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Chamber of Commerce

2026

Community Guide
& Business Directory



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Welcome



Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce, welcome to Hardee County! Whether you are a lifelong resident, a new neighbor, or a visitor discovering our community for the first time, we are truly glad you are here.

Hardee County is a special place—one that blends small-town charm with a strong sense of purpose and pride. Here, you'll find friendly faces, deep-rooted traditions, and a community that values hard work, faith, and family. From our rich agricultural heritage to our locally owned businesses, Hardee County is built on people who care about one another and work together to make our county thrive.

Our county offers a quality of life that's hard to beat. With open spaces, a slower pace, and a welcoming atmosphere, it's a place where neighbors know each other and where businesses are supported by a loyal, engaged community. Visitors enjoy our local events, outdoor recreation, and authentic Florida hospitality, while residents appreciate the opportunity to live, work, and raise families in a safe and connected environment.

The Hardee County Chamber of Commerce is proud to support the businesses and organizations that make this community strong. We believe that when local businesses succeed, our entire county succeeds.

Thank you for being a part of Hardee County. We invite you to explore, connect, and experience all that makes our community such a great place to live, work, and visit.

Warm regards,

Clint Hunnicutt

President

Hardee County Chamber of Commerce





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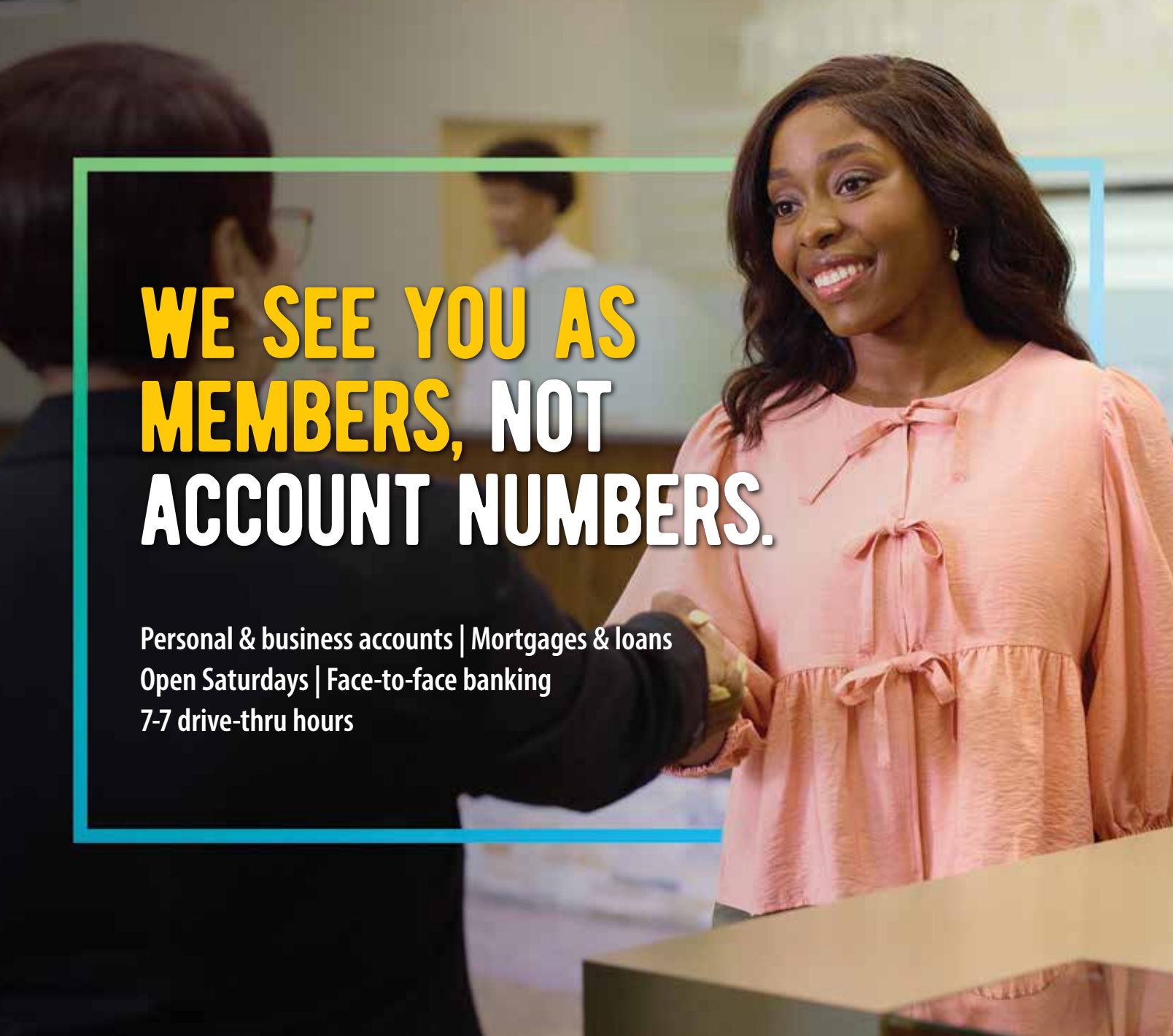
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Message

from the Executive Director

Welcome to the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce Member Directory!

It is truly an honor to serve this community and work alongside the incredible businesses, organizations, and leaders that make Hardee County such a special place to live, work, and grow. Our Chamber members represent the heart of our local economy—from long-standing family businesses to new entrepreneurs bringing fresh ideas and energy to our community.

This directory is more than just a listing of businesses; it is a reflection of the partnerships, relationships, and shared commitment that make our community strong. Each member you see in these pages has made the choice to invest in Hardee County and support the continued growth and success of our local business community.

I encourage you to explore this directory and get to know the many wonderful businesses and organizations that help shape our county. When possible, please remember to shop local, support local, and celebrate the people who work every day to make Hardee County thrive.



