

REMEMBERING

Pasco deaths

Bongiovanni, Nicholas

Brantley, Bobbie Lee

DeGirolamo, Umberto

Gibson, Luther C.

Plourde, Roland A.

Stocker, Barbara Ann

This list is from detailed obituaries published in Section B.

HAPPENINGS
continued from 4

to 2 p.m. Aug. 28. Registration for the test is required; reservations must be made by Aug. 24.

The Therapy Dog International test will be given at the Hernando-Pasco Hospice team office at 6807 Rowan Road, New Port Richey. Dogs that successfully complete the test will receive both the AKC's Canine Good Citizen and TDI certifications. The total cost is \$20.

If the dog passes the tests and the guardian would like to visit patients as a HPH Compassionate Paws volunteer, an orientation will be at a later date.

Compassionate Paws began as a Hernando-Pasco Hospice pilot program in 2004. There are now more than 80 active dogs participating along with their volunteer guardians. Since April 2006, HPH's Compassionate Paws volunteers have visited more than 3,500 individuals affected by a life-limiting illness.

Register by calling Katy Geschke, volunteer program specialist, at (727) 863-7971.

Send all West Happening events to Lucille Lazich, 11321 U.S. 19, Port Richey, FL 34668, fax (727) 869-6233 or e-mail lazich@sptimes.com.

Pasco heritage



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Building has played many roles in city

This is a view of First State Bank of New Port Richey at the corner of Main Street and what is now Grand Boulevard. The bank opened on Oct. 15, 1921. It was the first bank in New Port Richey. On Aug. 12, 1921, the *Tarpon Springs Leader* reported, "The First State Bank of New Port Richey has been organized, and this institution is now erecting its fine stone building right in the heart of the city. Contractor W. C. Newcomb, of Largo, is making headway on the work and is planning to finish and turn the structure over to the officers by the first of September. The vault in the bank is being made as near burglar proof as possible and all necessary precautions are being taken in the structure throughout to make it as safe and secure as modern engineering can devise." The bank failed during the Great Depression, suspending operations on June 13, 1931. There was no bank in western Pasco County from 1931 until July 15, 1952, when Gulf State Bank opened in this building. Gulf State Bank moved to a larger building in 1956. Davis Pharmacy was later located in this building. Currently, the law offices of Scott M. McPherson are here.

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