



# Chamber Connection

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## Florida Manatee Festival to ROCK your weekend!

We are officially less than a week away from the 34th Annual Florida Manatee Festival, March 27th & 28th in downtown Crystal River! From a full line-up of entertainment, fun on the water, kids activities, food & vendors, and more, there is a reason to celebrate the season for everyone!

### MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT

We are proud to boast multiple stages through the festival offering a variety of entertainment options to ignite everyone's eardrums! For a full list of festival entertainment, including the fun in store at the Kids Zone, visit [www.GoManateeFest.com](http://www.GoManateeFest.com)

#### King's Bay Park Mainstage

##### SATURDAY LINE UP

DJ John DiOrio — 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Bad Luck Penny — 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.  
Gypsy Sparrow — 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.  
Stonegrey — 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

##### SUNDAY LINE UP

DJ John DiOrio — 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.  
Barefoot Bob & The Hope — 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.  
Moonflower: Spirit of Santana — 2 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

#### Hippie Village Gazebo

##### SATURDAY LINE UP

Rob Nichols — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

##### SUNDAY LINE UP

Palomino Blonde — 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

#### Little Springs Park Gazebo

##### SATURDAY LINE UP

The JoJo & Jay Experience — 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

##### SUNDAY LINE UP

Jeffrey Eckhoff Studios — 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.  
The Lecanto Jazz Band — 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.



### FESTIVAL SAFETY

We are excited to move forward, safely and responsibly, as we celebrate our favorite floating friends, the manatees, and enjoy the endless and unique amenities that beautiful Crystal River has to offer.

We encourage festival-goers to stay home if they are vulnerable or feeling ill. We encourage all attendees to practice social distancing, wash hands regularly, utilize the on-site sanitation stations and wear a mask if social distancing is not possible.

The Florida Manatee Festival, and the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce, will be implementing and practicing safety precautions to ensure the health of our attendees, volunteers, vendors, and staff.

Additionally, in accordance with the state-mandated requirement of masks on public transportation, all attendees, volunteers, staff, and vendors will be required to wear a mask if they choose to utilize the free shuttles to and from the festival.

## CONGRATS PAGEANT WINNERS!



Congratulations to our 2021 Floral City Strawberry Festival princesses & princes!

- Little Miss Strawberry Princess: Payton Witten, age 4
- Miss Strawberry Princess: Hadley Kreisle, age 8
- Little Strawberry Prince: Gabriel Boedecker, age 5
- Strawberry Prince: Gregory Hermann, age 10

## RECENT RIBBON CUTTINGS

The Chamber is growing every week. We welcome our new members and thank all of them for joining the Chamber. We encourage the community to support their businesses.

**Citrus Medical Associates**

**352-560-0333**



Welcome to the Chamber, Citrus Medical Associates! Whether you are experiencing medical issues or seeking preventive care, their providers believe it is the greatest privilege to treat, guide and counsel you through your wellness journey. 216 S Seminole, Inverness.

**West Coast Metal Fabricators**

**352-794-3804**



Welcome to the Chamber, West Coast Metal Fabricators! 8325 W Crystal St, Crystal River.

## Rehire Furloughed Employee Grant Program for businesses

The BOCC recently allocated \$300,000 to the Citrus County Chamber of Commerce for a grant program for businesses that furloughed employees due to COVID-19 and have since rehired them. To qualify, the business must have furloughed an employee for a minimum of two months before rehiring and steadily employing for a minimum of 90 days. The grant amount is \$2,000 per rehired full-time equivalent employee.

All local businesses are eligible.

Complete information on the grant program and documentation required is on the application form.

It is preferred that businesses use the online application. However, in the event that is not possible, the application form may be printed and mailed back along with the required documentation.

Application are open at [www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant](http://www.CitrusCountyChamber.com/furlough-rehire-grant). For questions, please email [CitrusFurloughRehire@gmail.com](mailto:CitrusFurloughRehire@gmail.com)

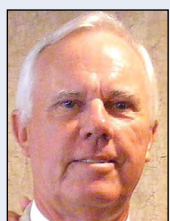


## 'Chamber Report' on WYKE

Watch the weekly Chamber Report show on WYKE-TV to stay informed on Chamber events, issues, and member spotlights. Chamber Report is broadcast on Tuesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays at 5:00 p.m. on Spectrum Channel 16 or through LiveStream ([www.livestream.com/watch](http://www.livestream.com/watch) and search for "WYKE TV 47").

This week, host Jade White, Chamber Public Relations & Communication Coordinator, talks with Jim Green of SCORE Nature Coast about the availability of PPP Loans and EIDL loans for independent contractors, self-employed, and sole proprietors. Also, Harold Walker joins our host to talk about the Citrus Construction Academy and their mission to bring a passion of the trades to our students.

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



Jim Green



Harold Walker

## 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.

