

Chamber Connection

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Turn to Chamber-member tax preparers for 2017 Tax Assistance

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30th Annual  **Strawberry Festival**
Floral City March 4th & 5th, 2017

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Entertainment lineup for 30th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival, March 4 & 5

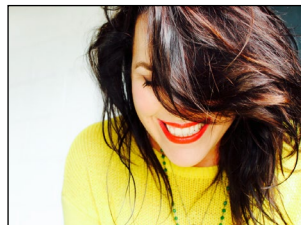
Make your plans to attend the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce's 30th Annual Floral City Strawberry Festival on March 4 and 5 in Floral Park, presented by Insight Credit Union. This perennially favorite festival is a salute to local agriculture that features the strawberries of our local grower, Ferris Farms.

It is the perfect opportunity to indulge in first-of-the-season local strawberries in delicious strawberry shortcake and, as a special treat, to take home by the flat and half-flat!

Each year, a major attraction at the Festival is the top-notch musical entertainment, and this year's lineup is certain to have something to please almost every taste:

Saturday

Amy Gerhartz & Mike Mentz



The Chamber is pleased to be able to bring singers/songwriters Amy Gerhartz and Mike Mentz back to Citrus County from Nashville, Tennessee! These two independent music artists were absolute crowd pleasers at the recent Florida Manatee Festival. If you missed them before, or want to see them again, now is your chance! Mike Mentz was nominated last year for Adult Contemporary Album of the Year by the Independent Music Awards. Amy Gerhartz released her new album, "Fire," the first of February, to great acclaim.

Jody Beggs Band

The Jody Beggs Band had their premiere performance at the Strawberry Festival last year to great audience reviews. A Nashville icon, rooted from Keystone Heights, Florida, Jody has more



than 25 years of experience in the music industry. His music draws upon American country and blues influences inspired by Florida Sunshine and grassroots.

Jody released his third album last year and is already hard at work on a new CD. The Jody Beggs Band will open for Amy Gerhartz and Mike Mentz.

Sunday

Dan Story Band



Citrus County can't get enough of the Dan Story Band! By popular demand, this exciting, high-energy Central Florida band plays a variety of musical genres including country, southern rock, classic rock and much more, playing top hits from the '70s through the present.

You haven't lived until you have heard them play their version of "Footloose"!

DJ John DiOrio

You can always rely on our own DJ John DiOrio to play just the right mix of music for any event. His musical knowledge and flair for entertainment has made DJ DiOrio one of the most popular disc jockeys in the area. DJ DiOrio will open for the Dan Story Band.

And, in addition to the fine musical entertainment and strawberries ...

... the Floral City Strawberry Festival will feature the Miss Strawberry Princess Pageants on Saturday morning; pie-eating contests; children's activities including a petting zoo, bounce houses and inflatables; more than 200 booths filled with craft artists, local nonprofit organizations and commercial vendors; a beer and wine garden; and a great array of food offerings.

Floral City Strawberry Festival hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, March 4, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, March 5. Admission is \$5; ages 12 and younger are free. Park at the Citrus County Auditorium and ride a free shuttle bus. Floral Park is at 9530 S. Parkside Ave., Floral City. For more information, call the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce at 352-795-3149, or visit www.GoStrawberryFest.com.



'Chamber Report' on WYKE



Sharon Skeele-Hogan

Watch the weekly "Chamber Report" show on WYKE-TV to stay abreast of Chamber events, issues and member spotlights with host Josh Wooten. "Chamber Report" is broadcast on Tuesdays at 4:30

p.m. on Bright House Channel 16 and Channel 47 (digital antenna). It can also be accessed on LiveStream.com by searching for WYKE.

This week's program features Sharon Skeele-Hogan, special events director for the City of

Inverness, who talks with host Josh Wooten about the many exciting events going on within the city.

Also, Rhonda Lestinsky, committee chair, and Mark Seigel, committee co-chair, talk about

the third annual Senior Resource Day on Wednesday, March 1, at the Realtors Association in Lecanto.

"Chamber Report" is your ticket to the many happenings in Citrus County!



Rhonda Lestinsky

Chamber events

Feb. 23 — "Know Your Chamber Benefits" Chamber Membership Benefits Meeting, Welcome Center

March 4 & 5 — Floral City Strawberry Festival, Floral Park

March 10 — Chamber Luncheon at Crystal River Golf Club; speaker TBA; sponsored by Drummond Community Bank.

March 16 — Mixer at Highland Hills Country Club

March 23 — Legislative Day in Tallahassee

April 28 — SAVE THE DATE! Annual Chamber Pillar Awards

For more information on all Chamber events, call 352-795-3149 or go to www.CitrusCountyChamber.com.

Mission of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce

The Citrus County Chamber of Commerce is an organization of businesses unified in efforts to advance the economic growth of the region, promote the interests of the business community, provide key leadership on key commerce issues and preserve the county's quality of life.

Chamber Legacy Partners

The Chamber recognizes our Legacy Partners that have made a special investment in the Chamber to support the programs and mission of the Chamber. For information on becoming a Legacy Partner, please contact the Chamber at 352-795-3149.



Chamber Member News

Memorial Scholarship Fund established in memory of Arnold A. Virgilio Sr.

Arnold A. Virgilio Sr., owner of Virgilio Insurance Service, LLC and an Ambassador of the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce passed away on Jan. 14, 2017. As a tribute to the legacy of Arnold A. Virgilio for his long-standing volunteer work with students and the school district in Citrus County, an academic memorial scholarship fund has been created in his name at Cadence Bank in Inverness. To contribute to the scholarship fund you may make a tax-deductible donation payable to "Arnold A. Virgilio Memorial Scholarship Fund" and mail to Cadence Bank, 301 US 41 Inverness, FL 34450, Attn: Mary Pericht. Alternatively, you may stop by in person at any local branch of Cadence Bank. No gift is too small!

SBDC assistance in Citrus available by appointment

The Chamber's Crystal River Welcome Center continues to host an office of the

Florida Small Business Development Center at UNF (Florida SBDC at UNF) for potential and existing small business owners to meet with Business Consultants from the Florida SBDC at UNF. These no-cost, confidential meetings offer access to information and guidance for small business owners so they can increase sales and profitability and create jobs.

Areas of assistance include general business and industry information, business planning and feasibility studies, sources of capital and loan packaging, understanding financial statements, cash flow management, market research and much more.

Meetings with an SBDC counselor are by prior appointment only and can be at the Chamber or at the business location if preferred. Appointment slots are at 9 a.m., 11 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on the first Wednesday and second Monday of each month.

For more information or to make an appointment call the Ocala office of SBDC at 866-998-8332. No walk-ins, please. The SBDC office at the Chamber is at 915 N. Suncoast Blvd., Crystal River.