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“To promote economic growth and the quality of life in the greater Dade City area”

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Chamber Business Breakfast
August 20th 2019
Sponsor: Suncoast Credit Union
at Kafe Kokopelli
(flyer enclosed)
Hello Chamber Members! We are half way through summer and I trust you have had an enjoyable holiday!

The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been very busy planning for numerous upcoming activities and events. Your Chamber represents you across many areas of interest – business, government, community and social. Some of the initiatives upcoming:

- **Monthly Chamber Business Breakfasts** – held 3rd Tuesday, monthly
- **Economic Development luncheon** in the new year – watch for the date and location
- **“Business Connections”** interactive business networking and social event in May

Our KUMQUAT COMMITTEE is busy garnering **sponsorships for 2020**. Festival Day is Saturday, January 25th, 2020. If you have any leads or would like to be involved in Pasco County’s signature event, please contact John at the Chamber. This is an excellent way to have direct contact with some of the 35,000 attendees, and take advantage of being part of the $60,000+ marketing campaign planned for this fall and winter.

Welcome to the Board for 2020 Dr. Paula O’Neil, recently retired Pasco County Clerk and Comptroller – we look forward to keeping Paula busy in East Pasco in her retirement!

The **installation of 2020 Officers** will be held at **BREAKFAST**, MONDAY October 14th (a Monday this month only) at AdventHealth Dade City. Normal Chamber Business Breakfast RSVPs will be required, and we will be sending our notices in ample time.

- **The Christmas Parade** will be held Friday, December 6th, downtown – applications will be online this fall.
- **The 2020 Annual Joe Keifer Golf Tournament** is booked for Friday, April 3rd at Lake Jovita – golfers mark your calendars.

Lots of exciting things happening at your Chamber!

Thanks for your support,

**John Moors, Executive Director**

Please remember the Chamber Membership is our life blood. Please refer a member, retain a member and let the staff know about prospective members. **THANK YOU for your continued partnership!!**

*The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce does take pictures and videos at Chamber events in order to promote our Chamber members and the organization. These images/videos may be used by the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce in their printed and online publicity, on social media, in newspapers and magazines, or in any other ways that further the aims of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, whose mission is “to promote economic development and quality of life in the area”*

*The Chamber publishes this newsletter for our members information. Much of this information is provided by our members. The articles and information submitted to the Chamber belong to their author and do not necessarily mirror the views and opinions of the Chamber.*
The start of the 2019-20 school year in Pasco County is August 14, 2018 marks the start of the 2017-2018 school year and I urge parents and their children to familiarize themselves and their children with important school safety information provided by the Pasco Sheriff’s Office.

Parents and guardians should understand that student and employee staff safety is our top priority for our agency on our school campuses. It bears repeating that no weapons, illegal drugs, and tobacco products are allowed on any Pasco school campus. This includes vaping products. Unfortunately, there are too many students arrested for possession violations every year for all of these products.

Making direct or indirect threats to commit acts of violence on any school campus, whether joking or not, is illegal in Florida. It is also important to note that threats of violence are also illegal. The law was vague on this topic for years, so for this reason, a new law went into effect last year that makes it a felony to threaten any gun violence at a Florida school. The law previously only mentioned threats by bombing, but now any such threat is considered serious and no leniency is given for students who are “only joking.” We must consider any such threat, verbal or written, as serious and we will and have arrested any student making such threats.

Last year, the state Legislature, 2018 Governor Scott amended the law, (FS 836.10) Written Threats to Kill (FS 836.10), making it a felony to convey threats of gun violence or acts of terrorism against any person in writing or through any electronic record, which includes posts to social media. Any person who makes, posts, or transmits a threat in a writing or other record, including an electronic record, to conduct a mass shooting or an act of terrorism, in any manner that would allow another person to view the threat commits a felony of the second degree.

In a partnership with the Pasco County School Board, the Pasco Sheriff’s Office places law enforcement deputies on middle and high school campuses through the school resource officer (SRO) program. The school resource officer program is the successful practice of placing law enforcement deputies on middle school and high school campuses. The primary role of the SRO is the safety and security of our students and faculty. These full-time deputies also investigate allegations of child abuse off-campus and any other crimes committed on campus and any allegations of child abuse off-campus. SROs and ensure that our school grounds are safe during the school day and at school events. Every parent should get to know their child’s school resource officer and turn to that individual for any questions about their child’s safety on campus. Parents should encourage their children to report any suspicious behavior or circumstances to their SRO, school safety guard, or a school official immediately.

There are several ways for students or a parent to report concerning or suspicious activity and you can do so anonymously. This includes a new smart phone application funded by the Florida state legislature called Fortify FL, which is available on both the Apple and Google phone app stores. You can also submit a tip to the Pasco Sheriff’s Office by visiting our website at PascoSheriff.com and clicking on the Submit a Tip link.

The official platform for the most up-to-date and accurate information about any major incidents or safety concerns about a school.

For the latest information on any possible emergency situation on any Pasco school campus, we urge parents to follow us the social media plat Facebook.com/PascoSheriff.
USF Research Study Seeks to Reduce Risk of Alzheimer’s in Dade City

What if solving brain games and puzzles on a computer could reduce the chances of developing dementia such as Alzheimer’s or delay the debilitating loss of function associated with the disease?

That’s the question researchers from the University of South Florida (USF) are seeking to answer through a pioneering new study that will test a training regimen designed to improve brain function. Using a multi-million dollar grant from the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the researchers are conducting a study of up to 1,600 older adults, who will learn a mental exercise routine focused on processing information to target cognitive improvements over time.

“This is a large primary prevention trial to examine if computerized cognitive exercises will reduce the risk of dementia,” said Dr. Elizabeth Hudak, Research Assistant Professor at USF Morsani College of Medicine. “It is the first of its kind study that will train adults on these exercises.”

As one ages, cognitive functions associated with thinking and memory can decline. Dementia is a general term for a decline that interferes with daily life, and Alzheimer’s is the most common form of dementia.

An estimated 5.7 million Americans are living with Alzheimer’s today. By 2050, the number is projected to rise to nearly 14 million, according to the Alzheimer’s Association.

The primary investigators of the new study “Preventing Alzheimer’s Disease with Cognitive Training” or “PACT” are Dr. Jerri Edwards with the USF Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences and Dr. David Morgan with Michigan State University and former head of USF Health Byrd Alzheimer’s Center and Research Institute.

There are four study sites in Florida, including one in Dade City. Other sites are in Tampa, St. Petersburg, and Lakeland. There is also one site in Michigan. Each site will host up to 400 older adults.