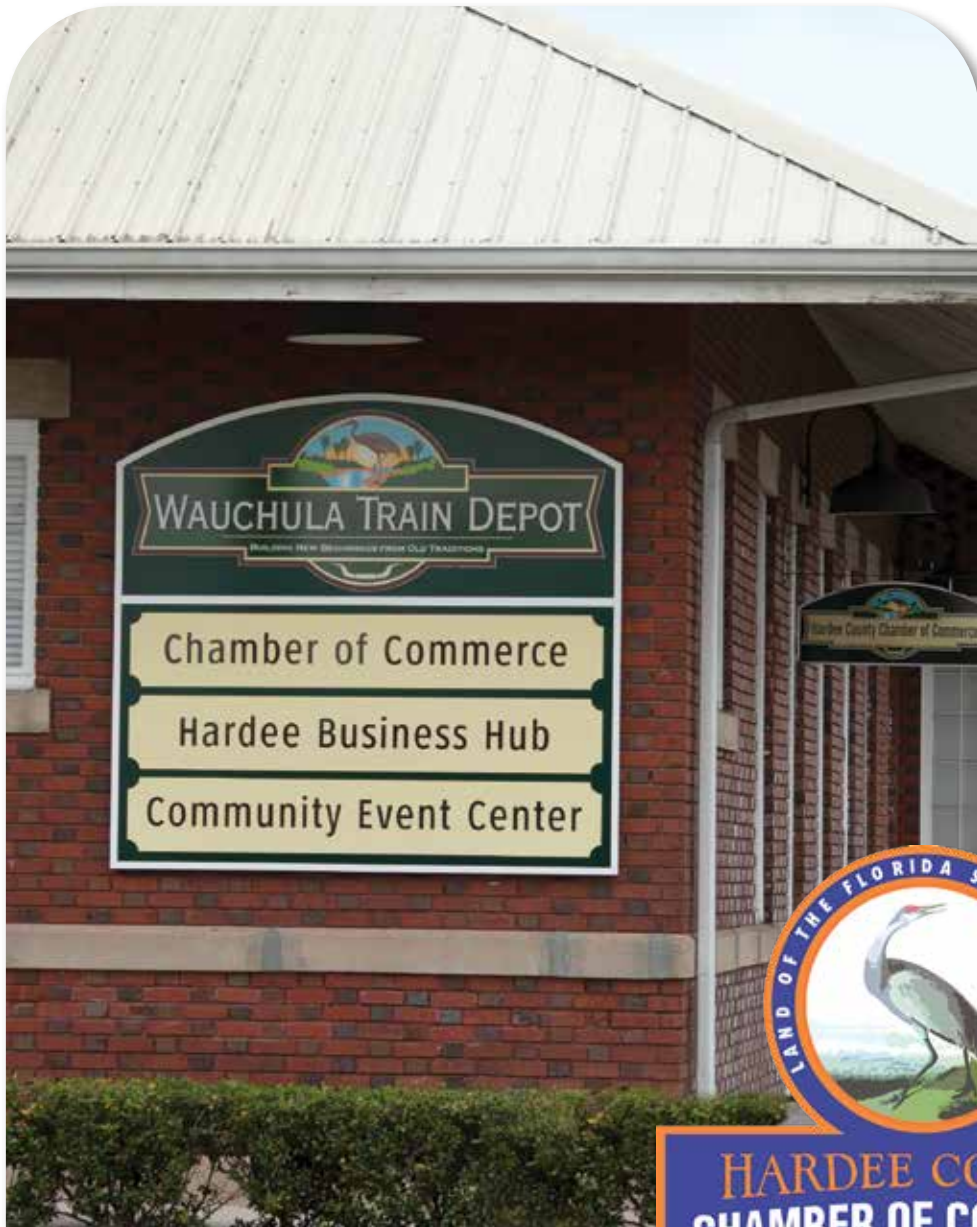
On behalf of the Chamber Board of Directors and our entire membership, thank you for being part of this community. We are proud to serve Hardee County and excited about all that the future holds.

Proud to serve Hardee County,

Kaylee Webb

Executive Director

Hardee County Chamber of Commerce



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Chamber History



**HARDEE COUNTY
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

Born in the mid-1800s from the forts erected against the Indian attacks, the central Florida soil that comprises Hardee County today is some of the richest in the world. We are one of the country's top prime agricultural centers – our abundant produce and prize-winning livestock bring top dollar; our sweet Valencia oranges are in constant demand. It's a legacy of success that's made Hardee County one of a kind.

"Quality of life" takes on new meaning in a setting where children can walk to neighborhood schools, housing is

affordable and appealing, businesses enjoy minimal overhead and optimal labor force and the pace stays somewhere between smooth and steady.

Life in Hardee County means land, lots of it – some 500,000 acres. It means clean air, clean water, safe streets, friendly neighbors, affordable living and "hometown" fun. It's this one-of-a-kind life that unites the over 28,000 residents of Hardee County in our effort to at once enhance and ensure all this heartland haven has to offer. The Hardee County Chamber of Commerce wants our future to be as prosperous as our past.

To that end, we're taking steps every day to assure planned and positive growth. We believe Hardee County offers a lifestyle unparalleled by any other area. But don't take our word for it: Come see for yourself that we're one of a kind!

2025



EXECUTIVE BOARD



Clint Hunnicutt
President



Krystin Chapman
Vice President

Leadership
is the art of giving people a platform for spreading ideas that work.”

– Seth Godin



Christen Johnson
Secretary



Debbie Hilliard
Treasurer

BOARD Members

The Hardee County Chamber of Commerce Board Members are taking steps every day to assure planned and positive growth. They believe Hardee County offers a lifestyle unparalleled by any other area. The Hardee County Chamber of Commerce wants our future to be as prosperous as our past. Volunteering time and serving on the Board of Directors is a rewarding experience and an opportunity for professional growth and community involvement.



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Hardee County Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to partner with us. We are the go-to resource for entrepreneurs, business owners and commerce. Our commitment to accountability and value ensures that you receive the highest return on your membership investment. We are here to meet your needs, answer your questions, and connect you to the information you need when you need it so that you can focus on running your business. We maintain open channels of communication through the web, emails, social media and face-to-face interaction. With a wide array of membership levels to meet your needs, we offer programs and services that help drive your business success.

Membership in YOUR Chamber is a key component of any business plan, and is your connection to people, programs, information and resources. Becoming a member of the Chamber puts you in great company with business leaders, entrepreneurs and businesses, large and small. The Chamber is the business community working together doing what no one single business or individual can do alone.

Businesses become members because they take great pride in their community. If you live, work, or do business in Hardee County, then the economic viability and the livability of this community must be of concern to you. If the community is growing and prosperous, then business will prosper.

FREE RIBBON CUTTING CEREMONIES

The Chamber will conduct a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate your business! We celebrate new members, grand openings, milestones, renovations, and new locations. We bring the BIG scissors, ribbon, and our Chamber Ambassadors. To further market your business, the Chamber will post photo highlights and a brief summary on the website. Register online to hold an onsite Ribbon Cutting during normal business hours.

FREE ENEWS SUBSCRIPTION

Receive news about Chamber events, new members, special member pricing, and more right from your inbox! You can subscribe an unlimited number of staff from your company to our eNews distribution.

FREE MEMBER MAILING LIST

Chamber Members can request a mailing list of Chamber members to spread the word about their business.

FREE POSTING OF MEMBER NEWS & EVENTS

Chamber members receive valuable exposure by posting their events and company news on the Chamber website. This also creates a link in our regular online newsletter.

ADVOCACY

The Chamber's governmental affairs committee and coalitions act as business advocates for our members, bringing the voice of local business to elected officials in the halls of government.

The Hardee County Chamber takes pride in helping businesses of all sizes grow and succeed. With members from small to big retail, we have something for everyone. More Information: www.hardeecc.com/join

Chamber Mission Statement

The Mission of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce is to enhance and develop stronger bonding among businesses, the government, educational services and the community, through positive programs and events that foster business growth and lifetime residency.

Why Join THE CHAMBER

The Heart of Hardee County Business Since 1983



Let us help your Business! Contact us today!

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**HARDEE COUNTY
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HARDEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEMBERSHIP MATRIX



**Community
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\$8,000**

All the benefits of Entry Level Membership, plus:

- Christmas Parade Entry
- Platinum Sponsor for Annual Golf Tournament
- Complimentary Golf Teams (2)
- Complimentary Annual Dinner Tickets (8)
- Leadership Hardee Employee Tuition
- Logo Inclusion on all HCCC Emails
- Logo Displayed on All Materials and Signage
- Free Use of Historic Train Depot (8 annually)
- Company Recognition on Select Chamber Marketing
- Logo on Weekly E-newsletter

**GOLD
\$3,500**

All the benefits of Standard Level Membership, plus:

- Christmas Parade Entry
- Gold Sponsor for Annual Golf Tournament
- Complimentary Golf Team
- Complimentary Annual Dinner Tickets (4)
- Free Use of Historic Train Depot (6 annually)
- Company Recognition on Select Chamber Marketing
- Logo on Weekly E-newsletter
- Recognition at All HCC Events and Presentations

**SILVER
\$1,500**

All the benefits of Standard Level Membership, plus:

- Christmas Parade Entry
- Silver Sponsor for Annual Golf Tournament
- Complimentary Golf Team
- Complimentary Annual Dinner Tickets (2)
- Free Use of Historic Train Depot (4 annually)
- Company Recognition on Select Chamber Marketing
- Logo on Weekly E-newsletter

**BRONZE
\$500**

All the benefits of Standard Membership, plus:

- Christmas Parade Entry
- Hole Sponsor for Annual Golf Tournament
- Free Use of Historic Train Depot (2 annually)
- Company Recognition on Select Chamber Marketing

**STANDARD
\$225**

**NON PROFIT/INDIVIDUAL
\$125**

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- Newsletter Subscription
- Online and Print Member Directory Listing
- Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies and Milestone Celebrations
- Social Media Welcome
- Business Leads/Referrals
- Invite to all Chamber Events
- Unlimited Event Submissions
- Proud Chamber Member Decal to Display
- Chamber Logo to Display on Your Website
- Use of Business Hub
- Marketing Materials in HCC Office

Member TESTIMONIALS



The Chamber has been so helpful in connecting our nonprofit with businesses that support our mission and volunteers who love to serve our community! We can't thank them enough for their support

-Jamie Samuels, SendMeMissions-



Being part of the Chamber has been incredibly valuable to our organization. It enables us to interact with and meet many great professionals within our community, creating meaningful relationships that help strengthen local partnerships. The Chamber provides us with opportunities to make personal connections with individuals and businesses who care about the future of our community.

