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Dade City resident Deirdre Oakley makes her championship victory pass at the Asheville Lions Club Benefit Horse Show in Asheville, N.C. *Photo Provided*

Deirdre Oakley To Compete In World Championship Horse Show

Saddlebred Rider Rekindles Childhood Dream After 22 Years

by Keri McAlpine

Deirdre Oakley's love for horses began at a very young age.

She was raised on an 80-acre farm in Minnesota where her father, an airline pilot, also bred American Saddlebred horses.

After a childhood of showing horses, Oakley put away the reins after graduating high school to pursue college and a family life. She moved to Dade City with her three children in 1995.

After a 22-year hiatus and not showing horses since she was 17, Oakley saddled up again and has been taking horse shows by storm. Oakley recently qualified for the world championships to be held in Louisville, Ky., in August following an April show in Perry, Ga. Shortly after, she took home first place in the Ladies Amateur Three-Gaited Class at the Championship at the Asheville Lions Club Benefit Horse Show in Asheville, N.C. about two weeks ago.

Oakley has been competing with her newest of at least five American Saddlebred horses, named Samur's Cover Girl, a two-time world champion horse who is helping to bring Oakley to the next level.

Samur's Cover Girl was a Christmas gift for Oakley from her husband, County Commissioner Ron Oakley,

Dragon Fire Tournament Names Grand Champions



Grand Champions from the 38th annual Spivey Karate Dragon Fire Tournament were recently honored at the Dade City school. Shown in the front row, from left, are: Alejandro Aguilar, Dade City, Lil' Dragons; Caspian Bondari, St. Joe, Karate Kids; Tannah Kelly, Ridge Manor, Female 8-12. In the back row, from left are: Harley Chaney, Ridge Manor, Black Belts; Ryan Hutchins, Dade City, 8-12 Male; and Olivia Bermudez, Dade City, Teen/adult. *Photo Provided*



Owen Clanahan, center, accepts his gold medal for the 100-meter hurdles at the FHSAA Track & Field Finals in May. *Photo Provided*

Clanahan Wins State Titles Will Attend University Of Florida In The Fall

by Jeff Hupp

Owen Clanahan of Dade City took home two state medals in the 100-meter and 200-meter dashes while running for Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School.

Clanahan, a senior, captured gold with blistering times of 11.03 in the

100-meters and 21.96 in the 200-meters, which was his second championship of the day.

The FHSAA Track & Field Finals were held at the IMG Academy in Bradenton on May 5 and 6.

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who represents District 1.

"I've never had a horse like her. I've had nice horses, but this one is just super special," Oakley said.

Ron Oakley said it has been fantastic to see his wife living out her dream of returning to the American Saddlebred show world. A newbie to this world himself, he added he has learned a lot in the process.

"I'm very proud of her and very proud of the animals we've got that she's riding and she's working with. She's done well with all of her horses," Ron Oakley said.

Oakley and her horses train at Judd Stables in Land O' Lakes, where trainers Maria Gilman and stable owner Don Judd have been working with her for about two months. The horses are trained six days a week, with Sundays off. Oakley spends hours at the stables twice a week, making rounds and practicing technique in the stables' center ring.

"She's a very strong rider, has a lot of talent," Gilman said. "We're excited about developing that talent and helping her a little bit with the type of riding we do, and helping take her to the top level of the Saddlebred industry."

They try to not focus on the upcoming world

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300-meter hurdles, but after heavy discussions with head track coach Lewis Mabrey, we felt sprints would be my best chances to win," Clanahan said.

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"Coach Mabrey was such a great coach and he helped me tremendously during my time at Bishop. He pushed me to get faster and without the hurdles I obtained

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my goals," Clanahan said.

He also starred on the boys' soccer team and ran cross country during his four years at Bishop McLaughlin.

Clanahan began his track career when he was a freshman. He started with field events, became a champion hurdler and mainly ran distance events.

He is the son of proud parents Paulette and Dan Clanahan who he said always pushed him to do better. His parents

throughout his high school career, Clanahan noted.

