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Roy Hardy Dies

Staff Report

Dade City icon Roy T. Hardy, 94, passed away Sept. 19, 2017.

He was born Feb. 3, 1923 in Alexander City, Ala., to Daniel H. and Tensie H. Hardy, Sr. In late 1923 his family moved to Florida, settling in Brooksville. He was raised on a farm were this family raised animals, gardens and citrus.

He attended and graduated from Hernando High School, and was on the football and baseball team. He worked at Rogers Department Store in Brooksville during high school, before joining the U.S. Army. He is a Veteran from World War II where he served as a Sergeant. Before he joined the service, he married the love of his life Martha Blackburn in 1943.

Upon returning home from the service in 1947, he and Martha went back to work for Mr. Rogers in Brooksville. In 1948, he moved his family to Dade City to open Hardy's & Lingle's Department Store. In 1949, he bought out Lingle and changed the store name to Hardy's Department Store. His motto always was "Sell to Sell Again". In 1985, he and Martha retired and closed the store to focus on farming and his cattle.

During Hardy's lifetime in Dade City, He was on the Selective Service Board for 11 years; on the Dade City Baseball League; a Board Member, Director and Past Vice President an now an Honorary Member of Dade City Chamber of Commerce; Past President of Downtown Dade City Main Street; member of the American Legion Post 15; a lifetime member of the Pioneer Florida Museum; Richard Tombrink Lifetime Achievement Award, Outstanding 69 years perfect

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Roy Hardy was actively involved in many community service projects throughout his life.

Farmer Gets Berry Nice Surprise Students, Residents Respond To Irma's Damage

Works Claims Lazy Breeze Has Been Sold

County Attorney Says Claim A 'Shell Game'

by Joe Potter

Two vastly different portrayals of who owns Lazy Breeze Mobile Home & RV

Park emerged during a hearing held in Dade City on Monday before County Judge William G. Sestak in Dade City.

Robert Works, 52, of Tampa, was arrested on Sept. 15 and sentenced to 179 days in jail for failing



days in jail for failing to correct 34 code en-

forcement violations at the park located at 38101 Willingham Drive.

Works and Genesis Holdings Inc., a company for which he is listed as manager, were cited for hundreds of Pasco County code enforcement violations since Oct. 15, 2015. Sestak ruled in 2016 that Works had to correct 34 of those violations by March 20. He was found to be in contempt of court for failing to do so



Students from the University of Florida and Saint Leo University worked side by side to save the day, even making new friends along the way. *Photo by Emily Kochanski*

by Emily Kochanski

Though time has passed, several residents are still feeling the effects of Hurricane Irma. Frogmore Fresh Farm, a supplier of one of Dade City's largest blueberry crops, suffered substantial damage to a large portion of their product.

Students and faculty from the University of Florida in Gainesville, alongside eager Pasco County residents, came out Saturday to lend their support and get the farm back up and running.

When general manager Leonard Park first set foot on Frogmore Fresh Farm the day after Irma's arrival, he was devastated by the sight before him: 100,000 blueberry trees on the 125 acre

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Bank, Dealership Plug Into Future

Story and photos by Keri McAlpine

Pasco County's most established car dealership and bank are teaming up to produce an innovative idea.

First National Bank of Pasco recently reached out to Jarrett Ford to meet the needs of millennials and younger generations of drivers by providing electric car charging stations at the banks.



The Dade City bank branch at 13315 U.S. 301 already has two chargers set up in the parking lot, each offering two extendable cords to plug into electric vehicles for some extra juice. Charging stations will soon be installed at the two

Steve Hickman, left, and Cliff Martin charge a car purchased from Jarrett Ford as part of First National Bank of Pasco's mission to offer green alternatives for drivers with electric cars.