It also offers a great and easy way for us to share and advertise our fundraisers and community events, helping us reach more people who want to get involved and support our mission. Most importantly, the Chamber supports our organization as we work to support and uplift the children in our community through mentorship and positive opportunities.

We are grateful to be part of a network that believes in strengthening our community and investing in the next generation.

-Janie Thompson, Community Program Manager-
Big Brother Big Sisters of the Suncoast

Thanks to our partnership with the Chamber, we are able to utilize the Business Hub for our Community Partner meetings and Board of Directors meetings, allowing us to gather in a professional and collaborative setting.

-Jamie Samuels, Recover Hardee-



I'm so grateful for the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce. Being part of the Chamber has helped me grow not only in my business but also personally. It's given me the opportunity to stay connected with our community, build meaningful relationships, and stay up-to-date with what's happening locally. That insight allows me to better serve my clients and support the community we all love. I'm truly thankful to be part of it!

-Janet Acost-

Since I've been a member of the chamber of commerce with 5th Day Outdoors, I've been able to network with area businesses through social events like the lunch and learn. With a goal to collaborate, the chamber has connected me with local resources like the SFBC and businesses who help support my mission like Stream2sea and First National Bank Wauchula.

Now unable to attend lunch and learns, I make the most sunrise socials on site each month. Networking allows me to give my clients and opportunity to not only experience the county we love but also find other places like Peace River Oaks to stay at or shop and eat at downtown main-street or throughout the county itself.

The Chamber gives me the opportunity to succeed and grow whilst encouraging the same with others. 5th Day Outdoors LLC is a proud chamber member!

-Daniel Leakey-

Leadership Hardee

Originated in 2008, the Leadership Hardee program has seen more than 100 individuals who are active in the community graduate from the program. This specialized training opportunity is designed to integrate current and future leaders with all aspects of Hardee County. Members are selected by identifying those individuals who are active in the community and are most apt to use their leadership knowledge and skills for the long-term benefit of this community. Once selected, members are guided through nine classes that are spanned over a year to focus on different

The program's purpose is:

- To identify community leaders of diverse backgrounds
- To develop their potential and desire to accept civic responsibilities and leadership roles
- To expose community leaders to the problems of Hardee County
- To build a realistic understanding of leadership in today's complex society
- To open a dialogue among emerging and current community leaders
- To acquaint leaders with the processes, programs, opportunities and challenges for individual involvement in Hardee County



If you are interested in applying for the next Leadership Hardee class, an application can be found on our website: www.hardeecc.com/leadership-hardee

Jr. Leadership Hardee

Hardee Chamber partnered with the Donnie Canary Foundation and added Jr. Leadership Hardee to our Leadership Program beginning with the 2020-2021 class. Junior Leadership Hardee is an educational and interactive program for local high school juniors.

One of the program goals is to provide supplemental learning possibilities to students interested in developing leadership skills before leaving their high school years. Another goal is to share with the students the many career possibilities in the local area.

The students are also guided in developing business, communication and networking skills. They spend one day each month learning to market and brand themselves for college and job applications and to develop social networking skills.



For more information on how your school or child can be involved, contact Lauren Canary: director.teamdonnie@gmail.com

Student of the Month



Every month during the school year – September through April - The Hardee Chamber of Commerce recognizes the Student of the Month from Hardee High School, and this year we included the Hardee Junior High School in rotation. These student are selected by the administration, following guidelines set up by the Chamber.

The Students of the Month and their parents are invited to our monthly Lunch & Learn reception at the Chamber Office. Each student makes a short speech about his or her accomplishments, receives a certificate and a gift card from MidFlorida Credit Union and is photographed for an article in the HCCC E-Blasts and Social Outlets.

For more information, visit: www.hardeecc.com/studentofmonth

Chamber of Commerce Gala *Awards*



The Hardee County Chamber of Commerce Gala is the event of the year, a premier evening dedicated to celebrating the people, businesses, and organizations that make our community a wonderful place to live, work, and visit.

This annual celebration recognizes outstanding leaders, thriving businesses, and dedicated volunteers who generously give their time, talent, and resources to strengthen Hardee County. Guests enjoy an elegant evening of connection, recognition, and celebration alongside fellow business and community leaders.





BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

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This award is given to a reputable business, who is an advocate and leader within the business community, who demonstrates creativity and imagination in the sales, service, marketing or other area within the business, and whose leadership takes pride in leaving a legacy.

2025 Business of the Year Award Sponsored by Mosaic

RISING STAR AWARD

Kaylee Webb



This is awarded to an emerging leader whose achievements reflect exceptional growth in their profession, increased levels of leadership/responsibility and high potential for future impact.

2025 Rising Star Award Sponsored by

NON-PROFIT OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Donnie Canary Foundation



The criteria for this award is for a non-profit who exemplifies the highest integrity, demonstrates firm moral fortitude, who is committed to the good of the community and has contributed generously by serving Hardee County in various capacities.

2025 Volunteer of the Year Award Sponsored by Carlton, Durando, & Smith Families

Community Volunteering 2025



There's something special about a community that shows up for itself.

In Hardee County, neighbors come together to take pride in where we live, whether it's planting flowers, cleaning up our streets, or simply lending a helping hand.

These small acts create something much bigger: a place we're proud to call home.

Together, we create a vibrant community.

Chamber Events

Chamber Member Luncheon



The fourth Thursday of each month, Chamber members and guests gather for a Member Luncheon at the Wauchula Train Depot. Each luncheon is sponsored by a Chamber member who showcases their business. This event is included with a Chamber membership, but RSVP is required as seating is limited. Sponsorship opportunities fill quickly for this great networking opportunity, so contact the Chamber for availability and luncheon registration.

More rental information:
www.hardecc.com/lunch-learn



Chamber Ribbon Cuttings



Ribbon cuttings are a meaningful way to celebrate new businesses, expansions, and milestones in our community.

They bring together leaders, supporters, and community members to show encouragement, build connections, and officially welcome businesses to Hardee County.

These moments highlight growth, opportunity, and the continued success of our local economy.



Hardee County Christmas Parade

Visitors and locals alike gather for one of Hardee County's most cherished traditions—a festive parade filled with colorfully decorated floats, lively dancers, marching bands, and a special appearance by Santa Claus himself.

Before the parade begins, families can enjoy the magic of Santa's Workshop, creating a full evening of holiday cheer and community celebration. This beloved event always takes place on the Saturday following Thanksgiving weekend and continues to be a highlight for families across our community.

We invite you and your business to be part of the fun by entering a decorated float! With a special focus on children, we encourage creative displays that capture the joy and wonder of the holiday season.