“Exercise is just as important for our brains as it is for our bodies and the type of exercise really matters for the brain,” said Dr. Jennifer Jones Lister, USF Professor with the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders, who will supervise data collection in Dade City. “Exercises that continue to be challenging and adapt with performance across time are the most beneficial to improving quality of life.”

The research study will consist of a variety of brain games on a computer in which participants are asked to indicate what they saw or heard and solve puzzles. Each participant will visit a study site three times to learn how to follow the mental regimen. Over the course of three years, they will complete a total of 45 hours of computerized training exercises on their own. Researchers will then monitor for cognitive improvements or signs of decline.

Prior studies have shown such training is an effective way to reduce chances of developing dementia. In 2017, findings from the Advanced Cognitive Training for Independent and Vital Elderly (ACTIVE) study showed that among nearly 3,000 healthy older adults, those who completed 11 or more computerized sessions were up to 48 percent less likely to develop dementia across a 10-year period than adults who did no exercises at all.

“Cognitive training enhances mental quickness and visual attention, improves gait speed and balance, promotes safer and prolonged driving mobility and maintains health and well-being, including protection against depression,” said Dr. Alisa Houseknecht, USF Study Coordinator.

The researchers will recruit adults 65 years of age and older who are willing to commit to the exercise training and are not experiencing dementia or other forms of neurological disease. A family history of Alzheimer’s does not disqualify a person.

“We will be looking across time to see who ends up with dementia and who does not,” said Lister. “We estimate that even if this intervention delays onset of dementia by only one year, that would be 9.2 million fewer cases across the next 30 years.”

For more information about the research study, visit www.pactstudy.org

If you want to volunteer for the PACT study to help us prevent Alzheimer’s Disease, call our Dade City office at 352-658-3184 to see if you qualify. We hope to hear from you soon!
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Message from the Mayor..........................

In just a few short weeks, students of all ages will be returning to school to begin a new academic year. Seems like only yesterday that the school bell rang dismissing students for summer vacation. Whether you are sending a child off to kindergarten, starting a new elementary grade level, walking into high school for the very first time, or entering college, we wish all the best in studies as you continue to gain knowledge and skill sets to help you succeed in future endeavors.

As in previous years, many community organizations come together to assist students as they prepare for the new school year by offering supplies and other services. We are blessed to have so many individuals and groups helping families each year for what is often a very exciting, but stressful experience, for many. The generosity of our community is impressive and we can always count on them to assist our families. There are several “back to school” events planned offering supplies and services for the families during this hectic planning and shopping season. These wonderful opportunities not only assist with equipping your children with needed supplies for a successful school year, but also a chance to meet and spend some time with neighbors and friends in the community before settling into the new academic year.

While families and children ready themselves for a new school year, the City Commission and City staff are working diligently preparing for the 2019/20 budget year. There continue to be many needs to ensure that we are providing the necessary services and programs for our residents while at the same time preparing for our visitors and those that are calling Dade City home for the very first time. The Commission will continue to focus on funding for stormwater management, paving streets, adding new sidewalks, replacing needed equipment to provide needed services to our residents and much more. In addition, the Commission is moving forward with the planning of what we hope will be a spectacular water park and bike hub in Dade City for our families.

The Dade City Youth Council will be starting a new year as well with students from grades 8-12 that attend our area Dade City schools. This is an opportunity to not only learn about Dade City and government, but an excellent opportunity to work with area organizations to help make Dade City a better place for our families and children in our community. Please check our website or email if you are interested in joining the Youth Council.

Hopefully these last few weeks of our lazy days of summer continue to provide relaxing time with family and friends. Safe travels if you are headed out of Dade City for holiday. As always, it is an honor and privilege to serve the residents of Dade City. Your ideas are always welcomed and encouraged. Feel free to contact me at chernandez@dadecityfl.com or 352-523-5052. We continue to move Dade City forward from better to best!

Camille

Camille Hernández, Mayor Dade City
Your voting

Fast Pass - Vote-by-Mail

Voting by mail is an option for all registered voters and offers the convenience of voting from home in your own time. It's the perfect option for voters with unpredictable schedules, voters who commute outside the county for work, travelers, or those who have difficulty getting to the polls. Vote-by-mail ballots are available upon request through our website or by calling our office at 800-851-8754. Unlike years ago, voting-by-mail does not require a reason or your absence from the county on election day.

Vote-by-mail ballots are sent to voters with requests on file 40 days prior to an election and are due back to the office by 7:00 p.m. election day. The deadline to order a vote-by-mail ballot by telephone, on-line, or written request is ten days prior to an election. This is to allow enough time for us to mail the ballot and for you to return it to our office by the 7:00 p.m. election day deadline. If you miss this deadline, you can still pick up a ballot in one of our offices and mail it back as long as we receive it by the deadline. Vote-by-mail ballots may also be hand delivered to one of our three office locations, or an early voting site during the designated early voting period but may not be turned in at the polling place on election day. Vote-by-mail ballots are not intended to be used as sample ballots, and if voted, will not be allowed in the polling place or early voting location. Sample ballots are available on-line 25-30 days prior to any election at www.pascovotes.com, and for county-wide elections are mailed to every voter to their address of record.

The myth that vote-by-mail ballots are counted only in close races surfaces every election cycle, and I can assure you this is not the case. In fact, vote-by-mail ballots are the first ballots to be counted! Although the results of the vote-by-mail ballots are not released until 7:00 p.m. election night, by law the canvassing of vote-by-mail ballots can begin 22 days before an election. This time frame was recently extended through the signing of HB/SB 7066 to allow more time for processing vote-by-mail ballots which has shown significant increase statewide in the past several election cycles.

Additional things to know about voting by mail is that every signature on every returned ballot is compared to the signature on the voter's record. It's important that a voter has a current signature on file, and signatures are easily updated by submitting a voter registration application. If the ballot signature is not a match to the signature on file, we will contact the voter who will have the option of "curing" their ballot signature through an affidavit. To insure we are able to contact voters in this scenario, the new law, HB/SB 7066, allows voters the option to supply additional contact information on the vote-by-mail certificate, e.g. an e-mail address and home and cell phone numbers.

Voters can track the receipt and delivery of their vote-by-mail using a link on www.pascovotes.com which has the option of receiving e-mail and text messages about the ballot's progress through the mailing, transit and delivery phases. In this way you can be sure your voted ballot is on its way and then finally received by the elections' office.

For more information or questions about voting by mail visit our website or call 800-851-8754. We'll be happy to order a vote-by-mail ballot for you!
Nikki Alvarez-Sowles to succeed Paula O’Neil, become Pasco’s 8th Clerk & Comptroller

Chief Judge appoints longtime COO as interim Clerk & Comptroller

We are delighted to report Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Esq., has succeeded retiring Clerk & Comptroller Paula S. O’Neil, Ph.D.