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Dade City Police Report Man Found With Drugs Allegedly Threatens Officer

Tamonjamin Maurad Williams, 33, of



5733 Apollo St., Zephyrhills, was arrested by Dade City police on Sept. 3 on charges of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, resisting officer with violence, battery on law

officer, possession of enforcement MDMA/Ecstasy with intent to distribute, possession of less than 20 grams of marijuana, possession of cocaine, possession of drug paraphernalia and threat of death or harm to law enforcement officer. Police were dispatched to an area west of 37041 Main Avenue regarding a disturbance. Responding officers were informed there was an outstanding warrant for Williams' arrest on an aggravated assault charge. Williams was observed walking east on Main Avenue and allegedly disregarded an officer's commands for him to stop. Williams allegedly tensed up and refused to put his hands behind his back when that officer grabbed him by the wrist and told him he was under arrest. Williams then allegedly struck the officer in the head with his right arm and the officer deployed his Taser, which struck Williams in the side of his body. Williams allegedly struck the officer in the head a second time. He was finally taken to the ground after the Taser was deployed a second time. Even then, the arrest report said, Williams would not allow officers to handcuff him. He was finally taken into custody after an officer reportedly struck him in the jaw with his fist. A search incidental to arrest reportedly revealed Williams to be in possession of 16 grams of MDMA pills within 1,000 feet of a church and approximately two grams of powder cocaine, which all field-tested positive. Williams was taken to an area hospital for medical clearance before being booked into the Pasco County Jail. He reportedly told an officer while he was at the hospital that he had punched an officer and told him he was "dirty" and wanted him to get rid of the cocaine he gave him at the hospital. The aggravated assault charge was for an offense that allegedly occurred on July 19 when Williams approached two females who were involved in a verbal dispute in the area of Tuskeegee Avenue and Wilson Street. He was allegedly armed with an unknown type handgun and waved it around and allegedly told the victim, "If you want to act like a man, I will shoot you like a man." Williams was booked into the Pasco County Jail where bail was set at more than \$50,000.

A 12-year-old male was arrested by Dade City police on Sept. 14 on a charge of simple battery after he allegedly struck

another person in the left arm with a closed fist. The juvenile reportedly admitted to having hit the other person because he was mad. He was taken to the Pasco County Juvenile Assesment Center.

Kevin Eric Scott Stage, 40, of 15029

Pinellas Ave., was arrested by Dade City police on Sept. 2 and charged with possession of methamphetamine, possession of paraphernalia, resisting/obstructing officer without violence

and tampering with or fabricating physical evidence. Police stopped a pickup truck for an equipment violation - broken windshield obstructing driver's vision. Stage, who was a passenger in the vehicle, was allegedly observed unfastening his seatbelt and making overt movements toward the floorboard. Stage allegedly told police he was chewing marijuana. He refused to stop when ordered to do so and allegedly swallowed the evidence. Numerous pieces of glass fell from his lap when he was physically removed from the vehicle. A suspected broken meth pipe was located on the floorboard and some of it was hidden inside a beer can. A field test provided positive results for meth and Stage was arrested. Post Miranda, he reportedly said he has a drug problem and panicked when he saw the police. He was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

Kristopher Thaddeus Hicks, 24, of



14815 11th St., was arrested by Dade City police on Aug. 22 and charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute within 1,000 feet of a city park and possession of para-

phernalia. A traffic stop was conducted on a vehicle after an officer detected a strong odor of burnt marijuana coming from it. Also, the vehicle did not have a tag light. When the vehicle pulled over at North Avenue and 18th Street at 11:38 p.m., the driver and front seat passenger reportedly switched seats. All occupants of the vehicle were told they would be searched because of the strong odor of marijuana that was reportedly emitting from the vehicle. When Hicks exited the vehicle, two very large bulges could be seen in both pockets. He was allegedly in possession of 134.9 grams of marijuana in his left front pocket. Some of the marijuana was allegedly packaged in 41 separate baggies for resale. A digital scale was found within the vehicle. Post Miranda, Hicks reportedly admitted the marijuana was his and he said he had a bad drug problem and was going to smoke all of it.