Christmas Parade Winners

NON-FLOAT CATEGORY

Best Music

First National Bank
Florida Fence Post

Illuminations Award

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Best Theme

First Baptist Church
of Wauchula

FLOAT CATEGORY

Best Music

New Beginnings
Worship Center

Illuminations Award

Take It and Leave It Hauling
and Junk Removal,

Best Theme

Ground Level, Inc.

OVERALL PARADE WINNER

Heartland Clovers 4H Club



2025 Grand Marshall

Florida Senator Denise Grimsley



Golf Classic



The Annual Chamber Cup is more than just a golf tournament—it's one of Hardee County's premier business networking events. Designed to bring our business community together, this event creates the perfect opportunity to build relationships, connect with potential clients, and enjoy a fun, low-stress day on the course.

The day kicks off with registration at 7:00 AM, followed by an 8:00 AM shotgun start in a four-person format. Holes are sponsored by a Chamber member business, with beverage stations, interactive sponsor activations, and exciting contests

like Closest to the Pin and Longest Drive along the way. After a great morning on the course, players gather at the clubhouse for lunch, awards, and prizes—celebrating both competition and camaraderie.

Your registration includes everything you need for a fantastic day: green fees, cart, driving range access, breakfast, lunch, beverages, games, prizes, and more. Spots fill quickly and are available on a first-come, first-served basis—so don't miss your chance to be part of this signature Chamber event!





Wauchula Train Depot

Renovated in 2013, the Wauchula Train Depot is home to the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce located at 135 E Main St in downtown Wauchula. The 1920s-built brick building features local artwork and is home to the historical Beason Soda Fountain. An area within the Depot is dedicated to the history of Hardee County and the State of Florida.

In addition, the Wauchula Train Depot is available to rent for your next event whether it be a wedding, meeting or family gathering. The old train station still has the charm of the original floors, exposed brick walls and rafters, wooden freight doors and large windows. A variety of accessories are provided in your rental, so contact the Hardee Chamber for more information and to secure your date.



More information:
www.hardeecc.com/wauchula-train-depot



State of the County 2025

The State of the County is an annual initiative by the HCCC to share with residents the successes & vision for our community's future. Our Inaugural State of the County was a great success! It was the perfect lunch filled with networking, an insightful panel discussion and an amazing report from our local leaders.



Panelists:

- Hardee County
- City of Wauchula
- City of Bowling Green
- Town of Zolfo Springs
- Hardee County School District
- AdventHealth Wauchula
- The Development Group
- Hardee County Sheriff's Office



Hardee History



Originated in 1921 and named after Cary A. Hardee, Governor of Florida, Hardee County is rich in history and culture dating back to the 1800s. With Wauchula being the municipal city, the County also includes Zolfo Springs and Bowling Green.

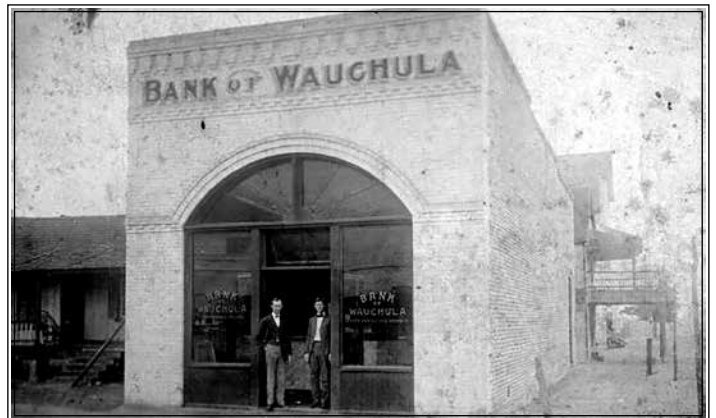
In between Bowling Green and Zolfo is the county seat of Wauchula, derived from a Miccosoukee Indian word meaning "call of the Sandhill crane." The Sandhill crane is featured in Main Street's Heritage Park where you are surrounded by local shops, restaurants and businesses. Local vendors and patrons fill the streets during festivals and parades to celebrate school events and holidays.



J.C. McEwen, 1908 (Bank of Wauchula)



Wauchula Train Station



Bank of Wauchula



Beeson's Drug Store

A few miles north of Wauchula is Bowling Green, a small city but one with great heritage. Paynes Creek Historic State Park is just a few miles east of town. The area near the park was the site of Fort Chokonikla, which was built in 1849 as the first outpost in a chain of forts to ensure the area's original citizens, the Seminoles, were kept at bay.

Just South of Wauchula on Highway 17 sits Zolfo Springs. It is best known for Pioneer Park which embodies everything you need to take a trip to 'Old Florida' and encounter a first-hand experience with nature. Whether you want to take a trip down the Peace River, visit the Wildlife Refuge or take a tour of the Cracker Trail Museum, this beautiful park will provide a unique adventure for all ages.



Zolfo Springs School, 1925

Hardee County has been known for its vast agriculture industry with the majority of its acreage being used for citrus, dairy farming, cattle ranching, and vegetable farming. In recent years the economy has seen much diversification with phosphate mining acquiring substantial acres in the community. This rural hidden gem is a great place to live full-time, as well as part-time for winter guests, and visit to relax and enjoy the amazing natural habitats and history Hardee County has to offer.

Hardee County



Board of County Commissioners

Hardee County
FLORIDA



Sandra Meeks
District I



Noey Flores
District II

The Board of County Commissioners is made up of five elected officials that set and implement various policies for Hardee County. Our mission is to provide low cost family entertainment for the citizens of Hardee County and surrounding areas and to net revenue for improvements within the Parks currently owned by the Hardee County Board of County Commissioners for the enjoyment of the public.



Renee Wyatt
District III



Russell Melendy
District IV



Judith George
District V

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Terry Atchley
County Manager



City of Wauchula City Commissioners



Anne Miller
District 1



Russell Graylin Smith
District 2 - Mayor Pro-Tem

The City Commission is comprised of five representatives that reside within the city limits and who are voted in at large to a four-year term. Their main functions are to create policies that provide for the safety and welfare of the citizens in their care and to establish policies by adopting ordinances and resolutions, agreements, easements and annual budgets.



Richard Keith Nadaskay, Jr.
District 3 - Mayor



Dr. Sherri Albritton
District 4



Gary Smith
District 5

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Olivia Minshe
City Manager

John Eason
Deputy
City Manager



City of Bowling Green

City Commissioners



Sam Fite
City Mayor



N'Kosi Jones
City Vice-Mayor

The City of Bowling Green, Florida, is governed by a five-member City Commission, which includes Mayor Sam Fite, Vice Mayor N'Kosi Jones, and Commissioners Cliff Lunn, Francisco Arreola, and David Durastanti. The commission sets policies for city services, including public safety, utilities, and community programs

City of Bowling Green

104 Main Street
Bowling Green, FL 33834
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Cliff Lunn
Commissioner



Francisco Arreola
Commissioner



David Durastanti
Commissioner

Town of Zolfo Springs

Town Commissioners



Ron Cannon
Mayor
Commissioner Seat 1



Martina Zuniga
Vice-Mayor
Commissioner Seat 2

The Zolfo Springs Town Commission consists of five members who are responsible for formulating policies, enacting ordinances to carry out those policies, setting tax rates and approving the annual budget.



Dierdre White
Commissioner Seat 3



Sara Schofield
Commissioner Seat 4

Town of Zolfo Springs

Zolfo Springs Civic Center
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Zolfo Springs, FL 33890
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Not Pictured:

Howard Schofield
Commissioner Seat 5

Economic Development



The Development Group (TDG) is the lead agency for economic development in Hardee County. The TDG is charged with marketing the county and being the initial contact for interested businesses.