Clanahan is no slouch in the classroom either and graduated with a 4.23 GPA his senior year.

He will be attending Florida State University in the fall.

In order to focus on his grades in college, Clanahan will be giving up his running cleats. However, he said he isn't ruling out a return as a walk-on if the



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championship too much and carry out practices as normal, Gilman said. The fact that Oakley has a handful of horses to learn on helps her develop her riding skills, the trainers said. Gilman and Judd constantly use noise makers and other distractions while Oakley is riding to simulate distractions presented during actual competition.

"There's always a lot to learn so we never get cocky about it. This is the kind of sport you never feel like you've learned everything," Gilman said. "But we still feel like we have a great product between her riding and the horses we have and we're excited about the future."

While she did take a break from showing horses, Oakley did not totally shy away from the equestrian world during her hiatus. She continued to ride horses recreationally, and built her own farm off St. Joe Road where she helped rescue and rehabilitate at least 100 former show horses.

"My horses are my sanity. It's fun, it's exhilarating, it's calming, it's exciting, it's everything. You either have the horse bug or you don't. I've had it since I was born," she said. "It's always been my love and my passion. I understand them better than I understand a lot of people."



Trainers Don Judd, right, and Maria Gilman, center, celebrate

a win with Deirdre Oakley and her horse Samur's Cover Girl

at a recent Asheville competition.

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Nursing Center Urges Governor To Sign State Budget Prospective Payment System Expected To Improve Quality

by Keri McAlpine

Caregivers from local nursing centers convened on May 31 at Heritage Park Health & Rehabilitation to celebrate the quality care being delivered in Florida's nursing centers.

More than 50 Heritage residents, staff and family members were present for the event organized by Florida Healthcare Association.



More than 500 signatures gathered from across the state at events like the one at Heritage Park on May 31 were delivered to Governor Rick Scott on June 2. The meeting was also used to raise awareness of a pending Florida bill and to urge Gov. Rick Scott to sign the state budget including a Prospective Payment System.

FHA has been touring the state visiting multiple nursing homes, and ultimately gathered more than 500 petition signatures which were delivered to Scott on June 2, said FHA spokeswoman Kristen Knapp. The bill in question, Senate Bill 2514, the Medicaid Conforming Bill, passed the legislative session and was presented to Scott on June 5.

The bill proposes nursing centers no longer get reimbursed equally as it has been for the past 30 years, but rather depending on the quality of care provided with a Prospective Payment System, Knapp said. Set to be implemented in Oct. 1, 2018, upon the Governor's signature, the PPS is expected to improve the current, cost-based nursing center reimbursement system. This will be accomplished by increasing accountability and enhancing return on the state's investment in nursing center care by ensuring money is spent on direct care and quality improvements.

The PPS would also provide incentives



Residents, staff and family members of Heritage Park Health and Rehabilitation were happy to support the Medicaid Conforming Bill on May 31. *Photo Provided*

for facilities to renovate or improve their buildings, expand living quarters, and improve technology, among many viable options.

"Florida is a national leader in providing long term care services and supports to its senior population, and a stronger reimbursement system is best for everyone involved," said Bob Asztalos, chief lobbyist of the Florida Health Care Association. "Our goal is to send Gov. Scott a message that PPS equals quality, and nursing centers across Florida continue to be united about the new payment system which will reward them for the high-quality care they deliver."

Fall Registration Underway At Pasco-Hernando State College

Registration for three fall sessions at Pasco-Hernando State College (PHSC) is underway for new and returning students. The fall course schedule is available online at http://info.phsc.edu/courseschedule. New students interested in taking classes this fall are urged to contact PHSC for admissions information or apply online at www.phsc.edu/ admissions.

Fall sessions at PHSC include one 16-week term and two eight-week terms. Term I and Term IA,

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respectively a 16- and eight-week term, begin on Aug. 21. A second eight-week session, Term IB, begins on Oct. 16. Students may register for all three sessions simultaneously. Beginning fall 2017, students may not register for a course after the course's initial meeting. The last day to register for online classes is the Sunday before classes begin for each term.