He was also reportedly found to be in possession of \$1,290 in bills of varying denominations which were consistent with someone who is selling narcotics. The car was stopped directly across the street from a city park and the marijuana did field-test positive. Hicks was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

Corey G. Hutchinson, 46, of Plant City,



was arrested by Dade City police on Sept. 2 and was charged with battery. He allegedly entered an apartment he shares with his girlfriend and approached her while she was seat-

ed. He then allegedly slapped her on the left side of her face with an open hand. The victim provided a written statement. This altercation was reportedly the result of a verbal argument. The victim reportedly struck Hutchinson in the head, causing him to receive a small laceration. She told police she did so because she was in fear of further abuse by Hutchinson. Both the victim and her son who resides with her provided written statements of what occurred. Hutchinson was booked into the Pasco County Jail after receiving medical clearance from an area hospital.

Carmelo Frank Lacasto, 29, of Wesley Chapel, was arrested by

Dade City police on Aug. 30 and charged with driving under the

influence. Another officer had conducted a traffic stop on Lacasto and a backup officer was dispatched to conduct a DUI investi-

gation. Lacasto reportedly performed poorly on field sobriety exercises and was placed under arrest. Breath samples later obtained indicated he had a blood alcohol content of between .163 and .164, both of which are more than Florida's legal limit to drive. He was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

Amberly Tiy Coley, 26, of 10335 U.S.



Hicks) asked the victim for permission to borrow her car for an hour to run errands. The victim called police after not being able to contact Coley for several days to find out where her vehicle was and when Coley planned to return it. The victim received a letter from Atlas Towing on Aug. 13 informing her

Kimberly

they had impounded her stolen vehicle. The victim took possession of her vehicle from Atlas and noticed her Note 3 cell phone, valued at \$300, was still missing.

Jennifer Elizabeth Heringes, 44, of 34633 Missionary Road, was arrested by Dade City police on Sept. 3 and charged with driving under the influence with property damage/no injury. Heringes reportedly hit an off-duty officer's personal vehicle in the 12000 block of U.S. 301. She was allegedly visibly intoxicated and exhibited slurred speech, was unsteady on her feet and had a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage present on her breath. Also, Heringes allegedly admitted to the officer whose vehicle she had hit that she was intoxicated. She refused to attempt field sobriety tests and also refused to provide a breath sample. Herringes was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

Kristopher Edward Gross, 39, of 37810



Lake Gilbert Circle, was arrested by Dade City police on Sept. 5 and charged with violation of probation on two counts of child neglect. He was booked into the Pasco County Jail upon

confirmation of the warrant.



Gaskin Ave., was arrested by Dade City police on Aug. 29 and charged with disorderly conduct, resist food/lodging operator. Fudge was allegedly asking people for money and causing a

scene with businesses in a complex in the 12000 block of U.S. 301. He also allegedly yelled at a woman at the scene, causing other customers to pause from their normal daily activities, and he was allegedly confrontational and argumentative with officers on scene. He was booked into the Pasco County Jail.

Larry Carlton Dykes Jr., also known as



Big Country, was arrested by Dade City police on Sept. 6 on a warrant charging him with violation of probation or community release lewd or lascivious battery. He was booked

into the Pasco County Jail upon confirmation of the warrant.

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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and was sentenced on July 7.

Works testified on Monday he no longer owns Lazy Breeze and his attorney, Luke Lirot, argued Works should be released from custody because the purported new owner of Lazy Breeze, Xanman Real Estate Group LLC, is now responsible for bringing the affected units into compliance.

Works along with John Shoup, also of Tampa, incorporated Xanman on Aug. 28 court records said.

Works said Shoup, who is a real estate investor, purchased Xanman from him during the first week of September. Court records show Shoup was named Xanman's manager on Sept. 5, and that Works was removed as an officer of Xanman the same day.