The TDG works to diversify the economy by creating quality careers in the hopes of improving the quality of life for Hardee County residents. The TDG is committed to improving the economic well-being of the County through growth and expansion of local businesses and the attraction of new businesses to Hardee County. The objective of this planned economic diversification is the creation of high-wage, high-skill jobs that will retain and expand existing, high-value businesses.

The Development Group strives to provide the highest level of assistance and service to businesses in order to encourage economic investment and prosperity in Hardee County.

The TDG can assist businesses to:

- Start up a company in Hardee County
- Relocate to or establish a presence in Hardee County
- Expand already existing operations in Hardee County
- Provide consultation on state, regional and local incentive

Industrial Development Authority

The Industrial Development Authority (IDA) is made up of 5 persons and managed by the The Development Group (TDG) staff. The IDA has multiple revenue streams including the Mosaic Agreement and income from Commerce Park transactions, which allows the board to fund projects that foster economic development.

Main Street Wauchula was designated by the State of Florida in 1995. Over the past 14 years the organization has seen many changes in the downtown. From the creation of Main Street Heritage Park to the beautiful street-scape completed in 2008, the downtown has once again become a center of activity enjoyed by the local community, businesses and visitors. Through events and projects, we are honoring our rich history. We #lovewauchula by supporting our local businesses. Main Street Wauchula has been an integral part of the positive transformation of Downtown Wauchula.



Hardee County Chamber of Commerce

Life in Hardee County means wide-open economic opportunities, communities eager to support new industry and growth, a ready labor force, an appealing tax climate, and a thriving urge to maintain our history of success. The Mission of the Hardee County Chamber of Commerce is to enhance and develop stronger bonding among businesses, the government, educational services and the community, through positive programs and events that foster business growth and lifetime residency. The Hardee County Chamber of Commerce wants our future to be as prosperous as our past. To that end, we're taking steps every day to assure planned and positive growth. We believe Hardee County offers a lifestyle unparalleled by any other area. But don't take our word for it: Come see for yourself that we're one of a kind!



Wauchula Community Redevelopment Agency. The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) est. in 1997, is in a continuous process of redeveloping Wauchula so that businesses and residential areas thrive.

The CRA gives grants to residents and businesses in the CRA District in an effort to improve the area in ways that contribute to the physical, economic, social and aesthetic well-being of the City of Wauchula.

About **HARDEE** **COUNTY** Florida



Population
25,600-26,000

Median Age
35.8

Number of Employees
9,700

**Median Household
Income**
\$60,489

Median Property Value
Low \$100,000



In 2020, Hardee County, FL had a population of 27k people with a median age of 35.4 and a median household income of \$40,165. Between 2019 and 2020 the population of Hardee County, FL declined from 27,131 to 27,027, a -0.383% decrease and its median household income grew from \$38,682 to \$40,165, a 3.83% increase. In 2020, the median property value in Hardee County, FL was \$94,100, and the homeownership rate was 67%. Most people in Hardee County, FL drove alone to work, and the average commute time was 25.6 minutes. The average car ownership in Hardee County, FL was 2 cars per household.

(Information taken from Data USA. You can find more about the demographics of Hardee County at <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/hardee-county-fl/>)

Healthcare Services



AdventHealth has been caring for our Heartland neighbors since 1948 with a mission to “Extend the Healing Ministry of Christ.” AdventHealth Heartland Region is a not-for-profit, faith-based 229-bed health care system composed of three hospitals in Sebring, Lake Placid and Wauchula, with a staff of more than 1,800 team members and 225 board-certified physicians caring for the Highlands and Hardee County communities.

Built in 1998, AdventHealth Sebring offers 147 private rooms nestled on 86 acres inside the Sun 'N Lake community. Included on this campus is the county's only certified Heart & Vascular Center, outfitted with three cath labs. The Sebring hospital also offers an all-suite Blessed Beginnings Birthing Center, accredited Breast Care Center staffed with board-certified radiologists and a certified patient care navigator, surgical services offering a variety of minimally invasive procedures with board-certified surgeons, wound care with hyperbaric services and a wide array of diagnostic imaging including PET CT, MRI and digital mammograms from an ACR-accredited “Center of Excellence.” Already the county's busiest ER, the expanded Emergency Care Center offers 26 private rooms and six triage areas.

AdventHealth Lake Placid on US Highway 27 was built in 1981 and features 33 private rooms. It contains emergency care, ICU, lab, wellness center and diagnostic imaging, all with electronic medical record capabilities. Both the Lake Placid and Sebring hospitals are consistently awarded high grades in patient safety from the Leapfrog Group.

Filling a void in Hardee County when the county's only hospital closed in 1992, AdventHealth Wauchula is a 25-bed critical access hospital offering excellent inpatient and outpatient care. The state-of-the-art hospital opened its new location in December 2017 and has been designated a “Top Rural Hospital” by the Leapfrog Group's Hospital Safety Score. It offers a transitional care unit with full array of therapies serving as a vital link in the chain of patient care, providing a bridge between the high-level supervision of an acute care nursing unit and the less intensive care of home health. AdventHealth Wauchula also offers the county's only digital mammography inside its diagnostic imaging center.





All AdventHealth hospitals are centered on the highest level of quality care and laser-focused on patient safety featuring electronic medical records for better clinical communication and positive patient identification to eliminate medication errors. All three hospitals are Joint Commission certified and received CMS 5-Star ratings from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid. As a teaching hospital, we are focused on the future and offer residency opportunities in family medicine, internal medicine and pharmacy. We also are proud of our strategic community partnerships with South Florida State College's Health Sciences programs, Highlands County School Board International Baccalaureate Programme and the Sebring International Raceway as the official health care provider.





AdventHealth Wellness Center

At AdventHealth Wellness Center Wauchula you will be surrounded by fitness and lifestyle experts that have all the tools you need to complete a comprehensive exercise program. With your unique fitness goals in mind, our personal trainers will help you tailor your workouts for maximum results, helping you work smarter, not harder. By your side for every rep, pump or jog until you're ready to continue on your own, we'll make sure you understand your exercise plan and know how to work towards your goals safely and effectively. All new members receive a comprehensive fitness analysis as well as unlimited access to a state-of-the-art facility including Wi-Fi, free-weights, locker room with showers and cardio/strength equipment. We also offer cooking demonstrations and educational preventative health classes.

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Susan Bailey credits the cardiovascular experts of AdventHealth for **saving her life.**

As 76-year-old Susan Bailey sat in her living room, she felt a tightness in her throat that set off alarm bells. She had the feeling that if she were to lie down, she may never get up again.

With 34 years of experience working in ICUs, Susan knew it was critical to pay attention to her body's warning signs. She sought help at AdventHealth Sebring, where she was seen by interventional cardiologist, Paul Michael, MD. Dr. Michael and his team ran tests and determined that Susan had suffered a heart attack. Follow-up care and further evaluation of her condition were needed. During a diagnostic catheterization, Susan experienced another heart attack. Dr. Michael used the lab's state-of-the-art imaging equipment to place seven stents in Susan's heart to increase blood flow and prevent further damage.



Paul Michael, MD
Interventional
Cardiologist

The leading cause of death in America and around the world is cardiovascular disease — in both men and women. According to the Centers for Disease Control, one person dies of cardiovascular disease every 33 seconds. Heart disease is also the leading cause of death in Florida. The Florida Department of Health reports that mortality rates in both Highlands and Hardee counties (151 per 100,000 and 229 per 100,000, respectively) are even higher than the state average of 135 in 100,000.

The good news is that heart disease can be controlled by following a healthy diet, staying active, avoiding tobacco, monitoring your cholesterol and blood pressure and, like Susan, heeding your body's signals and seeking help from experts like the cardiovascular team at AdventHealth Sebring.