PHSC's application fee for new students is \$25 and orientation and placement tests are offered at no charge. For more information, contact the Student Affairs Office at the PHSC location nearest you, Monday-Thursday from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Campuses are located in Brooksville, Dade City, New Port Richey, Spring Hill and Wesley Chapel.

PHSC is currently operating on a summer schedule – with offices open Monday through Thursday and closed on Fridays through Aug. 11. Registration will not be available the week of July 1-7.

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Dade City Begins Charter Revision



Marlyn Crotty of the University of Central Florida, standing, speaks during the organizational meeting for the Charter Review Advisory Committee for Dade City held June 1. Members of the committee are the Hon. Lynn Tepper, Julie Hale, Bermice Mathis, Steve Hickman, Pablo Vela-Guerrero and Jim Ward, all of whom are residents of Dade City. The committee will meet at least monthly and presents its report by the end of the year to the City Commission. Photo by Richard K. Riley



Frank Jones offering information on veteran services at the mobile clinic set up on Florida Avenue in Dade City on May 31. Photo by Richard K. Riley

Veterans Mobile Clinic Offered

Veterans Outreach Specialist Frank Jones of Land O' Lakes visited Dade City on May 31 to meet with veterans to provide counseling services and to link them with other services available through the Veterans Administration, Pasco County and other government services for veterans. Jones was set up outside of the VA office on Florida Avenue in Dade City from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Jones drives a motor home assigned

to Readjustment Clinic Services to use as the portable clinic. The vehicle is a link to many more services through the Pasco County Vet Center in New Port Richey.

Veterans and family members interested in learning more about services provided by the Vet Center are encouraged attend future events or contact AJ Jones, Readjustment Counseling Tech at (727) 372-1854 for information.



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St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church – Established in 1883, St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church is a parish community with a rich history and a great future. Located at 32832 St. Anthony Way in San Antonio, we are the second oldest Catholic parish on Florida's west coast. Our pastor, Fr. Garry Welsh, as well as our entire parish community, invite you to come and worship with us.

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Daily mass is Monday through Saturday during the summer at 8:15 a.m. Saturday vigil mass is at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday masses are offered at 7:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. (contemporary band). Confessions are Saturday from 10-11 a.m. or by appointment.

Connect with us on Facebook @ stanthonyofpaduasanantonio or visit www.saopccfl.org for information.

First Baptist Church of Dade City – Worship services are on Sundays at 9:15 or 10:45 a.m. and children's services at 9:15 a.m. Nursery is available. A Spanish service is held at 1 p.m. Sunday and youth activities are at 5 p.m.

Wednesdays at 6:15 p.m. a variety of Bible studies are available. For the children and youth: AWANA for age 4 through fifth grade and middle and high school activities are offered. Visit www. fbcdadecity.org or call (352) 567-3265 for information.

Fort Dade Baptist Church – On June 10 from 9-11 a.m. a father and son breakfast to honor our dads will be held.

Vacation Bible School with a family fellowship celebration is scheduled for June 25 at 11 a.m.

Regular services held every Sunday with 10 a.m. Sunday school for children and adults and worship at 11 a.m. Evening service is held at 6 p.m. and midweek Bible study on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Ladies Bible study is held Thursday mornings at 10 a.m. Located at 14231 Old Mission Road in Dade City. Call (352) 567-6183 for information.

Temple Baptist Church – Temple Baptist is glad to have Pastor Ken and Rachael Woodard back from a 10-day study tour of Italy and Greece. The "Walking in the Footsteps of Paul" tour went to places that the book of Acts says the Apostle Paul visited. The trip was sponsored by Bob Jones University and was arranged by Dr. Gary Riemers. Besides local tour guides, the president and vice president of the university helped with bringing out information. The group visited six different cities the apostle Paul wrote letters to and places he wrote letters from. Those letters are books of the Bible now.