Works claimed a real estate transaction he entered with Shoup earlier in September meant Shoup and Xanman now own Lazy Breeze.

Sestak had ruled on July 7 that Works would remain behind bars until either all the code violations were corrected or all the tenants living in the affected units had moved out of them.

Works maintained during his testimony on Monday the property had been sold in compliance with the court's orders.

He said Genesis Holdings had three properties and they are in Wesley Chapel, Zephyrhills and Dade City. All three of the properties are being used as collateral for a \$1 million loan. It was necessary, Works testified, for a new corporation to be formed so the Dade City property - Lazy Breeze – could be separated from the other properties so it could be sold. That is why Xanman was formed.

Works and Shoup both testified they had reached a verbal agreement with Home Bank in Tampa on or about Sept. 1 to obtain a \$1 million loan. Works said he was a co-guarantor on the loan but it was not formally ratified by Home Bank on Sept. 1 because of the bank's underwriting Your Hometown News Source • dadecitynews.org



Robert Works was given one final opportunity to comply with the court's order at another contempt hearing on Nov. 3.

regulations but asserted, "It is a done deal."

Senior Assistant County Attorney Kristi Sims disagreed that the park's ownership had changed hands.

She told Sestak she believes Works is engaging in a "paper shell game" with Shoup to help Works be released from jail early.

Sims learned through questioning Works that several units were still occupied at Lazy Breeze although Sestak had ordered them to be vacated by Sept. 15 if the code enforcement violations had not been corrected. Sims argued this was a violation of the court's order.

"I have no confidence that any of these tenants that are residing in these units have any protection if they are injured or die because of code enforcement violations present there," Sims told Sestak.

Sims also questioned Shoup's intentions regarding Lazy Breeze. She told Sestak an advertisement had been placed on Craigslist Tampa Bay for a mobile home park for sale in Dade City. That park is Lazy Breeze, she said.

Shoup did not deny he had placed the advertisement on Craigslist.

Sims also noted the court had never promised to lift its judgment of contempt against Works if he sold Lazy Breeze prior

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to Sept. 15.

"This is a paper shell game in an attempt to defraud the bank and violate the conditions of this court. It's clear what's going on here. It defies logic that Home Bank or any other bank would agree to the terms of this contract," Sims said referring to the agreement Works and Shoup had signed.

"The property may belong to Xanman Realty but the mobile homes still belong to Genesis Holdings. They are still in violation. They are still occupied," Sims said.

Sestak ruled Monday that based on the evidence he does not believe Works had met the court's requirements. However, the judge said, "In fairness, this Court will give Rob Works one FINAL opportunity to obey the court's order and purge his contempt."

Sestak then suspended the order he had issued regarding the confinement of Works and ordered that he immediately be released from custody.

Sestak scheduled another contempt hearing to be held for Nov. 3 at 11 a.m. to give Works "an opportunity to provide evidence that he has purged his contempt and is in compliance with this Court's order."



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Sept. 22 – Score For Your Business - Join Pasco Hernando SCORE to discuss marketing. Jack Grise will be at the SMART Start Dade City Entrepreneur Center, 37837 Meridian Ave., #309, at 8:30 a.m. to discuss your marketing ideas and questions. Coffee and donuts will be served. Visit pascohernandoscore.org for information.

Sept. 23 - Silent Auction and Benefit Concert – Held at the Brick Farmhouse Antiques & Coffee Shop, 14220 Eighth St. from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. The days' events will benefit F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Down Syndrome West Florida. Tickets are \$25. Call (352) 437-4249 for information and a complete list of events, which include a dessert baking contest, dinner catered by Southern Harmony and live country music by the Jase Randall Band.