Designated by the American College of Cardiology as a HeartCARE center, which is the highest accreditation a hospital can receive from the ACC, AdventHealth Sebring provides excellence in heart care. With board-certified cardiovascular surgeons, four cath labs, and state-of-the-art technology, AdventHealth Sebring offers everything from minimally invasive surgery, implantable devices and cardiovascular ultrasounds to lifestyle coaching and counseling to support you body, mind and spirit.



"I tell everyone that will listen that Dr. Michael and his team saved my life because if I had not been in that cath lab when that happened, I would not be blessed to be sitting here."

— Susan

Susan, who is a mother to three, grandmother to six, and great grandmother to five, is feeling better these days and continues to get regular check-ups. She is a firm believer in listening to your body and seeking medical help quickly when something is not right.

It's important to know the symptoms of a heart attack. The most common symptom in men and women is chest discomfort, such as pressure, squeezing, fullness or pain. Symptoms may also include pain in the arms, back, neck, jaw or stomach, as well as shortness of breath, nausea, lightheadedness, and a cold sweat. Women may experience other signs that are less commonly associated with a heart attack, including anxiety, an upset stomach and unusual tiredness or weakness.

To take control of your heart health and learn more about the AdventHealth cardiovascular experts in your area, visit FloridaHeartExperts.com.

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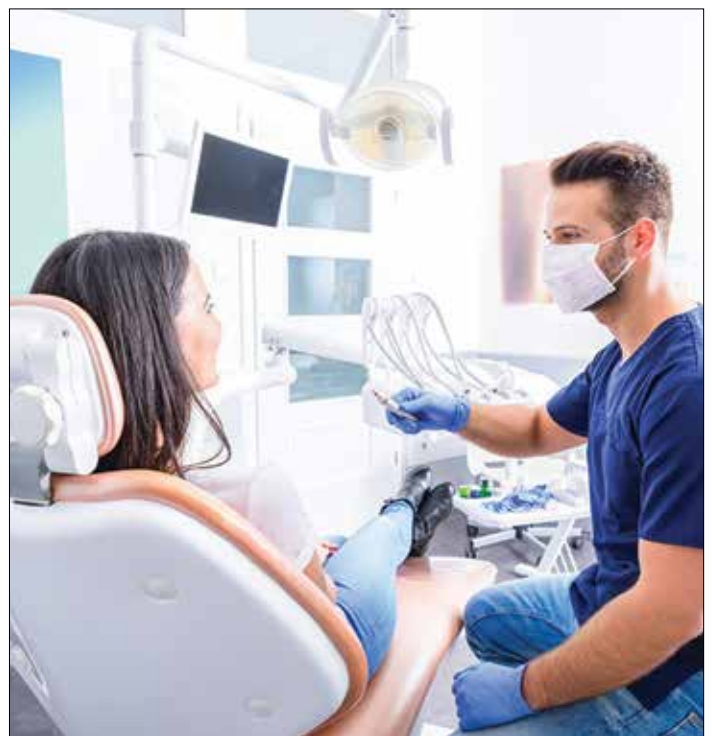
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Downtown Wauchula





Downtown Wauchula, the historic heart of Hardee County, is a quiet, small-town district centered around Main Street. Once known as the “Cucumber Capital of the World,” it has undergone significant revitalization through the Main Street Wauchula program.

The area is characterized by 1920s-era architecture, colorful murals, and oak-shaded streets, offering a “slow-paced, unusual kind of Florida” for visitors.



Main Street Wauchula organization has been promoting our community for almost 25 years. With a mission to promote economic development while nurturing historic preservation, they have been an instrumental part in the revitalization of Downtown. Completed in 2008, Main Street Heritage Park and the beautiful street-scape is the hub of activity for the local community, businesses and visitors. Local shops and restaurants adorn the streets where patrons visit and stop in for a seat on the bench for a rest or photo opportunity.



To celebrate the community and honor the history of the town, a variety of events are held throughout the year. A few annual events that take place during the year are the Historic Ghost Tour, Fall Festival, Wildcat Tailgate Party, Shop Small Saturday, Brunch in the Park, and Hometown Christmas. Other more frequent events are Hometown Happy Hour, Movies in the Park, Open Mic Night, and Fun Fridays. Open Mic Night is held every third Monday of the month and you can hang out, listen to music, sing, or play an instrument! There are also seasonal events such as Fitness in the Park so check their social media pages for current events and happenings in Downtown Wauchula!



Shop Small Saturday

Small Business Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving and a day dedicated to supporting small businesses and communities across the country. Support your neighbors, your friends and your local economy by shopping small with all of your favorite downtown businesses. They offer sales and promotions throughout the day to get a jump start on Christmas presents and enjoy our charming Main Street!







Parks And Recreation

Hardee County offers a blend of “Old Florida” charm, offering a diverse range of recreational opportunities focused on its natural landscapes, historical heritage, and the beautiful Peace River. Whether you are looking for history, nature, camping, art or local festivals, Hardee County has a lot to offer. ▶



Peace River The Peace River runs through Hardee County and provides for all sorts of activities for the nature enthusiast. It is a popular destination for those looking for fossils, primitive camping, and traveling via canoe, kayak or boat. Digging through the river gravel you can find shark and megalodon teeth, bones and other fossils. With all the adventure opportunities along its shores, access is easy for visitors.

Visit www.peacrivertrips.com for more information.



Peace River Oaks

Glamping offers several ways to experience Florida's natural beauty without sacrificing comfort. There are many glamping destinations to choose from in the area, including the most established luxury options, featuring fully furnished tents with private hot tubs right on the riverbank to a more remote experience. ►





Pioneer Park

Pioneer Park sits on 115 acres in Zolfo Springs encompassing the Peace River and offers something for everyone. Campers have the option to pitch their tents or park their RVs and wake up to beautiful views of river and wildlife. Pioneer Park is also home to a wildlife refuge where visitors can walk along the boardwalk and get a glimpse of native wild animals in a natural habitat. An old pool house once served as the hub of activity at the park, offering up snacks and drinks for those who spent their weekends swimming or just hanging out at the pool. It was forced to close in the 1970s because of large cracks in the concrete and now serves as a venue for birthdays and other events. The Cracker Trail Museum and Pioneer Village offer a unique view of history including a 1914 wood-burning Baldwin Locomotive Engine #3.



Hardee County Wildlife Refuge

Hardee County Wildlife Refuge is situated within Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs, Florida. This refuge is a non-profit sanctuary for non-releasable Florida wildlife.

The Refuge is home to native Florida wildlife and a few exotic species, each housed in natural-type habitats. Coming from various walks of life, each animal has been placed in our care with their own unique story. However, they do have one thing in common – they needed a forever home and could not survive in the wild. Now they are thriving in their refuge home, which provides nutritional food, shelter, and large physical areas for enrichment activity. Guests are encouraged to visit the Refuge and take a stroll among the treetops on the elevated boardwalk and become educated about the animals that make the Hardee County Wildlife Refuge their home. ▶



Hardee Lakes Park

Hardee Lakes Park is approximately 1260 acres of formerly mined and reclaimed land that has been donated to the county by Mosaic. The park has campgrounds, horse trails, hiking trails, handicap-accessible hiking trails, bike trails, picnic areas, a picnic pavilion, and a playground. There is also a boardwalk that winds around the lakes and through the woods, with an observation tower where people can watch wildlife.

Hardee Lakes Park contains 4 lakes in total: Gator Lake, Lake Firefly, Deer Lake and Lake Hardee.





