 31.

Customers could select from a variety of trees at The Family Tree booth staffed by Mike Bratz of rural Dade City.

The Farmers Market is held on from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on the second Saturday of each month.



A splash of color burst from artist Lynn Hayward's booth on Saturday. The San Antonio resident had many hand-painted signs and plaques available at the market.



Mike and Kathy Stearns brought their dogs, Piper and Luna, with them to the San Antonio City Park on Saturday for the Farmers Market.



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Bilirakis Welcomes Art Competition Winner

U.S. Rep. Gus Bilirakis (FL-12) welcomed to the nation’s capital Clare Hernandez, 18, of Dade City, the 2017 winner of the Congressional Art



Dade City resident Clare Hernandez, 18, was selected by the Pasco Arts Council to have her drawing, “Portrait of an Unknown Soldier” displayed for one year in the U.S. Capitol.

Competition for Florida’s 12th District. Clare visited the U.S. Capitol to see her winning artwork on display in the national student art exhibit.

Her drawing, titled “Portrait of an Unknown Soldier,” was selected by a panel of judges from the Pasco Arts Council.

“Congratulations to Clare for this outstanding accomplishment! Her artwork will rightfully be displayed in the U.S. Capitol among the best student art in the nation, where dignitaries and millions of visitors from around the country and the world will see it.

“I extend to Clare my best wishes for the future as she begins her freshman year of college in the fall,” said Bilirakis.

The drawing will be displayed in the Capitol for one year.

After visiting the exhibit, Clare and her mother went on a tour of the Capitol provided by Bilirakis’ office.

The Congressional Art Competition is an annual nationwide event recognizing high school artists in each congressional district. Since it began in 1982, more than 650,000 high school students have participated.



Clare Hernandez, of Dade City, and Rep. Bilirakis visit Hernandez’s winning artwork titled “Portrait of an Unknown Solider” (center, top) currently on display in the U.S. Capitol.

Photos Provided

Pasco Students Recognized For Water Conservation Contest

A joint team from Pasco County Utilities and the Florida Governmental Utility Authority has inspired local students each year to protect water resources through the annual Water Awareness Poster Contest.

The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners recognized students who took part in the 8th Annual Water Awareness Poster Contest on June 20. The students’ posters were on display in the East Pasco Government Center in Dade City and the West Pasco Government Center in New Port Richey, until the end of July.

“The contest resulted in fantastic work by students of all ages,” said Sandra Anderson, customer service administrator for Pasco County Utilities. “Across Pasco County, young citizens are inspired to use water wisely and are learning the important role clean water plays in their daily lives.”

This year’s theme, ‘Water Matters: Every Drop Tells a Story,’ helped students understand how attitudes and behaviors toward water have changed over time, and allowed them to explore the benefits of protecting

water resources through their own actions. Nearly two thousand students, representing 21 elementary schools, participated in this year’s program. The contest website contains a list of contest winners and images of winning posters.

Long standing supporters and prize sponsors to the program include: Big Cat Rescue, Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Florida Aquarium, Homosassa Springs State Park, TreeHoppers Aerial Adventure Park, Chick-fil-A of Trinity, and Cold Stone Creamery of Trinity.



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Community & Club News

East Pasco Democratic Club
The next meeting will be Aug. 21 at 7 p.m. at the American House, 38130 Pretty Pond Road in Zephyrhills. The guest speaker will be Bill Dumas of Citizens Against Discrimination & Social Injustice. All Democrats and friends of the Democratic Party are invited. Refreshments will be served at 6:45 p.m. Call Allan Ardis at (813) 383-8315 for information.

Pet Loss Support Group
Gulfside Hospice's team of bereavement counselors are offering a monthly pet loss support group, held the last Thursday of the month at the Gulfside Center for Hospice Care in Zephyrhills, 5760 Dean Dairy Road. The next meetings are Aug. 31 and Sept. 28. Call (727) 845-5707 for information.

East Pasco Amateur Radio Society
Monthly exams for all levels of amateur radio licenses are available on the third Tuesday of every month. The test sessions are held at Saint Leo University, 33701 S.R. 52, at 5:30 p.m. Email k4ex@arrl.net or visit eparsonline.org to schedule a test please or for more information.

Centennial Eagles #4399
Activities open to members and guests: Sundays: Bar Bingo at 12 p.m.; Music with Karl Sapp from 4-7 p.m. Tuesdays: Pool Tournament at 7 p.m. Wednesdays: Nickel Bingo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursdays: Bar Bingo at 7 p.m. Saturdays: Nickel Bingo from 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

The Aerie meets the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. The Auxiliary meets the first and third Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Club located at 15924 U.S. 301 in Dade City. Call (352) 567-9755 for information.