Alvarez-Sowles, who has served the Office as Chief Operations Officer since 2010, was appointed by Sixth Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Anthony Rondolino, who issued his administrative order June 25. Nikki was sworn in the following morning by Paula before a gathering of Florida Clerks & Comptrollers at their annual summer conference at Champions Gate.

The appointment is *ad interim* – at interim – pending Gov. Ron DeSantis’ decision regarding a permanent successor to fill the balance of Paula’s third term (through the end of 2020).

The Tampa-born attorney became Pasco’s eighth Clerk & Comptroller, its second by appointment.

Nikki thanked Paula for her support, faith, and mentorship. In a nod to her predecessor, who sparked a revolution in efficiency, service, and transparency at our Office, Nikki added, “I am grateful for the opportunity to continue Paula’s legacy. And I’m blessed to work with our amazing team at the Clerk & Comptroller’s Office.”

“Chief Judge Rondolino knows the Office will be in great hands with Clerk Alvarez-Sowles leading it,” Paula said. “It’s a great day in the history of Pasco County.”

As COO, Nikki guided the adoption of numerous taxpayer-friendly initiatives that improved customer service, boosted efficiency, drove down costs, and enhanced transparency, including:

- **Implemented the Clerk & Comptroller’s Legal Resource Centers in 2016 to provide legal resources and assistance to unrepresented parties and attorneys.**
- **Managed and directed implementation of assorted technical improvements, among them: eFiling in civil and criminal courts; public access to online court records; tax-deed sales online; civil and criminal case maintenance system; and electronic juror-management system.**
- **Oversaw conversion of a legacy financial software program to Tyler Munis, used by the Clerk & Comptroller’s Finance Department to manage more than $2 billion in annual transactions.**
- **Coordinated conversion of the Clerk & Comptroller’s case-management system from a legacy mainframe that contained more than 40 million records.**
- **An equestrian in her youth, Nikki moved on to play soccer at the University of South Florida (where she was a member of the Scholar-Athlete 3.0 Club and a Student Government Senator) before earning her Juris Doctor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.**

From 2000-2007, she practiced real estate law with the Tampa firm of Echevarria, Codilis & Stawiarski, P.L., and spent a year as Real Estate Development Manager for the nonprofit Housing & Education Alliance, Inc., then joined the Palm Beach Clerk & Comptroller’s Office as Director of Branch Court Services.

A chance meeting with Paula and several members of her Executive Team during a statewide conference luncheon led to further discussion and, ultimately, Nikki finding her career home in the Pasco Clerk & Comptroller’s Office, where she has immersed herself in work, family, and community service. Examples of her extracurricular pursuits include:

- **Immediate past president, Leadership Pasco**
- **West Pasco Bar Association, member and past president**
- **Rotary Club of New Port Richey**
- **Member of various committees and workgroups devoted to performance excellence in government work, such as:**
  - Florida Clerks & Comptrollers’ Best Practices Workgroup
  - Supreme Court workgroups
  - Florida Bar Small Claims Rules Committee
  - Pasco-Hernando State College Technical Advisory Committee for Paralegal Studies
  - Pasco County School District and Success Plan Committee
  - Advisor to board of directors for Housing and Education Alliance, Inc.

In tireless pursuit of nurturing excellence, this year, Nikki served as a Florida Governor’s Sterling Examiner and joined Florida Center for Public Management, Certified Public Manager Program, based at Florida State University, as an adjunct instructor.

The new Clerk & Comptroller is married to Kevin Sowles, and they have two children: daughter Lexi and son Soren. The family lives and thrives in Land O’ Lakes.

Paula O’Neil’s retirement – after 39 years of public service, the last 10½ as Clerk & Comptroller – became official at midnight June 30.
PHSC RANKED BEST LPN PROGRAM IN FLORIDA

Pasco-Hernando State College was recently ranked first among Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) programs in Florida by NursingProcess.org. In Florida, there are more than 160 LPN programs that are approved by the Florida Board of Nursing. NursingProcess.org ranked the top 15 programs, with PHSC coming in first.

“This latest ranking validates our diligence in providing high quality and affordable nursing program opportunities to the communities we serve,” said Timothy L. Beard, Ph.D., president, Pasco-Hernando State College.

Each program highlighted on the rankings list received a score based on several important factors, including NCLEX-PN first-time pass rates, graduation rate, academic quality and affordability.

NursingProcess.org is a small team of educators and health care professionals, committed to providing aspiring students with the most relevant and comprehensive education and career information about nursing and other health care occupations. For more information, please visit https://www.nursingprocess.org.

For more information about PHSC, visit PHSC.edu.

PHSC AND CAMPUS MANAGEMENT SOLIDIFY PARTNERSHIP TO ELEVATE FOCUS ON STUDENTS WITH CAMPUSNEXUS PLATFORM

Campus Management and Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC) announced their technology partnership to transform the Florida institution with a modern, cloud-based student platform for enabling students to achieve academic and career success in today’s global society. To elevate the higher education learning experience for students and faculty at the institution’s five Southwest Florida campuses, PHSC selected the Campus Management full suite of CampusNexus® solutions.

The full suite of CampusNexus solutions selected by PHSC includes CampusNexus Engage, CampusNexus Student, CampusNexus Finance, HR & Payroll, and CampusNexus Occupation Insight, all implemented and deployed in the CampusNexus Cloud.

“As we embark on this technology evolution, we are excited to reimagine new ways for our institution to deliver the education and skills necessary to enhance our local, state and global economy,” said Timothy L. Beard, Ph.D., PHSC president. “The enterprise-wide, efficient platform, CampusNexus, will transform how Pasco-Hernando State College engages its students in ways that build meaningful relationships that support their success.”

The CampusNexus platform will become a single-source of truth for faculty and staff across the institution and enables more meaningful and effective student outreach and connection. The solutions have a variety of benefits to students and faculty that transform operational efficiency and academic delivery at an institution. For instance, through the student portal, embedded analytics, financial aid automation and interactive web forms, the CampusNexus solutions allow students to experience a more comprehensive view of their campus and the resources available to them.

“We are excited to be a trusted partner to Pasco-Hernando State College. As more digital natives enter the Florida College System, they require more intuitive technology that allows them to find the administrative answers they need quickly, so they can spend more time focusing on their education,” said Campus Management CEO Jim Milton. “The full suite of CampusNexus solutions enable student self-service and will automate many of the institution’s time intensive processes, allowing faculty and staff to spend more time focusing on students and their success.”
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Dade City Rod & Gun Club Receives Check

The members at Dade City Rod and Gun Club participated in the 2019 Calendar Fundraiser offered by the Florida Friends of the NRA. Each calendar purchased enters you into a bi-weekly drawing for firearms. That’s 104 chances to win for a $50 donation!