Paynes Creek Historic State Park

Located In Bowling Green is Paynes Creek Historic State Park offers trails for hiking, biking, primitive camping, canoeing and kayaking, fishing, and an amazing exhibit presenting the history of this beautiful river. The visitor center displays are available to all to educate its viewers on how Floridian pioneers and the Seminole tribe lived during the early to mid-1800's. The park is open 365 days a year from 8:00 a.m. until sunset and offers a wide array of amenities for visitors including a canoe launch, picnic pavilion and a playground. ▶





Solomon's Castle

Tucked away in the woods of Ona is one man's dream turned reality. Solomon's Castle is the home, gallery and workshop of internationally renowned artist Howard Solomon. Solomon built this masterpiece which showcases more than 80 interpretive stained-glass windows and countless metal sculptures. After taking a tour of this unique castle along the oak lined Horse Creek, enjoy a homemade meal at the Boat in the Moat Restaurant. Solomon built this one-of-a-kind restaurant and the adjoining Lighthouse to be able to provide a meal for the visitors to the Castle. Groups, parties and holiday gathering reservations are accepted. ■



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Festivals & Events

Peace River Pro Rodeo Classic

The Annual Peace River Pro Rodeo Classic comes to Wauchula in January. Eight events are included in the two-day rodeo held at the Hardee County Cattleman's Arena: bull riding, bareback bronc riding, saddle bronc riding, women's professional barrel racing, tie down roping, steer wrestling, team roping and WPRA Junior Barrel Racing. The rodeo is sanctioned by the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) and the Women's Professional Rodeo Association (WPRA).



Hardee County hosts several major annual festivals that celebrate its agricultural roots and pioneer history, along with smaller community events throughout the year.

Hardee County Fair

The Hardee County Fair celebrating the 84th Annual Fair in 2025. Each year they strive to provide good old-fashioned fun with some unique experiences. If you've never been to the Hardee County Fair, you've been missing out! The fair, first and foremost, is all about the kids. We offer a range of livestock exhibitions, pageants, arts & crafts competitions and a citrus program. A large thrilling midway is provided by Arnold Amusements, along with all the fair food you can handle. If fair food isn't your thing, Fair staple, Cowbelle's Kitchen, is located in the Exhibit Hall serving all of your favorites like burgers, fries and hot dogs, plus they feature homemade desserts. ▶



Rotary Watermelon Festival

The Rotary Watermelon Festival in Hardee County is an annual, family-friendly event celebrating local agriculture, typically held at Pioneer Park in Zolfo Springs, FL. The event highlights Florida's agricultural community and is described as offering "Old Florida" vibes. The festival features fresh watermelons, a free car show, local vendors, agriculture demonstrations, games, and entertainment.

Organized by the Rotary Club of Hardee County, the festival is a fundraiser for community projects, particularly supporting veterans through Freedom Flight.



Florida Pioneer Festival

The Florida Pioneer Festival is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to growing roots in our community by preserving heritage, promoting sustainability, and fostering self-reliance.

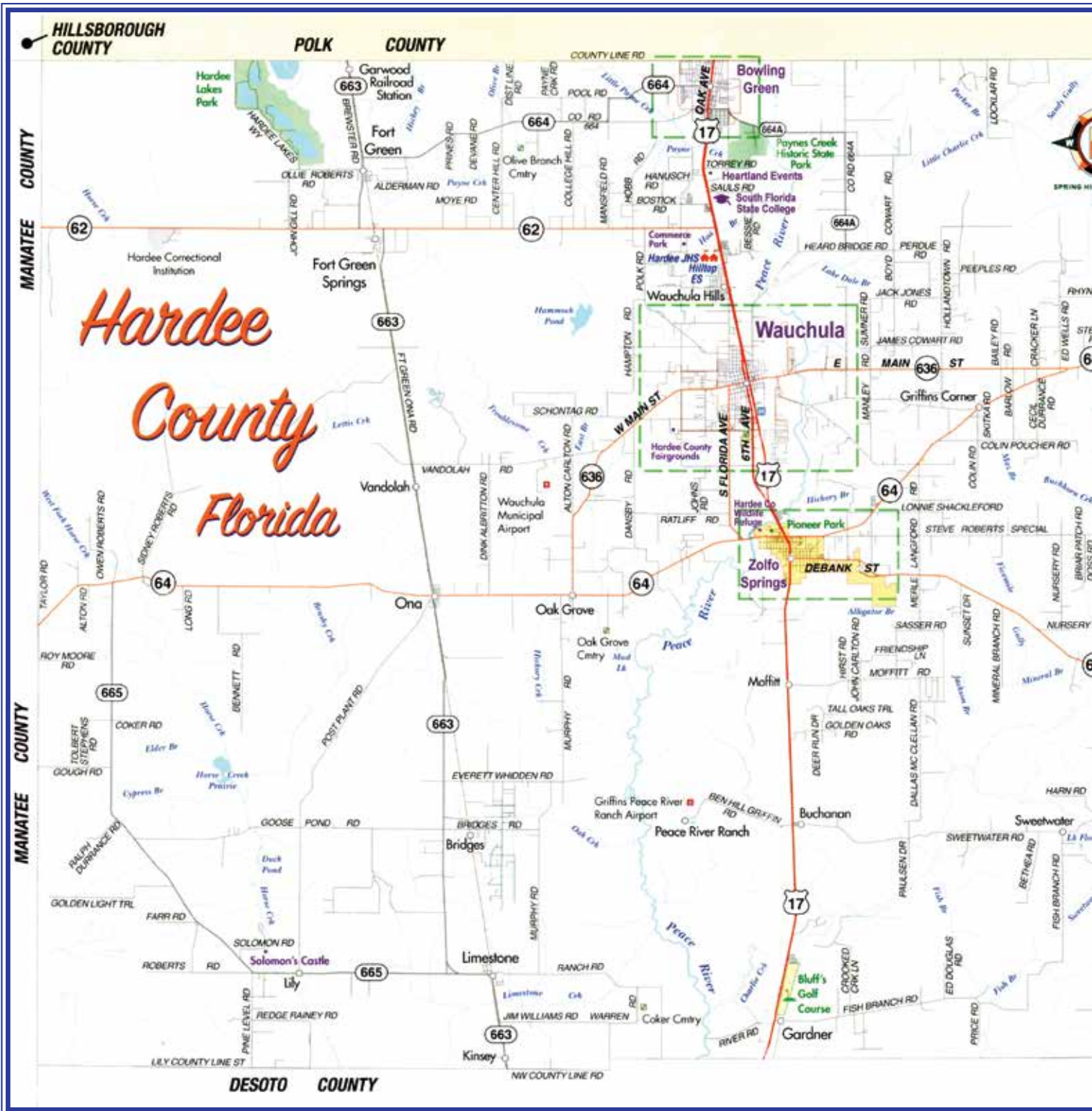
This event is a re-imagining of the beloved Pioneer Park Days of Zolfo Springs, honoring our past while looking toward the future. The two-day festival blends tradition with innovation—featuring live music, hands-on workshops, and two full days of education.

As one of Florida's first major homesteading conferences and festivals, it offers something for everyone—farmers, families, seasoned homesteaders, and those just beginning their journey. With roots in community and self-reliance, the festival provides both practical skills and joyful experiences, bridging generations and creating connections.