This was the sixth tour Pastor Woodard has taken of countries where events in the Bible took place. He uses the information and pictures from the trips to supplement his messages. Temple Baptist Church is located at 37253 Clinton Ave. in Dade City.

Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church – Sunday service is at 9:30 a.m. Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church is located at 37015 Orange Valley Lane in Dade City, on the corner of Ft. King Road and Clinton Avenue. Call (352) 567-8424 or visit www.shephillslc.org for information.

Please consider donating canned goods and non-perishable items to our food pantry, which is open on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m.noon.

New Jerusalem Church of God – Sunday school is held at 10 a.m. with worship at 11 a.m. Prayer and Bible study is held



Tuesday and Thursdays at 7 p.m. Daily prayer is held Monday through Friday at 12 p.m. A free food and clothing ministry goes year-round – call Pastor May Ross at (352) 567-9775 for information. All are welcome. The church is located at 38442 Tuskeegee Ave.

Heart of Worship – Heart of Worship is a family friendly non-denominational church located at 10628 U.S. 301 (at the Market Hill Shopping Center) between Zephyrhills and Dade City. Pastor Tony Disano is committed to his faith in God and preaching the Bible.

Sunday service is at 11 a.m. You are welcome to come early for a cup of coffee and a bite to eat. Bible study class is at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. We have a praise team and great music. Family fun Email Church News to church@pasconewspubs.com

night is the last Sunday of the month with activities for children and adults. There are graded school rooms for the children and teens as well as a nursery. All are welcome to attend. Visit www. thehowchurch.org for information.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church – Father Krzysztof invites you to worship with us. We have our Saturday Vigil Mass at 4 p.m., and Sunday masses are at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Bring the children and the entire family to break open the word of God and celebrate the Eucharist.

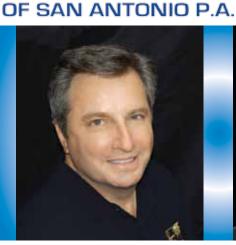
Daily Mass is Monday through Friday at 7:30 a.m. Our church and early childhood center are located at 32145 Saint Joe Road. Visit www.sacredheartdadecity. org and download the latest bulletin for information.

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East Pasco Networking Group

The EPNG's next meeting will be held June 13 at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Inn, 5214 Gall Blvd. in Zephyrhills. This meeting will feature Laura Giancarlo, a Pasco County school teacher and the primary facilitator at TeenMax Leadership Camps. Contact Nils Lenz at (813) 782-9491 or nilslenz@ gmail.com; or Vicky Jones at (813) 431-1149 or donlvicl@yahoo.com or manager@palmtreemhp.com for information. Also contact for suggested topics or if you would like to speak as we are still scheduling limited spots for 2017.

East Pasco Democratic Club

The next meeting will be held June 19 at 7 p.m. at the American House, 38130 Pretty Pond Road in Zephyrhills. The speaking topic is the Trump/Ryan tax plan, presented by Allan Ardis, retired businessman. All Democrats and friends of the Democratic party are invited to attend. Coffee and snacks will be served.



Disabled American Veterans Chapter 65

We offer free assistance to veterans with benefit and claims issues. A certified service officer is available Monday and Thursday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments are not necessary but are appreciated. We have recently moved from Zephyrhills to Dade City and are now located at the American Legion Post # 15 building at 37745 Church Ave. in Dade City. Appointments only during July and August.

Centennial Eagles #4399

Friday Fish Fry is from 4:30-7 p.m. Fish, shrimp, and ribeye steak dinners, with choice of baked potato, French fries, or onion rings as well as other sides and dessert. Charlie Williams provide music from 6-9 p.m. Come for dinner and stay for dancing.

Weekly events include: Sundays - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. for 1 p.m. Bar Bingo. Jam with the G.O.C band from 4-7 p.m. Monday - Dart Night at 7 p.m. Steel tipped and soft tipped. Tuesdays -Pool Tournament at 7 p.m. Men's Night drink specials. Wednesdays - Card night at 7 p.m. Ladies Night drink specials. Thursdays Bar Bingo at 7 p.m. Fridays - Fish Fry and Charlie Williams. Saturdays - Queen of Hearts drawing at 8 p.m.