Kiwanis Club of Dade City
This service organization meets every Tuesday at noon at the American Legion Hall, located at 37745 Church Ave. in Dade City. Lunch is followed by a speaker on current topics of interest to the club. Kiwanis is a worldwide organization whose focus is on the children of the world. The Dade City club's primary focus is on helping the children of east Pasco County. Guests are welcome to come to a meeting and learn more about how we support children in our community.

Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City
Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City meets on Thursdays at the Hampton Inn, on U.S. 301 in Dade City, at 7 a.m. We are seeking potential new members that can bring fresh ideas to the club, serve the community and help eradicate polio. Come and join us for breakfast.

Community Cycling Ride
Ride leaves from the parking lot next to 14112 Eighth St. in Dade City at 8 a.m.

every Saturday and is approximately two hours long with a varying pace depending on skill levels. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Josh or Kaleigh Thornton at wickedawesomeracing@gmail.com for information.

American Legion Post #15
Join Dade City Post #15 every Saturday night for Karaoke with Rick starting at 6 p.m. Saturday dinners are available from 5-7 p.m. Sing along, laugh and meet old friends. Music jams are every Wednesday night, but when the snowbirds go home, as many of our jammers are from the north, we will have to practice Karaoke for those who want to try new songs, just watch, or sing Karaoke for the first time in a friendly environment. Refreshments available for purchase along with a full-service bar.

Regular business meetings are conducted on the second Monday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend.
We are located in beautiful downtown Dade City at 37745 Church Ave. Join us in support of all veterans and hometown heroes. Call (352) 518-0021 for information.

Chess Club
The Hugh Embry Library Chess Club meets Wednesdays from 5-7:30 p.m. every week. We have the boards and pieces so bring your winning attitude and chess clock if you prefer to use one. Meetings are held at the Hugh Embry Library Meeting Room, 14215 Fourth St. in Dade City. Contact Glen Thompson at bookbollard@icloud.com or call (352) 567-7449 for information.

Zumba for College Scholarships
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Zephyrhills Lions Club
On the first Thursday of each month from 9-11:30 a.m. applications are accepted from Pasco County residents for basic eye care through our Sight Program. To qualify please see a list of required documents by visiting www.e-clubhouse.org/sites/zephyrhills or by contacting our clubhouse at (813) 788-1441. Clubhouse hours are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. The clubhouse is located at 5827 Dean Dairy Road.

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Overeaters Anonymous
Meetings are held at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, located at 7333 Dairy Road in Zephyrhills on Mondays at 6 p.m. and Fridays at 11:30 a.m. Newcomers are welcome.

Al-Anon Support Group
The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength and hope in order to solve their common problems. There are local day and evening groups throughout the area that meet weekly. Call (352) 697-0497 or visit www.nfldistrict5.com for meeting locations/times and more information.

Narcotics Anonymous
Information about various Narcotics Anonymous meetings that are held several days a week in East Pasco may be obtained by calling (813) 527-3853. Narcotics Anonymous can help those who have drug problems and who are willing to participate in the program. Narcotics Anonymous is not affiliated with any of the places at which its meetings are held.

Tools to Quit
This program gives people support as they seek to break their tobacco addiction. It is a two hour session to guide the group members toward a successful quit attempt. Learn about Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT) and receive free NRT. Call (813) 929-1000 for information on free tobacco cessation classes.

Alcoholics Anonymous
If you have, or even think you may have, a problem with alcohol, call (813) 933-9123 (24 hours) for a local meeting or just someone to talk with.

Military Order of the Purple Heart
Chapter #705 of the Military Order of the Purple Heart (MOPH) is calling all combat wounded veterans to join us promoting patriotism, history, fraternalism and assistance. We meet the first Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. at AMVETS Post #550, 4645 Airport Road, Zephyrhills. Life membership is available for all combat wounded veterans, their dependents and survivors, for \$50, payable in two convenient payments of \$25 each. Call Earl McMillan at (813) 782-3425 or email emcmillan1@verizon.net, or contact Guy Patterson at (864) 561-6644 for information.

Senior Golf Group
Our senior golf group plays rotating courses each Wednesday in Pasco and Hillsborough counties year round. Meet

new golfing friends and get a group rate. Call Walt Bockmiller at (813) 527-8211 for information.