Sept. 23 - Block Party BBQ -Heritage Park will host a BBQ cookoff and sampling from 1-3 p.m. at 37135 Coleman Ave. Cost to sample and vote on BBQ entries is \$5. This event is kid friendly with music, face painting and the BBQ contest. Cooks welcome for the chicken and rib categories. Contact Lido Capogross at (352) 467-4769 or lcapogrosso@gchc.com for information and contestant requirements. Judging starts at 2 p.m.

Sept. 26 – 1960s Themed Concert - The public is invited to Saint Leo University's Fall Faculty Recital where its accomplished instructors will present "Camelot to Woodstock: Music of the '60s," at 7 p.m. in Selby Auditorium, Lewis Hall. The campus is located at 33701 S.R. 52 in St. Leo. Admission is free. Visitors can park for free on surface lots or in the campus garage. Contact Megan Orendorf, at (352) 588-8401 or jennifer.orendorf@ saintleo.edu for more information or special seating requests.

Oct. 2 – Performing CPR and Choking Rescue on Babies - Florida Hospital Zephyrhills, 7050 Gall Blvd., will offer a free and lifesaving American Heart Association class for parents who are expecting a baby or have a newborn. The class will teach participants how to perform infant CPR and choking rescue and will be held from 6:30-8 p.m. This is not an AHA certifying or credentialing course. Call (813) 783-6124 to register beforehand.

Oct. 7 - Pasco Master Gardener Horticultural Festival - Held from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at San Antonio City Park, 12200 Main Street in San Antonio. Free parking and gardening products 1688 for information.

galore await from all of your favorite plant nurseries in the central Florida area. Vendors will be selling tools, plants and anything and everything garden related. Call the UF/IFAS Pasco Extension Office at (352) 518-0156 for information.

Oct. 7 - Fall Festival - Bayfront Health Dade City will be hosting a family friendly Fall Festival at the hospital, located at 13100 Fort King Road. From 3-7 p.m. The festival will be put on by the Patient and Staff Satisfaction PASS Committee for staff and families. Call (352)518-1020 for information.

Oct. 12 - Bingo With A French Flair - Florida Hospital Zephyrhills will host Bingo in the Creation Café from 2-3 p.m. at 7050 Gall Blvd. Attendees will enjoy homemade French pastries and coffee while they learn about PatientSecure from Mike Vanderbilt, Patient Access Director. The new technology, which was installed earlier this year, provides an extra layer of identity protection for patients every time they come to the hospital. Bingo winners will receive small prizes. Call (877) 534-3108 to register and for information.

Oct. 13 - Focused Selling Skills -This program will address salespersons tactics and ways to improve the selling process in the new millennium. Held from 1-3 p.m. at SMARTstart Dade City Entrepreneur Center, 37837 Meridian Ave., #309. Visit pascohernando.score. org for information and to register.

Oct. 14 - Clays for the Community - Put on by the Boots & Roots Foundation, the fourth annual event will be held at 2 p.m. at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, 10514 Ehren Cutoff in Land O' Lakes. Profits from the event will help give back to local agriculture, outdoors and sportsman communities, focusing on youth, people in need and other local charitable organizations. Dinner is served at 5 p.m. Visit www. bootsandroots.org/registration for registration information and prices, and competition rules.

Oct. 14 – Dentistry from the Heart - Free dental care will be provided at this second annual event, held at Premier Community Healthcare, 37944 Pasco Ave. from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration opens at 7:30 a.m. No appointments necessary. This event is first come, first served. Community members 18 and older without access to dental care may choose one of the following: one filling, one extraction or cleaning services. First 100 patients guaranteed to be seen. Call (813) 971-

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Commentary

Irma Gave Us All A Wake Up Call

Wow, for the most part we dodged a bullet as Hurricane Irma came swinging through this area. This storm left a trail of destruction along its path including several Caribbean islands, the Florida Keys, South Florida and many other areas of the state. In addition, Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas felt the effects. Everywhere this storm went everyone was affected, ranging from stress and minor inconvenience to total destruction. My son Evan, his wife Sarah, and our granddaughter Naomi, actually lost power from the storm, and they live in Asheville, N.C. For them power was out for days.