Aerie meetings are on the first and third Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Auxiliary meetings are held the first and third Wednesdays at 7 p.m. The Eagles are located at 15924 U.S. 301. Call (352) 567-9755 for information.

American Legion Post #15

Join Dade City Post #15 every Saturday night for Karaoke with Rick starting at 6 p.m. Saturday dinners are available from 5-7 p.m. Sing along, laugh and meet old friends. Music jams are every Wednesday night, but when the snowbirds go home, as many of our jammers are from the north, we will have to practice Karaoke for those who want to try new songs, just watch, or sing Karaoke for the first time in a friendly environment. Refreshments available for purchase along with a fullservice bar.

Regular business meetings are conducted on the second Monday of each month. All members are encouraged to attend.

37745 Church Ave. Join us in support of all veterans and hometown heroes. Call (352) 518-0021 for information.

Kiwanis Club of Dade City

This service organization meets every Tuesday at noon at the American Legion Hall, located at 37745 Church Ave. in Dade City. Lunch is followed by a speaker on current topics of interest to the club. Kiwanis is a worldwide organization whose focus is on the children of the world. The Dade City club's primary focus is on helping the children of East Pasco County. Guests are welcome to come to a meeting and learn more about how we support children in our community.

Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City

Sunrise Rotary Club of Dade City meets on Thursdays at the Hampton Inn, on U.S. 301 in Dade City, at 7 a.m. We are seeking potential new members that can bring fresh ideas to the club, serve the community and help eradicate polio. Come and join us for breakfast.

Zumba for College Scholarships

Every Monday and Wednesday from 6-7 p.m. Come dance for \$3 per class at La Onda Dance Club, 37518 Lock St. in Dade City. All proceeds go to graduating seniors college scholarships. Email griveras@mail.usf. edu for information.

Community Cycling Ride

Ride leaves from the parking lot next to 14112 Eighth St. in Dade City at 8 a.m. every Saturday and is approximately two hours long with a varying pace depending on skill levels.

All skill levels are welcome. Contact Josh or Kaleigh Thornton at wickedawesomeracing@gmail.com for information.

Chess Club

The Hugh Embry Library Chess Club meets Wednesdays from 5-7:30 p.m. every week. We have the boards and pieces so bring your winning attitude and chess clock if you prefer to use one. Meetings are held at the Hugh Embry Library Meeting Room, 14215 Fourth St. in Dade City. Contact Glen Thompson at bookbollard@ iCloud.com or call (352) 567-7449 for information.



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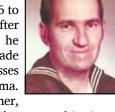
Mack Charles Brooks

BROOKS, Mack Charles, better known as "MC," 78, was born on March 3, 1939, in Crystal River, to the late Martha and Richard Brooks. He passed away on May 31, 2017. "'MC" was educated in the Citrus County school system. He worked many years of service with the City of Clearwater. He retired as a heavy equipment operator. His life continued to blossom, as he met and married the late Elouise N. Brooks. During the 37 years of that union God blessed them with four sons, Mack Brooks Jr. (Valerie), Eric Brooks Sr., (Cynthia), Kimmie L. Brooks and Jeff Brooks Sr., (Victoria); and two beautiful daughters, Susan Brooks (John) and Candace Brooks all of Clearwater, who will all cherish his loving memory; 17 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren. His father and mother, Richard and Martha Brooks, preceded him in death along with his wife, Elouise Brooks; his sisters, Irene Brooks, Dorothy Carter, Lola Grainer and Ida Mae Brooks; his brothers, Richard Lee Brooks, Earl Brooks, Leon Brooks and Charlie Brooks. "M.C." also leaves to cherish his memory devoted caretakers, best friends and sisters, Laverne Lee (David), Eleather Ruiz, Selena Brooks and a brother, Charles Brooks, Sr.; and a host of other sorrowing relatives and friends. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. on June 10 at the Independent House of God Church of the Living God, Pillar and Ground of the Truth. Milton Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