Currently, Pasco County Sheriff’s Explorers are selling calendars to raise money for their program. Contact Corporal Tad Scott at tscott@pascosherrif.org if you wish to participate and purchase a calendar. Drawings will be held throughout the year, twice per week thru December 30th, 2019.

The Friends of NRA Foundation offers grants to organizations and programs that encourage and promote firearms, shooting sports and hunter safety. Some eligible organizations would be Boy Scouts, 4-H Clubs, FFA Clubs, Sporting Clays Team, Marksmanship Teams, Youth Explorers, Law Enforcement Training, Eddie Eagle Programs, JNROTC and Youth Education. The Grant Cycle opens August 2019 for Spring 2020 disbursement. You can find the application at www.friendsofnra.org/grants

Be sure to mark your calendars for the upcoming “East Pasco Friends of NRA Banquet” September 14th, 2019 at the Dan Cannon Auditorium in Dade City. Thank You to our event sponsors West Armory and A & G Electrical Technologies for their support of this event. Proceeds will help fund the grants awarded in Florida and ensure the future of shooting sports and supported programs.

Photo Credit: Jean Nathe, East Pasco Friends of NRA Co-Chair, presents members of the Dade City Rod and Gun Club on Hwy 52 a check from the proceeds from the calendar sales.
HOMETOWN HEROES

Meet your Meter Readers!!

Alfloyd Mobley was born in Dade City and raised in Lacoochee. He attended Pasco High School, with his favorite college football team being the Florida Gators! He began working for the City in November, 2016 and is the Lead Meter Reader.

Justin Dorman was born and raised in the Blanton area. He graduated from Pasco High School and started working for the City in March of 2019. He is a Meter Reader/Grounds Keeper. He splits his time between the Finance/Utilities and Parks Departments.

Water Meter Readers gather the water meter readings from all of the City’s residents, businesses, and other properties. They are able to help our citizens determine if they have any water leaks by checking their meters. They help locate meters for customers when they are not easily visible.

Turn on’s and turn off’s for seasonal residents, as well as new customer accounts, are performed by our Meter Readers. Meter Readers sometime have the unfortunate task of turning residents’ water off when the bills are not paid. They also turn the water off and on when a customer needs to make minor repairs to their water pipes at homes and/or businesses.

Meter readers respond to customer concerns when they notice something wrong with their meter boxes, so the units can be inspected. They sometimes replace the electronic reader (AMR) when they stop working or encounter an error.

The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce recently held our July Business Breakfast at AdventHealth Dade City, featuring Amanda Martin, MSN, APRN and Administrative Director of Clinical Services as our speaker.

Amanda outlined the tremendous growth, improvements and positive results experienced by the Hospital since it was acquired by the AdventHealth System.

Chamber Business Breakfasts are held the 3rd Tuesday, monthly. Please contact the Chamber at 352 567 3769 or jmoors@dadecitychamber.org to be involved.

Pictured, l-r are Jason Newmyer, Vice President - Hospital Administrator at AdventHealth Dade City, Amanda Martin Director of Clinical Services, and John Moors Chamber Director.

Photo by Richard Riley
Watch your wallet!

Unscrupulous operators hoping to separate honest folks from their hard-earned money are back at it. Beware!

An outfit calling itself County Records Office, LLC – which has no affiliation with Pasco County (or any other government, for that matter) – solicits property owners with a letter promising to deliver a copy of their deed in exchange for $89 – in check or money order.

The form of payment is crucial. Unlike the protections afforded credit card payments, consumers who discover the scam after they’ve issued a check or money order never will see their money returned.

And it is a scam, straight up.

Deeds are among the public records available for free viewing and at-home printing on our website, www.pascoclerk.com. From the home page, choose Online Services, then click Official Records near the bottom of the right-hand column. Fill in the information, perform the I-am-not-a-robot skill, and, voila, a link to an image of the deed you seek pops right up.

Developed under former Clerk & Comptroller Paula O’Neil and maintained enthusiastically by successor Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, this is – we cannot say it too often – a free service.

Your no-charge print-at-home copy is exactly the same as the one promised by the unscrupulous solicitors. Also note: Its value is informational only. It cannot be used for legal purposes.

The only time our Office charges for copies of deeds is when a certified copy is required to carry out some legal activity, such as refinancing a mortgage or when the property is sold. The charge then, by statute, is $1 per page.

To be absolutely clear: If you get an alert from County Records Office, LLC, drop the envelope and its contents straight in the recycling bin; their service is not one you need.

Any other questions or concerns about your deed(s)? Do not hesitate to contact us!

Best Wishes & Success to Martha’s Grill & Bar
In recent months the dedicated Green Team of ESSA have been educating the importance of “Staying Hydrated” and the impact on “Reduce, Reuse, Recycle” working within the Academy the importance of reducing our carbon footprint of our plastic water bottle disposal in partnership with Keep Tampa Bay Beautiful.

Many Academy players use their own water containers as part of their individual reducing their waste initiative, those who choose to use disposable bottles support the recycle project allowing the team to track the volume.

The team attend early to practice in their own time, counting bottles collected, hosting meetings within the classroom, creating handmade posters, emptying bottle bins and tracking the reduction in general waste.

In the months of April to June the team have accumulated a fantastic 851 bottles.

Their goal at this time is to collect enough bottles that if the bottles were lay down cap to bottom alongside a soccer field they would equate to 2300 bottles. Based on a 500ml bottle of water.

The project will restart in August once the Academy returns from rest break. We look forward to reaching the initial Soccer Field length of recycled bottles very soon.

Let’s work together to keep Tampa Bay Beautiful, please Recycle and save our planet, one bottle at a time!

Plastic water bottles are becoming an increasing problem in the United States. In fact, the American Chemistry Council found that nearly 2.5 million plastic water bottles are thrown out every hour, adding exponentially to our waste problem. This is because when plastic bottles aren’t recycled correctly, they’re tossed in landfills, which impact our environment in more ways than one. However, you can take action today to reduce plastic waste and recycle your water bottles. In doing so, here are a few benefits of recycling water bottles.
Are you a Monarch, a Caterpillar or an Egg?

If you have not yet noticed, Dade City has taken the Monarch butterfly under its wing! Through its designation as a Monarch City USA, the City has pledged to help the Monarch butterfly through public awareness, education and by restoring habitat within the municipality. By working with the Dade City Garden Club under the Monarch Butterfly Project, the City is well on its way to fulfilling that promise!