For the most part services have been restored in most areas that didn't get the full force and we are thankful for so many different organizations and individuals that really stepped up to the plate to help. It has definitely brought people closer together. Maybe that's what it took for us to wake up.

I mentioned last week that one day we would look back and smile at some of the things that happened during Irma's visit. Even during a tragedy you can always find something to make you smile. At my house we tripped on power cords and stumbled on Pooh's dog toys hiding in the dark. Even with the power off, and by habit, we flipped



John Anderson

the light switch on when we would go into a room. You would think we would have learned but continued to do it every single time. After a while all you can say is, 'Duh'. We made it through this and I think most of us have learned many life lessons from it. It has brought our family closer together.

Writing about this wind event reminded me that John Anderson will be in town tonight performing to a sold-out crowd at the Dan Cannon Auditorium in Dade City.

As has been the case in the four preceding years, the concert will benefit many charitable organizations. More than likely Anderson and his band will perform "Seminole Wind, and many of his other country hits.

He may or may not perform "Eve of the Hurricane" (1984). I thought it was really about a hurricane but found out it was about something else.

Here is a little bit of the song.

"You're the eye of a hurricane, the calm within a storm

When the day is done you're the midnight sun

I can run to, to keep me warm

You're the eye of a hurricane, a beacon in the night

When the whistle blows till the rooster crows

I know you're gonna do me right, yeah."

Letter To The Editor

Editor,

there. She planned on thanking them be thanked, not harassed. as she left. Before she could do so, another diner stormed up to their table and demanded to know why they were had to eat sometime. She told them to email keri@pasconewspubs.com

hurry up. Ungracious people like this My best friend was eating in exist everywhere, but these men left Sonny's last Wednesday, and noticed their homes and families to help those that a group of utility workers was also of us affected by Irma. They needed to

Harriet Ellis

If you would like to write a letter eating and not out working. Stunned, to the editor, send to 38440 5th Ave., one tired lineman replied that they Zephyrhills, FL 33542 - attn: Editor; or



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New Stroke Lifestyle Class Offered At Florida Hospital Zephyrhills

A new, six-week stroke lifestyle class is being offered by Florida Hospital Zephyrhills that will meet every Thursday from 10 to 11 a.m. beginning Oct. 12 through Nov. 16 at the Creation Health Wellness Center, 38233 Daughtery Road. While some risk factors for stroke like

age and gender are not controllable, according to FHZ's Stroke Educator Deb Dungan, RN, lifestyle factors that one can manage will be the focus. Stroke education, prevention, exercise and diet will be covered. Depression and support for post stroke and TIA patients and their

caregivers will also be addressed.

Stroke is the leading cause of serious, long-term disability in the United States, Dungan said. Each year, about 795,000 Americans will have a stroke and approximately 600,000 of these are first attacks. Most strokes occur in individuals over the age of 65, but that doesn't preclude younger people from being affected too, she said.

There is a \$30 fee for the class series and cash, checks and most major credit cards are accepted. Call (813) 779-6476 to register.

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Two charging stations, each bearing two cables, were installed at First National Bank of Pasco in Dade City last month. Similar stations will be set up at the other bank locations as well. Zephyrhills branches and the future branch site in Lutz, which is currently still under construction.

The parking spots are marked with green, eco-friendly logos signifying the spots are set aside for charging.

When FNBP was considering whom to partner with, they turned to Jarrett Ford for their expertise.

Ford Motor Company was recently recognized as America's top-selling plug-in hybrid brand and second overall in U.S. electrified vehicle sales, according to Jarrett Ford's vice president and general manager Cliff Martin.

"It's a great partnership, it's leading edge," Martin said.