East Pasco Writers Forum
The forum meets in the clubhouse of Country Aire Manor, located at 10249 U.S. 98 in Dade City every second Thursday of each month at 10 a.m. Meetings are divided into three sections: 1) for critiques of original works brought by members and visitors, 2) for critiques of the voluntary monthly writing assignment, and 3) a lesson designed to help members and visitors improve their craft. Meetings last two to three hours. Lynn Merrell, a published writer and editor, leads the group. Call Merrell at (352) 583-0041 for more information or directions to the clubhouse.

Bariatric Support Group
Bayfront Health Dade City's bariatric support group meets every other Wednesday from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the hospital's Medical Plaza I, classroom 108, 13100 Fort King Road. Contact Dina Erickson at (352) 521-1170 or Dina.Erickson@BayfrontHealth.com for information.

Tri-County Tennis League
Join to enter a fun filled tennis league playing in Pasco, Hillsborough and Pinellas counties. Men's and women's leagues are available. You play matches locally home and away. Team play divisions are 1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 3.5, 4.0 and 4.5 open. Call Walt Bockmiller at (813) 527-8211 for details.

Senior Softball League
Our senior (over 60), slow pitch softball league plays games in the fall and winter on Friday mornings at the Collier Park Complex in Land O Lakes. Our North Tampa Bay Sr. Softball (NTBSS) League is for fun and fitness. Ladies 55 years and older can register and play. For more information on softball, call Jim McCausey at (813) 399-9110. For other senior sports call Walt Bockmiller at (813) 527-8211.

Dance Lessons
For a donation of \$2, Hatfields Country Music is offering line dance lessons every Tuesday and Thursday from 1-2 p.m. Couples country dance lessons will be offered every Tuesday and Thursday from 2-4 p.m. Hatfields is located at 4024 Paul S. Buchman. Call (813) 779-4555 for information.

To submit club news, email your information to Clubs@PascoNewsPubs.com or call (813) 783-1300 – one week BEFORE the Thursday publication date. Maximum 200 words. Subject to available room and editing.



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Dade City Lists Sites For Sept 16 Coastal Cleanup

Pasco County is partnering with Keep Pasco Beautiful to help clean up our roads and waterways. The annual International Coastal Cleanup will be held throughout Pasco County on Sept. 16 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

“Last year the turnout was amazing with 1,372 volunteers picking up 50,720 pounds of trash,” said Kristen King, Keep Pasco Beautiful coordinator. “This year, we’ll focus on roads, as well as waterways. Pasco is a coastal county and drainage from roads into the stormwater system carries trash into many of our waterways.

“Additional cleanup volunteers will help prevent that trash from having a negative impact on our economy and on our marine life.”

Teams will be cleaning up at various locations

throughout Pasco County including Lacoochee, Dade City, Wesley Chapel and Crystal Springs. Trash bags and water will be provided and T-shirts will be given out to volunteers while supplies last.

The local cleanups, mobilized by Ocean Conservancy, are part of the largest worldwide volunteer effort on behalf of ocean health.

More than eight million metric tons of plastic trash end up in our oceans every year. For more than 30 years, volunteers from around the world have provided a snapshot of the total amount of trash and plastic on our beaches, coasts and waterways – keeping more that 220 million pounds of trash out of our oceans.

People participating in the Coastal Cleanup on Sept.

16 may bring household waste items to the following locations in Dade City: corner of Wilson Street and Roosevelt Avenue; corner of 17th Street and Carter Avenue; the north Seventh Street parking lot – behind the Del Carmen restaurant; corner of 20th Street and Avondale Avenue; Watson Park on North Avenue; 12th Street and Whitehouse.

Hazardous wastes and tires will only be collected behind the Del Carmen’s location.

Anyone who would like to volunteer for the Pasco County Coastal Cleanup can contact King at (727) 856-7252 or at kking@pascocountyfl.net.

Visit keepascobeautiful.org for more information about Keep Pasco Beautiful.

Pasco County Animal Services Introduces Low Cost Spay/Neuter And TNVR Services

To help reduce the number of stray and feral animals, the Pasco County Animal Services Department has introduced the SNIP Program, or Spay/Neuter in Pasco. As the stray population grows, animal shelters struggle to find all of them homes, and many are euthanized.

The SNIP Program consists of two components:

1. Low Income Program – Partnering with participating veterinary hospitals throughout Pasco County to provide low cost spay/neuter for applicants. To qualify, applicants must reside in Pasco County and meet the income eligibility guidelines or be receiving government assistance from one of the following programs: Medicaid, food stamps, WIC or SSI (Supplemental Security Income). The cost is \$10 per cat or \$20 per dog (up to three pets per household).