The Dade City Monarch Butterfly Festival is scheduled for Saturday, October 12, 2019, from 10 am to 3 pm at Hibiscus Park in Dade City. The Festival is being presented by the Dade City Youth Council and the Dade City Garden Club as a celebration of our community’s commitment to make Dade City a Monarch Butterfly haven. The festival will bring together people of all ages and will feature environmental educators, informational booths, presentations, native plant sales, vendors and hands on activities for the kids!

We are coming to the business community to join with us in our effort and are launching an exciting sponsorship program for the Festival. This sponsorship program is designed to give maximum visibility to a business while underscoring the business’s commitment to community enrichment. From $500 (which is limited to only 2) to “whatever you would like to give us”, there is a level for everyone! Your support will help us create a first-class event while showcasing Dade City as a city with a proud heritage and promising future!

For learn more about how you can participate, email dcgcmonarch@gmail.com or visit www.dadecitygardenclub.com.
Pasco County Animal Services Receives Petco Foundation Grant
~~Investment of $45K will extend efforts to spay and neuter more pets in Pasco~~

Pasco County Animal Services (PCAS) is the grateful recipient of a Petco Foundation $45,000 grant to help fund and extend the Low Income Spay and Neuter Program for Pasco County pets. This generous investment will help reduce pet overpopulation and promote PCAS’ continued responsible pet ownership education efforts. “We’re very excited to partner with the Petco Foundation in support of our low-income qualified pet sterilization program,” said Pasco County Animal Services Director Mike Shumate. “The Petco Foundation does great work in communities across Florida, and their support makes critical initiatives like this possible.”

For more information, including how to apply and co-pay costs for the SNIP (Spay and Neuter in Pasco) Low Income Spay and Neuter program visit our website at http://bit.ly/2WauaCo.

The Pasco County Animal Services Department is dedicated to promoting and protecting the health, safety and welfare of animals and people. For more information, including a full list of programs and services, please visit our website at: www.mypasco.net/PAS.

At the Petco Foundation, we believe that every animal deserves to live its best life. Since 1999, we’ve invested more than $250 million in lifesaving animal welfare work to make that happen. With our more than 4,000 animal welfare partners, we inspire and empower communities to make a difference by investing in adoption and medical care programs, spay and neuter services, pet cancer research, service and therapy animals, and numerous other lifesaving initiatives. Through our Think Adoption First program, we partner with Petco stores and animal welfare organizations across the country to increase pet adoptions. So far, we’ve helped more than six million pets find their new loving families, and we’re just getting started. Visit www.petcofoundation.org to learn more about how you can get involved.

The Month of August is known for many things, including the dog days of summer, National Watermelon Day (Aug. 3)

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OUTREACH TO THE COMMUNITY A MISSION OF THE DADE CITY GARDEN CLUB

During National Garden Week, June 2 – 8, 2019, the Dade City Garden Club delivered floral bouquets and sweets to 27 Dade City businesses (11 more than last year). Starting in October 2019 through May 2020, each month “Thank You Flowers” will be presented to one of our community businesses. These projects and the following Outreach projects fulfill a Florida Federation of Garden Clubs (FFGC) mission statement. They encourage civic and environmental responsibility by providing education, resources, and networking opportunities for our members, youth, and the community.

In 2017 the Garden Club made a decision to become more involved in the community and get to know our businesses and shop owners. An Outreach program called “Lunchtime Design” was introduced. Our members coordinate a program with a local business to bring them a light lunch on their lunch hour and materials to make a floral design. Under the guidance of our club designers, each attendee makes a floral arrangement to take home. Our first customer for our Design program was the Chamber of Commerce. In 2019-2020 we are planning 6 sessions of Lunch Time Design.

Also in 2017, a youth program called “Nature’s Detectives” was introduced in coordination with Hugh Embry Library. The program plan is to hold two sessions each summer for six summers. Each session planned for 25 young people from 6 – 12. This program covers six of nature’s pollinators. The first three program subjects successfully completed were butterflies, bees, and lizards. 2020 is the year of Bats, 2021 is Hummingbirds, and 2022 is Dragonflies. The children love these programs and are excited to take home their books and materials from each class. The Hugh Embry Library always makes sure recommended reading books on each of the session’s subjects are available for the children to check out to continue learning about the butterflies, bees, lizards, bats, hummingbirds, and dragonflies!

Other Outreach 2018-2019 projects the Garden Club has participated in are Gardening 365, support of the Baptist Children’s Home, decorating the Pioneer Museum for Christmas, an Arbor Day/Memorial Tree Program, and creating Opportunity Baskets for multiple Dade City Organizations to be used as raffle baskets for their fund raisers. Our Arbor Day program is especially meaningful as this type of program is required each year so that Dade City will retain its title of Tree City USA.

On March 12, 2019, Camille S. Hernandez, Mayor of Dade City, proclaimed Dade City as a Monarch City USA. The Garden Club is partnering with the city to increase public awareness and help revitalize the Monarch population. In the last 20 years over 90% of our Monarch butterflies have vanished. Monarchs rely on milkweed and nectar plants for their food and home. These plants, especially the native milkweed, have increasingly vanished from our countryside. But we can work together right here in Dade City to restore habitat (waystations) for Monarchs. The City and the Garden Club envision habitats at public parks, community gardens, schools, churches and municipal buildings. This is indeed an Outreach to our entire community to come together for a common cause.

All of these projects reach out to the community to share the value and efforts of the Garden Club with our Dade City community.
Our Vision: “to be the best resource to support our members and attract new business”

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Nikki Alvarez-Sowles to succeed Paula O’Neil, become Pasco’s 8th Clerk & Comptroller

Chief Judge appoints longtime COO as interim Clerk & Comptroller

We are delighted to report Nikki Alvarez-Sowles, Esq., has succeeded retiring Clerk & Comptroller Paula S. O’Neil, Ph.D.

Alvarez-Sowles, who has served the Office as Chief Administrative Officer since 2010, was appointed by Sixth Judicial Circuit Chief Judge Anthony Rondolino, who issued his administrative order June 25. Nikki was sworn in the following morning by Paula before a gathering of Florida Clerks & Comptrollers at their annual summer conference at Champions Gate.

The appointment is ad interim – at interim – pending Gov. Ron DeSantis’ decision regarding a permanent successor to fill the balance of Paula’s third term (through the end of 2020).

The Tampa-born attorney became Pasco’s eighth Clerk & Comptroller, its second by appointment.

Nikki thanked Paula for her support, faith, and mentorship. In a nod to her predecessor, who sparked a revolution in efficiency, service, and transparency at our Office, Nikki added, “I am grateful for the opportunity to continue Paula’s legacy. And I’m blessed to work with our amazing team at the Clerk & Comptroller’s Office.”

“Chief Judge Rondolino knows the Office will be in great hands with Clerk Alvarez-Sowles leading it,” Paula said. “It’s a great day in the history of Pasco County.”