In January, Ford announced the addition of 13 electrified vehicles they will add to their stable in the next five years, adding up to a \$4.5 billion-dollar investment.

"We both believe in this technology and this is what the millennial culture is moving toward and we want to be a part of that," said FNBP President and CEO Steve Hickman.

FNBP purchased two electric vehicles from Jarrett to be more eco-friendly when driving throughout the county. One vehicle is a courier, used to pick up banking business from commercial customers, primarily in central and western Pasco and Hillsborough, said Hickman. The courier vehicle is wrapped in new advertising showing the joint venture between the two local companies.

The other purchased vehicle is used to travel to various business meetings.

The bank has taken full advantage of the charging stations, and invites customers as well as non-customers to stop by and use the stations. The stations come up on an Internet search for drivers looking for a place to charge up, and since their installation about a month ago, Hickman said one person has stopped by to use them.



A circuit board pattern was added as extra decoration for the electric courier car.

Technology is always developing, and both Hickman and Martin acknowledged the future of wireless charging for vehicles is something they both want to get on board with once the technology becomes more available.



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Restored Hope Providing Hurricane Irma Relief



Kathy Hunt, center, and a volunteer, right, provide water, food, paper products and sundries to those in need at the Restore Hope center off of Fort Photo by Richard K. Riley King Road in Dade City.

Restored Hope began distributing non-perishable food and water donated from Pasco County on Saturday at 13703 17th St. in Dade City.

All Pasco County residents are further information.

welcome to stop by during upcoming distributions, which will take place today and Friday from 9 a.m. to noon. Call Restored Hope at (352) 437-4815 or visit their Facebook page for

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attendance membership in the Dade City Kiwanis Club, where he served as the President, Vice President; he served as Lt. Governor and Governor of Kiwanis for the Florida District in, and was inducted into the Florida Kiwanis Hall of Fame 2013. He and many local men in Dade City, Lacoochee and Trilby started the "concerned citizens of Dade City" to help people in need.

In 1985, the Kiwanis club had a Roy & Martha Appreciation Day and Hardy Benevolent Fund was organized to help families with medical needs. He has received numerous other awards for his dedication and community service from other clubs in the Dade City and San Antonio area.

Roy loved to quail and dove hunt (per a close friend, he had the best dove fields anywhere) and flounder fishing in his younger days with family and friends.

He was known for his "Roy Hardy's Fish Fries" and "Chicken Dinners" to raise money for families needing help with medical needs, as well as the Kiwanis Fish Fry for their annual fund raiser to help local children in the community.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Dade City.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Daniel H. and Tensie H. Hardy, Sr., loving wife, Martha B. Hardy, grandson Lester Lamar Roberts, his brothers, Daniel, Eugene, Lamar and Ralph Hardy and his sisters MaryIda Webb, and Elizabeth Buie. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Ann (William B.) Roberts, granddaughters, Tammy T. Roberts-(Greg)-Phillips, Heidi favorite charity in Roy's memory.

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Roy Hardy was known for his annual Kiwanis fish fry to help children in the community. Photo by Richard K. Rilev

V. Cross, great grandchildren, Katya (Les) Barton, Zachery Ballard, and Alexandrea Cross, one great great-grand Zelda Barton.

He was a strict an extremely overprotective parent, yet a caring and loving father with outstanding teaching goals growing to become a mellowed and loving grandfather. Once he became a great and great-great grandfather he forgot the meaning of the word 'no'.

Arrangements have been made through Hodges Funeral Home, Hwy 301 Dade City. The viewing will be Friday, Sept. 22, from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. Graveside service Saturday at 10:30 a.m., at Floral Memory Gardens, Clinton Ave., Dade City.

In lieu of flowers, the family request donations to Cornerstone Center for Women 37522 Meridian Ave., Dade City, 33525; Dade City Kiwanis Club, P.O. Box 353, Dade City, 33526-0353; or your









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farm had been toppled over or ripped from the earth.