Herman L. 'Buck' Buchanan BUCHANAN, Herman L. "Buck," passed

away June 3, 2017. He was born Jan. 1, 1941. He served honorably and proudly in the U.S. Nawy from 1956 to

proudly in the U.S. Navy from 1956 to 1976 during the Vietnam War. After retirement from the military, he opened up Buck's Pawn Shop in Dade City and owned numerous businesses in the Pasco area as well as in Alabama. He goes home to be with his father,



Sonnie Buchanan, his mother, Paulene Frye, his sister, Kathleen Poole and his daughter, Christina Larry, all from the Dade City area. He leaves behind a wife, Arlene Buchanan, two sons, Sonnie "Jacky" Buchanan and Herman "Bit" Buchanan Jr. of Dade City, three brothers, Gene Buchanan of Auburndale, Fred Buchanan of Troy, Ala., and Sammy Buchanan of Lacoochee; 11 grandchildren; and numerous friends in the Dade City area. A visitation will be at Hodges Family Funeral Home on U.S. Highway 301 on June 8 from 6-8 p.m. and a graveside service will be held at Chapel Hill Gardens on June 9, 2017, at 10 a.m. Please join the family to share fond memories of Buck Buchanan. In lieu of flowers, the family asked for donations to be given to Gulfside Hospice in Zephyrhills.

🕵 🥿 Frederick William Colby Jr.

COLBY, Frederick William Jr., 62, of Dade City passed away June 1, 2017. He was born May 12, 1955, in San Diego, Calif., to Frederick William Colby Sr. and Willow Jean Whatley Colby and was a U.S. Navy veteran. His mother, Willow J. Colby, survives along with sister: Susan Colby; sons, Frederick W. Colby III (Heather), Josh Warren and Nate Warren; daughter, Veronica Colby; grandchildren, Zachary and Taylor; nieces, Kristen Colby, Jennifer Collura (Chad), Emma Collura and Madison Collura. Funeral services were held June 6 at Hodges Family Funeral Home. Burial with military honors followed at Dade City Cemetery.

Bruce R Lawton

LAWTON, Bruce R., 72, passed away on May 25, 2017, at the Good Shepherd Hospice in Lakeland after suffering with Dementia and Alzheimer's. He was born in Warren, Pa., on Sept. 28, 1944, the son of Lawrence and Ruth (Sanden) Lawton. Bruce started as a welder/fitter at Dorcon Inc. that made components for St. Louis Arch. He then worked at Erie Marine division of Litton, Ind., building the largest ore carriers for Great Lakes. After they closed he and family moved to Westerly, R.I., where he worked at Electric Boat division of General Dynamics, building submarines. He ended up as department manager of Building 17. He left Rhode Island and moved to Florida in 1993. Bruce was always busy and could not settle down. He and his wife of 53 years, Linda C. (Ristau) Lawton, drove for D&K Transport for two years, hauling from Florida to California. His life was always busy with classic cars, which he loved to work on. He loved his family dearly and always worked hard for them. His wife, Linda C (Ristau) Lawton, survives along with his daughter, Tammy (Steve) Ritacco/Armitage of Westerly,

R.I.; sons, Scott (Cindy) Lawton of N. Stonington, Conn. and Timothy (Toni) Lawton of Dade City; grandchildren, Heather (Zach) Harvie, Chad Ritacco, Lucas Ritacco, Hunter Armitage, London Armitage, Tyler, Breanna Lawton, Torie and Trevor Lawton; great-grandchildren, Avery, Mason and Rowan Harvie; and sister, Nancy (Chester) Dunham. His parents and brothers, Larry and Dennis Lawton, preceded him in death. A Celebration of his life will be held in Rhode Island at the convenience of his family. The family requests any donations be made to a Good Shepherd Hospice, or a hospice of your choice or to the Autism foundation in his name. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.