As COO, Nikki guided the adoption of numerous taxpayer-friendly initiatives that improved customer service, boosted efficiency, drove down costs, and enhanced transparency, including:

• Implemented the Clerk & Comptroller’s Legal Resource Centers in 2016 to provide legal resources and assistance to unrepresented parties and attorneys.

• Managed and directed implementation of assorted technical improvements, among them: eFiling in civil and criminal courts; public access to online court records; tax-deed sales online; civil and criminal case maintenance system; and electronic juror-management system.

• Oversaw conversion of a legacy financial software program to Tyler Munis, used by the Clerk & Comptroller’s Finance Department to manage more than $2 billion in annual transactions.

• Coordinated conversion of the Clerk & Comptroller’s case-management system from a legacy mainframe that contained more than 40 million records.

• An equestrian in her youth, Nikki moved on to play soccer at the University of South Florida (where she was a member of the Scholar-Athlete 3.0 Club and a Student Government Senator) before earning her Juris Doctor at Thomas M. Cooley Law School in Lansing, Mich.

From 2000-2007, she practiced real estate law with the Tampa firm of Echevarria, Codilis & Stawiarski, P.L., and spent a year as Real Estate Development Manager for the nonprofit Housing & Education Alliance, Inc., then joined the Palm Beach Clerk & Comptroller’s Office as Director of Branch Court Services.

A chance meeting with Paula and several members of her Executive Team during a statewide conference luncheon led to further discussion and, ultimately, Nikki finding her career home in the Pasco Clerk & Comptroller’s Office, where she has immersed herself in work, family, and community service.

Examples of her extracurricular pursuits include:

• Immediate past president, Leadership Pasco

• West Pasco Bar Association, member and past president

• Rotary Club of New Port Richey

• Member of various committees and workgroups devoted to performance excellence in government work, such as:
  o Florida Clerks & Comptrollers’ Best Practices Workgroup
  o Supreme Court workgroups

• Florida Bar Small Claims Rules Committee

• Pasco-Hernando State College Technical Advisory Committee for Paralegal Studies

• Pasco County School District and Success Plan Committee

• Advisor to board of directors for Housing and Education Alliance, Inc.

In tireless pursuit of nurturing excellence, this year, Nikki served as a Florida Governor’s Sterling Examiner and joined Florida Center for Public Management, Certified Public Manager Program, based at Florida State University, as an adjunct instructor.

The new Clerk & Comptroller is married to Kevin Sowles, and they have two children: daughter Lexi and son Soren. The family lives and thrives in Land O’ Lakes.

Paula O’Neil’s retirement – after 39 years of public service, the last 10½ as Clerk & Comptroller – became official at midnight June 30.
PHSC PRESIDENT RECEIVES TOP MARKS ON ANNUAL REVIEW

Pasco-Hernando State College president Timothy Beard, Ph.D., earned near-perfect scores on his annual review, for a second year in a row, by the college’s District Board of Trustees (DBOT). Beard’s review was presented at the June DBOT meeting.

The nine-member College Board of Trustees gave him an overall average score of 4.80 out of 5, noting his excellent communications with the District Board of Trustees, community stakeholders, as well as administrators on the college’s administrative leadership team. DBOT Chair Robin Schneider summarized the review comments in a letter to the trustees, noting that “Dr. Beard’s personal and professional demeanor have positively impacted his performance as president and consequently facilitated the college being one of the premier institutions in the Florida College System.” He exceeded performance standards in all areas of this evaluation.

This review is consistent with last year’s review that showed Beard’s strong marks in all categories. Beard’s average scores were close to perfect in all five categories included in the evaluation. He earned a 4.86 for board relations; a 4.72 for community, state and national relations; a 4.78 on fiscal accountability; a 4.82 for leadership; and a 4.81 for accountability. The president’s overall average score of those categories in 2018 was 4.79, significantly up from 2017’s score of 3.4 out of 5.

Beard is currently in the second year of a two-year contract awarded last year by the college trustees after demonstrating his ability to grow as a leader, embracing a style of leadership that promotes transparency, collaboration and clear communication.

Florida Counties Foundation Honors Pasco County’s Connected City
~~Development Services wins fourth award for America’s First Smart Gigabit Community~~

Pasco County Planning and Development is proud to share its fourth award for Connected City: America’s First Smart Gigabit Community Built From the Ground Up. The latest accolade is the Florida Counties Foundation 2019 County Government Best Practices Award, recognizing Pasco County’s outstanding achievements in creating new, efficient and effective solutions to challenges facing local governments.

“America’s First Smart Community will have the fastest internet speeds, roads ready for driverless vehicles, smart homes and credits for incorporating new gigabit technologies and solar power,” said Pasco County Special Projects Manager Ernest Monaco. “We’re truly developing the future today.”

Development Services received these awards for its creation of a unique, forward-thinking development plan that encourages companies with higher-paying jobs to call Pasco County home. The plan maintains a true 21st century “live, work, play,” focus that follows sustainability principles and improves protection of natural resources in the area while still capturing technological advances.

**Connected City Awards:**
- 2019 Best Practices Award from the Florida Counties Foundation
- 2018 Best Practices Award from the American Planning Association (APA) Florida Chapter
- The One Bay/McIntosh Award from the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council
- 2018 Award of Excellence from the APA Florida Chapter Sun Coast

For more information about Connected City, please visit our website at: bit.ly/Connected-City.

In 1990, the Florida Association of Counties established the Florida Counties Foundation (FCF) to address the growing need for education programs and technical assistance in counties across Florida. Today, FCF offers outstanding education programs designed to help county commissioners and county staff better serve their communities.
We have been a member of the Greater Dade City Chamber for many years. We believe that it is just good business to work alongside our community neighbors. The chamber represents the areas of Dade City and San Antonio, where two of our four offices are located and provide banking services. The chamber’s events have continually grown and become staples for our community. We try to be involved with as many as we can. They are a wealth of information, sharing new developments via email blasts and at the monthly business breakfasts. They do a great job of representing our community to others, we are proud of this local partnership.