"I was a bit discouraged," recalled Park. "We'll still be able to have a harvest this year, but it's just going to take a lot of extra effort and time to get everything rebuilt."

When County Extension Director and Horticulture Agent Whitney Elmore contacted Park and heard the heartbreak in his voice, she knew she had to help.

Elmore immediately got to work mobilizing forces to come out and assist. She reached out to sources at the University of Florida, her alma mater, and posted a notice on Facebook in order to assemble a team for the all day event.

"Gators have bite," laughed Elmore. "I got my teeth into this and wasn't about to let go."

On Saturday morning, nearly a week after Irma's scourge, Park was greeted to another startling sight: people turning up in droves, all ready to pitch in where help was needed.

"I wasn't expecting all of this when Dr. Elmore called me," said Park. "I was thinking 20 or 30 people were going to come ... but I'm seeing today well over



Leonard Park, general manager of Frogmore Fresh Farms, has been at the farm for three years and oversaw Saturday's plant repair event. *Photo by Richard K. Riley*

100 people."

Nearly 200 volunteers showed up at Frogmore Fresh after seeing Elmore's rallying cry for help on Facebook. Students arrived from both the University of Florida and Saint Leo University, along with members of the Pasco 4-H club and numerous Dade City families.

"We had several folks from the general

community come out," said Elmore. "Folks that understand the value of agriculture and said that they just wanted to come out and help."

Park taught each group of volunteers



"I think it's really good to get involved and to help the community," Fontana said. "I've always loved helping people. And plus, this is really fun! I'm considering opening a blueberry farm now."

At the end of the day, not every plant was standing back upright, but a large portion of the damaged crop will soon be flourishing once again.

"They were able to make a slight dent in the 100,000 plants that needed help," Elmore said. "But, if nothing else, I think it's more symbolic. To show the agriculture community that the University of Florida is behind them in a lot of ways, and so is the community at large."

The damage Irma caused to Florida was great, but the recovery could be quick so long as more continue to follow Elmore's lead and lend those in need a helping hand.



Men, women and even young children from the Dade City area watched Leonard Park as he demonstrated the proper way to re-plant the fallen bushes. *Photo by Emily Kochanski*



Two University of Florida students, Anisa Laska and Courtney Carroll, work together to straighten a damaged plant and lash it to a bamboo stake. *Photo by Richard K. Riley*



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Safety First

- Anticipate loss of power in most areas for an extended period of time. Every effort will be made to restore power as soon as it is safe for crews to do so.
- Avoid walking or driving through flood waters. Just six inches of moving water can
- knock you down and one foot of fast-moving water can sweep your vehicle away.
- Looks can be deceiving. Walk and search the perimeter of your home before
- attempting to enter. Downed powerlines or trees may pose a risk for inury. · As we work to recover, boiled water notices may be issued. If your area is affected, bring your water to a rolling boil for one (1) full minute before use.

Damage Assessment

• Inspect your property and document damage by taking photos, then upload them on the My Pasco App or on the Pasco County website (click on the red hurricane symbol). These photos may also assist in filing an insurance claim. • Do what you can to prevent further damage to your property (e.g., putting a tarp on a damaged roof), as insurance may not cover additional damage that occurs after the storm. · Check-in with family and friends by texting or using social media.

Relief Resources

Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs): Centrally located station to aid with FEMA assistance and Small Business Assistance Loans (SBLs). Disaster Debris Removal: Disaster related debris removal is available to residents following the storm. Collection of debris is managed in a systematic manner. Please contact the phone number or visit the website below for more information prior to the collection operation.

Picking up the pieces: Putting your debris at the curb for pickup



Do not stack debris against trees, poles, fire hydrants or storm drains.

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- Freezers Stoves
- Air conditioners
- Water Heaters
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- Building material
- - Lumber
- Carpet
 - Furniture
 - Mattresses
 - Plumbing

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