2. TNVR (Trap, Neuter, Vaccinate,

Return) is a proven procedure in which entire colonies of stray and feral cats are humanely trapped, vaccinated for rabies, spay/neutered by a veterinarian, ear-tipped and then returned back to their outdoor homes. Participating veterinarians in the SNIP Program include local veterinary hospitals in Pasco as well as veterinarians from PCAS and the Humane Society of Tampa Bay. All cats must come from Pasco County, be healthy and dropped off in a humane trap (no carriers). The cost is \$10 per cat; a refundable \$75 deposit per trap rented is required until traps are returned. TNVR works by putting an end to breeding.

To find out more about the SNIP program including the TNVR schedule, please visit the Pasco County Animal Services Department website at www.pascocountyfl.net/pas.

Commissioner Moore To Hold Public Off-site Meetings

Citizens Can Make Appointments To Speak With Commissioner

Pasco County Commissioner Mike Moore is adding off-site office hours to make it easier for citizens to meet with him. Citizens who wish to meet directly with Moore should contact his executive assistant, Terry Ewing-Chow at (352) 521.4111 Ext. 4682 to schedule a meeting.

Moore’s off-site hours will be held Sept. 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at New River Library, 34043



Mike Moore

S.R. 54 just west of Zephyrhills.

Moore holds regular office hours during the week at the Historic Pasco County Courthouse in Dade City. Citizens who wish to meet with him during these times can also contact Ewing-Chow at the number above to schedule an appointment.

Moore, District 2, serves as Board Chair. Visit www.pascocountyfl.net/Directory.aspx?EID=616 for more information about Commissioner Moore.

Visit www.pascocountyfl.net/Index.aspx?NID=147 for more information about the Pasco Board of County Commissioners.

Obituaries

Byron Eugene Auton

AUTON, Byron Eugene, 77, passed away Aug. 2, 2017. He was born Sept. 7, 1939, in Dade City, to Ira and Dorothy (Sellers) Auton. He was a printer with the *Dade City Banner* and at St. Leo Abbey. His wife, Shirley Auton of Dade City, survives along with daughters, Angela (Stan) Haselton of Stateboro, Ga. And Bea Anna (Michael) Addison of Dade City; and grandchildren, Teresa May Barnes, Katherine Elizabeth Addison and Shanna Haselton. Services were held Aug. 5 at Grace Baptist Church. Whitfield Funeral Home handled arrangements.



Richard ‘Poppy’ Leschinski

LESCHINSKI, Richard “Poppy”, 76, of Dade City, passed away Aug. 1, 2017, at his home surrounded by his wife and daughter. He was born Sept. 19, 1940. Richard was a veteran of the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division and retired in 1987 after driving trucks for 20 years. Richard also loved to ride motorcycles and had an extended family with his fellow riders. His wife of 49 years, Nila, survives along with a son Rick (Lee M. Vaillancourt); a daughter, Malissa, grandchildren; Vincent, James, Allison (Daniel), and Taylor (Devon); great-grandchildren, Gracie Sue and

Kaleb; a sister Arlene; and many nieces and nephews that he loved dearly. Dear friends Richard and Kelly Warren also survive. Richard was preceded in death by his brothers Eugene and Donald and sisters Lorraine and Joanne and his parents Joseph and Cecilia Leschinski. A memorial ride is being planned at a later date to honor Richard’s life. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Robert W. Scroggins

SCROGGINS, Robert W., 75, of Dade City, passed away Aug. 9, 2017. He was born Sept. 9, 1941, in Greenwood, Del., to Columbus Marcus and Cora Lee Treadaway Scroggins. He retired from Gulf Machinery in Clearwater after more than 25 years’ service. His wife, Gynith Horne Scroggins, survives along with six children, Scooter Thomas, Farrell Thomas, Jill Thomas, Wade Scroggins, Kim Thomas and Joel Scroggins; three siblings, Joann Reid, Charlotte Worley and Ricky Scroggins; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. His son, Jimmie Scroggins; sister, Virginia Norris; and brothers, Reedy and Randal Scroggins. Preceded him in death. Funeral services will take place at a later date. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

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AUTUMN

Autumn is about 3 years old and a volunteer favorite. She loves to cuddle and is very affectionate. All pets are spayed/neutered, vaccinated and microchipped when they are adopted out. Please come to Pasco County Animal Services to meet Autumn.

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