San Antonio Citizens Federal Credit Union

When I was the director of several drug and alcohol rehab centers I wish I knew the powerful networking opportunities available within a Chamber of Commerce. Like in all businesses, marketing was costly and took up a large part of my time in order to keep our services visible in our community and in front of our referral sources such as health professionals, clinics, hospitals and employers, etc. I wish I knew then what I known now, that all those sources can be found in one place and that place is the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. Frank Notarianni, Dade City, Florida

John, I just wanted to thank you and the Dade City Chamber for the leadership displayed over the last couple of weeks. With the announcement that Dade City Main Street was shutting down, there was a lot of ‘uneasiness’ among the retail merchants. But you stepped up immediately to reassure us all that the Chamber was more than willing to help with any gaps that might exist after the shut down. As a member for the last 16 years I am not surprised that this show of leadership was swift and immediate. The Dade City Chamber of Commerce is the arm that reaches out for all the small businesses that are unable to do this alone. The business climate in Dade City today is strong and vibrant and I believe the major contributor for this success is the Dade City Chamber. Again, thanks for all you do. Jim Hendry, A Matter of Taste

“The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been instrumental in the success of our business. John, Jo Mel and all the volunteers at the Chamber are always willing to help and guide my business. If they do not have an answer to your question, they will tirelessly to get an answer and a contact for you. Thank you to entire team, you are great!” Deatrice Blossom, D & R Specialty Hot Dogs

San Antonio Antiques applauds the Dade City chamber of Commerce for its year-round promotion of local businesses and community events that have positive impact on small business owners like myself. I appreciate all the networking and marketing opportunities available to Chamber Members. John Herrmann, Proprietor, San Antonio Antiques

Jarrett Ford has been a proud member of the Dade City Chamber of Commerce since we opened in February of 1978 which is over 40 years ago. The Chamber is an integral component in our community and touches so many people and businesses. If you want to succeed in a community you have to be part of the community and the Chamber is a great place to begin. Cliff Martin, Jarrett Ford

I became employed in the Dade City area at Lake Jovita Golf & Country Club in Feb. of 2014. Moving here from Western Colorado I had no connection with the community or the surrounding area. In the spring of 2015 I joined the chamber’s golf committee for the Dade City Chamber’s annual Joe Kiefer Golf Tournament held at Lake Jovita. That opened the door for me to get involved and meet many of the local business leaders. Since that first year, my career has moved me from the Golf Pro Staff into the General Manager Position overseeing 100+ employees, maintaining 500+ acres, and a full service restaurant at Lake Jovita G&CC and the connect with the community and area businesses has been crucial to the success myself and Lake Jovita is experiencing. The Chamber was the gateway to those relationships and the business to business workings that help every aspect of Lake Jovita G&CC. Michael Johnson, Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club
Member Testimonials Continued.

Brown & Brown Insurance of FL - Brooksville would like to thank the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce for welcoming us into the community with open arms. We have been in Brooksville for over 20 years and becoming a part of the neighboring community as well as getting to know the community has been enjoyable with the help of the team at the Greater Dade City Chamber. Even though we have only been a part of the Chamber for about 6 months we feel as if we have been with them for years. The team at the chamber is very welcoming and accommodating to our questions and needs. We look forward to working with the chamber and the local community in the future. Brown & Brown of Florida, Inc.

John, thank you for working with us on the 2016 Annual Kumquat Festival! Trusted Senior Care’s “Westbrooke Manor” believes being part of the Annual Kumquat Festival® is critical to successfully doing business in East Pasco. You and your team are doing superior work! Hunter Anstine, Chief Development Officer Trusted Senior Care, Inc.

We are so excited to welcome our new members The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce! At the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce their mission is to promote economic growth & quality of life in the Greater Dade City area. The Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce has been operating as a successful trade association organization for over 50 years and now represents over 430 business, associations, non-profits and individuals throughout Pasco County. Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce, we are so thankful for your support! For more information about this great organization please feel free to visit http://www.dadecitychamber.org/index.cfm. The Thomas Promise

There are two words that I cannot say enough and those two words are “Thank You”. I hope the three of you truly know how much you helped me in “2016” AND “2017” has already started off with a bang! If it were not for your support and friendship I would not have been able to help make all the “Littles” dreams come true by helping find them a “Big Brother” or “Big Sister” in Pasco County – You never know who has made the decision to make a difference in someone’s life and by your mere act of kindness that you have shared with me time and time again by sharing our mission and event dates you definitely had a direct impact on the success of my efforts. Just think - What if every child reached their potential? What if every child stayed in school? What if every child gave back to the community? What if every child was sent on the right path? Our mission is to provide children facing adversity with strong and enduring, professionally supported 1-to-1 relationships that change their lives for the better, forever. Just a little bit of time can make a BIG difference. Once again, “Thank you” Jo, Mel & John for all you do to help make Pasco County such a special place to live and share our lives. Deb Kristol-Irwin, Director of Partnership Development Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tampa Bay

“The East Pasco Democratic Club has utilized the services of several of our fellow Chamber members for items we needed - from t-shirts to a vinyl sign - and found the services great and the quality of the items ordered top-notch. We look at the directory first to see if we can find what we need from our fellow Chamber members. Our goal is to shop Dade City first! and to support the Greater Dade City Chamber.” Beverly Ledbetter, East Pasco Democratic Club

“I have been very pleased with the effective communication and outreach efforts of the Greater Dade City Chamber. As the president of Galen College of Nursing for the Tampa Bay region, I find the meetings and events helpful as I navigate the business climate in our numerous surrounding counties that my college serves. Thanks for all you do!” Rob Wolf, President Galen College of Nursing, Tampa Bay Region Saint Petersburg FL
“Thank you for hosting the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce Breakfast! I saw some people that needed to contact me later that day and some new folks that I will be collaborating with later this Fall. Thank you for providing this forum to allow such great networking opportunities!”  

Ahmy S. Arca, Student Life & Leadership Pasco-Hernando State College East Campus

Thank you so much John, Mel and Jo for the many years you have worked with the Dade City Garden Club to market and sell our Historic Dade City Ornaments. In 1994 when we produced our first ornament, the Pasco County Courthouse, the Chamber was there to help us. You have continued over the years to sell our ornaments and you have many loyal customers that would only buy their annual ornament at the Chamber. It is the Garden Clubs main yearly fund raiser and your efforts are critical to our success. We are a non-profit organization and all the money is used to maintain our historic building and grounds. It is not an easy job for you and we appreciate your dedication and continued support all these years.  

Members of the Dade City Garden Club

"If you are serious about business, get serious about joining the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce. The place where serious business owners discuss serious business with other serious business owners. Time to get serious.”  

Steven D. Hickman, President & CEO First National Bank of Pasco

Being 13 year member/supporter of our Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce I have gained countless relationships with those in my community. Visibility is key in establishing community connections while promoting your business. The networking opportunities are endless through the Chamber, and there’s no better way to promote your business because it’s “free marketing” and people do business with people they know. Our Greater Dade City Chamber offers many programs and events throughout the year as a way to give back to the community and business owners who supports the Chamber. Joining The Chamber is great. A business receives many benefits visibly and behind the scenes. However, joining only gets you so far. Participating is the true key to receiving the benefits of chamber membership. Being a member of the Chamber only works for you if you participate in what the Chamber has to offer to help you succeed in business and community connectivity. To sum it up, our Greater Dade City Chamber is the very “Best” when it comes to promoting, representing and supporting our community and its local businesses.  