Alice York Nicar

NICAR, Alice York, 78, of Ridge Manor, passed away

May 30, 2017. She was born Sept. 19, 1938, in Miami. She was a cherished wife and mother, and a community and church leader. Alice inspired many who often sought her welcome advice, and was well-known for her delicious pumpkin pie. Her loving husband of 58 years, Fred Nicar, survives along with her two sons, Jim



and Tom; and her granddaughter, Elizabeth Limpf. A memorial service will be held June 9 at 11 a.m. at the Spring Lake United Methodist Church, 4191 Spring Lake Highway in Brooksville. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Alice Nicar's name may be made to the Spring Lake United Methodist Church. Hodges Family Funeral Home handled arrangements.





Final Notice and Public Explanation of a Proposed Activity in the 100-Year Floodplain and Wetland

Date: June 8, 2017 City of Dade City 38020 Meridian Avenue P. O. Box 1355 Dade City, FL 33526-1355 Telephone Number: (352) 523-5050

To: All interested Agencies, Groups and Individuals

This is to give notice that the City of Dade City has conducted an evaluation as required by Executive Orders 11988 and 11990 in accordance with HUD regulations at 24 CFR 55.20 to determine the potential affect that its activity in the floodplain and/or wetland will have on the environment.

The City of Dade City intends to undertake a project to be funded by a Florida Small Cities Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This funding will be allocated to combine and expand two (2) existing storm water retention ponds.

It has been determined that no practicable alternative other than to proceed with the work is available. This activity will have no significant impact on the environment for the following reason:

A portion of the project may be located in a floodplain. The City anticipates no additional impervious surface within the floodplain will be created by the project. If additional impervious surface is created by the project, drainage improvements to compensate for the additional impervious surface that will be created within the floodplain will be included in the project.

Although a portion of the project may be located in the 100-year floodplain and/or wetland, the improvements



cannot be undertaken in any other location due to the scope of the project. There is, therefore, no practicable alternative than to continue with the project.

The proposed improvements conform to applicable floodplain protection standards. The proposed action will not affect natural or beneficial floodplain values, and residents of the community will benefit from the project. The proposed project involves the following Activities:

03I-Flood and Drainage Improvements - The project will expand two (2) existing storm water retention ponds into one large storm water pond creating a larger storage capacity. A total of 8.2 acres. The Western end of Beauchamp Avenue will become a dead end street and will terminate east of the enlarged retention pond. After the ponds are combined, an exercise trail will be constructed around the perimeter of the pond. Due to combining both ponds, an existing sanitary sewer line will be re-aligned under the proposed boardwalk to accommodate the retention ponds and the elevation of an existing sanitary sewer manhole located in the Beauchamp Avenue right-of-way will be raised.

Total CDBG Cost – Flood and Drainage Improvements (\$644,000), Administration (\$56,000) = \$700,000

Total City/Local Match- Flood/Drainage Improvements (\$15,000), Engineering Bidding and Inspections (\$35,000) = \$50,000

Total CDBG and City's Local Match- \$750,000

Failure to provide these improvements would result in the City of Dade City not being able to carry out the activities in the project.

Additional agencies involved in this project include the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, the City of Dade City and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Written comments must be received by Heather Washburn, Project Manager, at the City of Dade City, 38020 Meridian Avenue, Dade City, FL 33525 on or before June 16, 2017. A more detailed description of the project and the Federal Insurance Administration (FIA) flood maps are available for citizen review by contacting the local government.

Camille Hernandez, Mayor Environmental Certifying Official City of Dade City 4

Benefit Concert

th <u>Annual</u>

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday Sept. 21, 2017 6 p.m. - Social Hour 7 p.m. - Dinner 8:30 p.m. - Concert

> Dan Cannon Auditorium at the Pasco County Fairgrounds State Route 52, Dade City, FL

Proceeds benefit:

The Dade City Kiwanis Foundation The Thomas Promise Foundation Habitat for Humanity Bayfront Health Dade City Foundation Sunrise of Pasco County Boys & Girls Club of Lacoochee Humane Society of Pasco County Florida Hospital Zephyrhills Heart Institute

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Call 813-714-0435 for information. Seating is limited.