Bonnie Krummen, CenterState Bank VP/Branch Manager - Dade City office

Jarrett Ford has been a proud sponsor of the Greater Dade City Chamber of Commerce’s Annual Kumquat Festival since it’s inception 22 years ago in 1998. It fills our city’s streets with many visitors and many potential future patrons to our community. They see how unique we are here in east Pasco County with our eclectic community of restaurants and shops and friendly people. We’re looking forward to another exciting year with another successful festival.  

Cliff Martin, Vice President / General Manager Jarrett Ford, Inc.

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**AUGUST CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Grief Support Group**
Grief is personal and everyone copes differently. Our AdventHealth Chaplains have created a space where you can deal freely with your loss. Their goal is to help you move to a more positive place emotionally and spiritually.

*Thursday, August 1, 3 pm to 4 pm
No reservations required.*

**Stroke Lifestyle Group**
If you’re a stroke survivor or have had a TIA, you may be experiencing some challenges. You can find emotional and moral support through one another, and learn coping skills that will empower you. This group is facilitated by our AdventHealth Zephyrhills Stroke Educator.

*Monday, August 5, 11 am to Noon
No reservations required.*

**Diabetes Support Group**
Andrés Sequera, D.Min., will lead an enlightening discussion on the spiritual components of managing a chronic disease. Andrés serves as the Chaplain for AdventHealth Dade City.

*Wednesday, August 7, 3 pm to 4 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-715-6683.*

**Boosting Your Testosterone**
Are you feeling down, tired, and unmotivated to do the things that used to interest you? Tom Cormier, Exercise Physiologist and Nutritional Coach for AdventHealth Wellness Center Zephyrhills, will share how a simple change in testosterone can make all the difference.

*Monday, August 12, 1 pm to 2 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.*

**Healthy Living for the Body and Brain**
A healthy diet, exercise, increased cognitive activity, and social interaction have shown to have a very positive impact on aging well. An Alzheimer’s Association representative will be our guest presenter.*

*Tuesday, August 13, 1 pm to 2 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.
*Note: this program will take place at AdventHealth Dade City, 13100 Fort King Road, Classroom 108, Dade City.*

**Balance Basics for Big Impact**
Balance plays a key role in our safety and longevity as we age. With every birthday, it’s important to be proactive when it comes to “being in balance” so we can protect ourselves from falls. A representative from AdventHealth Healthcare Zephyrhills North will share great tips on how to do this.

*Wednesday, August 14, 11 am to Noon
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.*

**Tobacco Cessation**
A representative from Tobacco Free Florida will provide the free tools and services to help you quit any kind of tobacco. You’ll set a quit date, get support, learn to use nicotine replacement therapies correctly and understand your triggers.

*Friday, August 16, 2 pm to 4 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-929-1000. (Gulfcoast North AHEC).*

**ALL CLASSES ARE FREE.**

*(Continued on the back)*
Preventing Alzheimer’s and Dementia
We know that aging can impact our brain, but this amazing organ can be "trained" to function best by performing regular mental activities that will maintain or improve your cognitive abilities. A representative from the University of South Florida’s Preventing Alzheimer’s with Cognitive Training (PACT) program will share how this can be done during 15-20 minute presentations. Complimentary memory screenings will follow immediately thereafter. This is a partnership between AdventHealth Zephyrhills and the University of South Florida’s PACT program.

Tuesday, August 20
Presentations: Noon, 1 pm, 2 pm, 3 pm, 4 pm
Memory Screenings: Noon to 5 pm
Reservations for the presentations/memory screenings are required. Call 813-779-6476.

Finances: Understanding Credit and Debt Management
This program gets to the brass tacks when it comes to what credit really is, how your credit rating can effect many aspects of your life, how to check for and challenge incorrect credit reports, and ways to reduce debt and interest payments through a free, online source called PowerPay. Scott Taylor, a Certified Financial Planner from the University of Florida’s Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, will be your facilitator.

Tuesday, August 20, 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

Summer Movie Fun
I Can Only Imagine is a 2018 drama based on the inspiring and true story behind Christian band MercyMe’s chart-topping song that brings hope to many through the power of love and forgiveness. Popcorn will be available for a small donation.

Friday, August 23, 1 pm to 3 pm
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

It’s Never Too Late to Make a New Start
God has promised to love and never forsake us, so why do we often question our ability to make positive changes and take steps toward renewal and better health? Doug Higgins, M.Div., will talk about the power of choice and the impact it has on our lives. Doug is the Senior Chaplain for AdventHealth Zephyrhills.

Wednesday, August 28, 11 am to Noon
Reservations required. Call 813-779-6476.

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Join us for our New Dade City Office Celebration!

SACFCU is hosting a Grand Opening & Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, August 13th from 5-7pm (Ribbon Cutting at 6pm).

38149 Sprocket Way, Dade City, FL - next to the Dade City Publix.
Dade City
Monarch Butterfly Festival

Presented by
Dade City Youth Council & Dade City Garden Club

Saturday, October 12, 2019
10 am to 3 pm; Hibiscus Park

You are invited to become a Sponsor of the Dade City Monarch Butterfly Festival. The Festival is being presented by the Dade City Youth Council and the Dade City Garden Club as a celebration of our community’s commitment to make Dade City a Monarch Butterfly haven. Through our collective efforts, we are helping all pollinators, improving our environment, and making Dade City a better place to live, play and work! The festival will bring together people of all ages and will feature environmental educators, informational booths, presentations, native plant sales, vendors and hands on activities for the kids!

There is a Sponsorship Level for Everyone!

**Monarch—$500:** Exhibitor space at the event, with tent, table and two chairs; logo included on promotional banner; logo and link on website; logo on printed materials; two recognitions from the stage; logo and link on Facebook; listing on website as supporter. (Limit 2—Deadline to apply for this level is August 9, 2019)

**Chrysalis—$300:** Logo and link on website; logo on printed materials; two recognitions from the stage; logo and link on Facebook; listing on website as supporter.

**Caterpillar—$150:** Name and link on website; one recognition from the stage; name and link on Facebook; listing on website and program as supporter.

**Egg—$50:** Name and link on Facebook; listing on website and program as supporter.

**Milkweed—$25:** Shout out on Facebook; listing on website as a supporter. $25 is suggested—We need as many Milkweeds as possible and will gladly accept whatever you would like to give!

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Sponsor Level: □ Monarch □ Chrysalis □ Caterpillar □ Egg □ Milkweed

Please make check payable to Dade City Garden Club. Dade City Garden Club is a registered 501(C)3 non-profit organization supporting our educational and environmental mission.

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