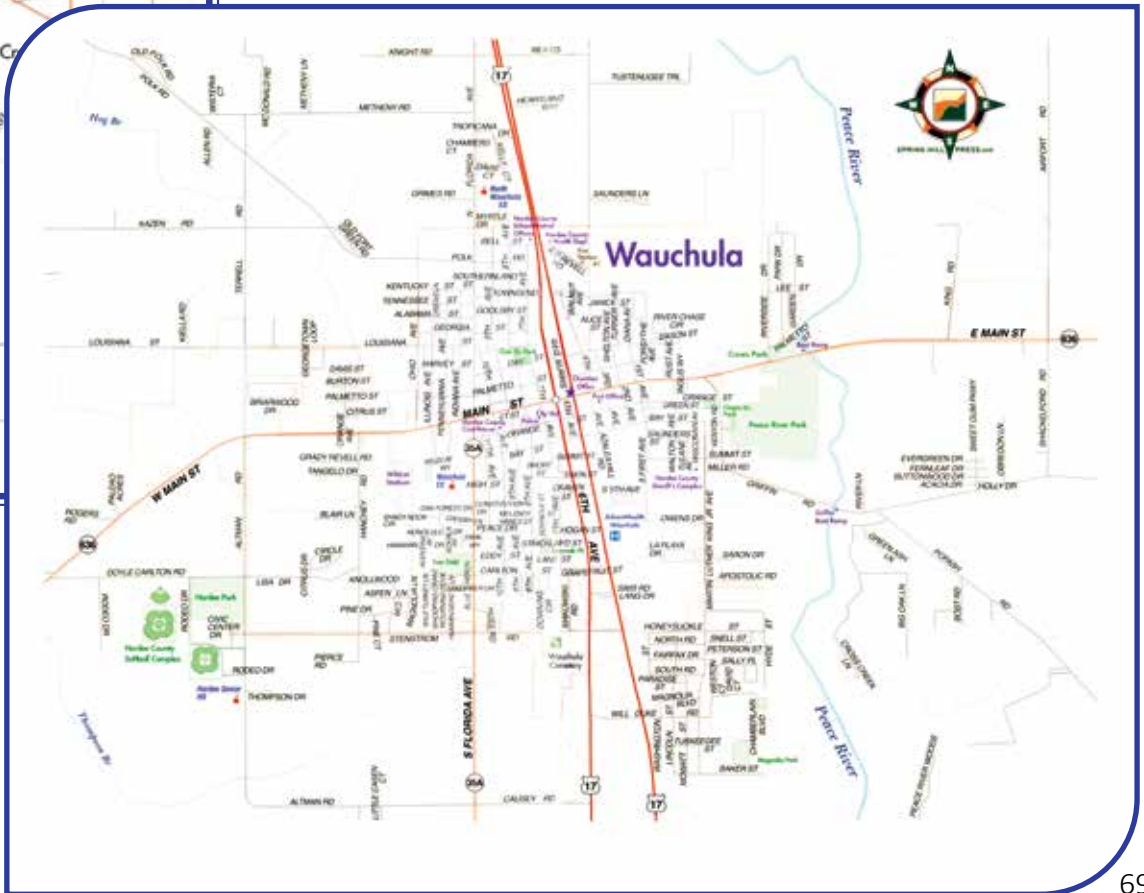
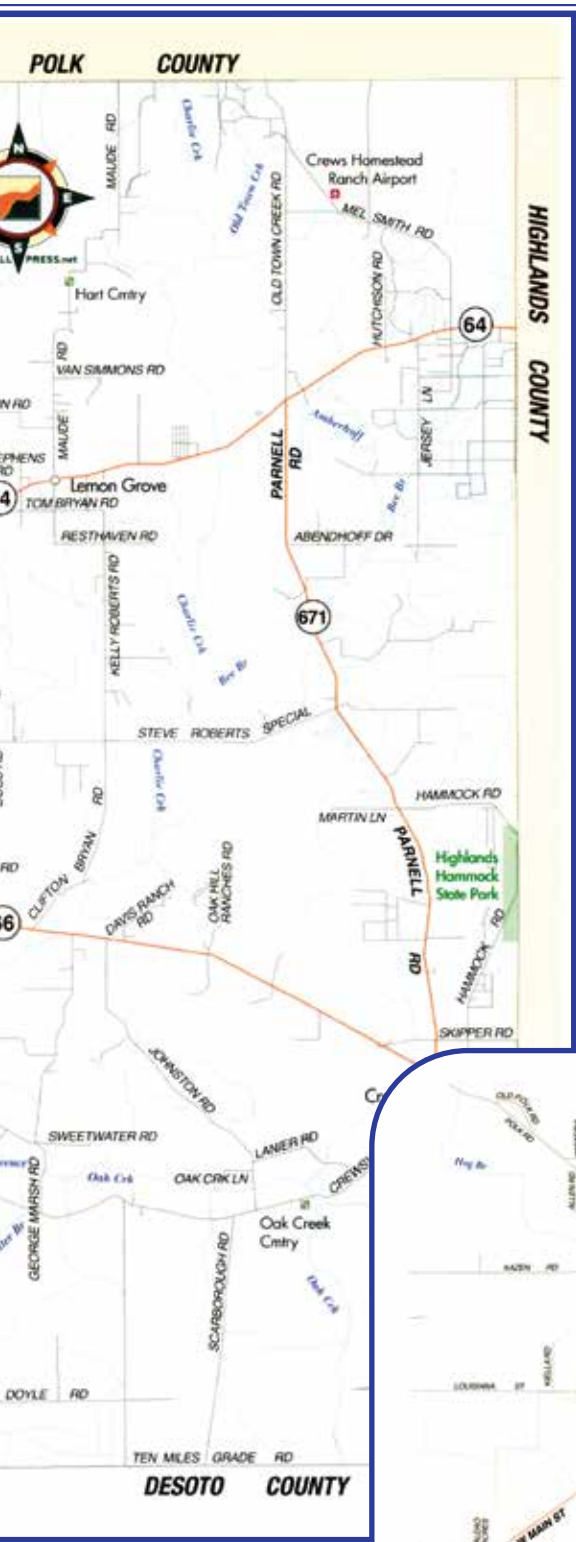
While homesteading gatherings are growing across the country, this is Florida's own design for our climate, our land, and our communities. Together, we'll celebrate time-honored traditions while embracing modern day techniques, offering a uniquely Florida take on this powerful movement. ■



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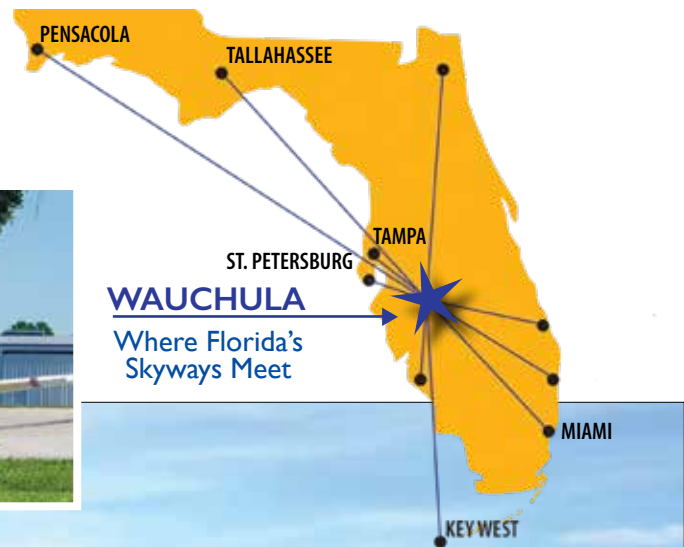
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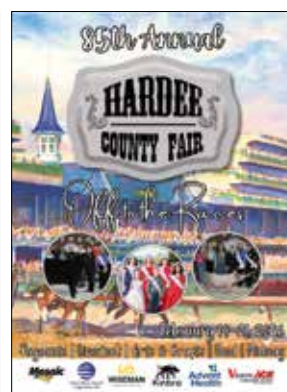
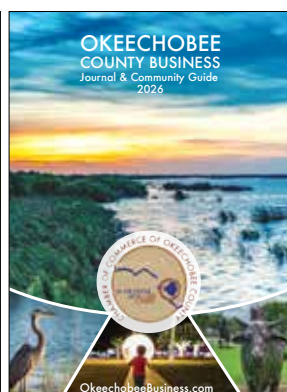
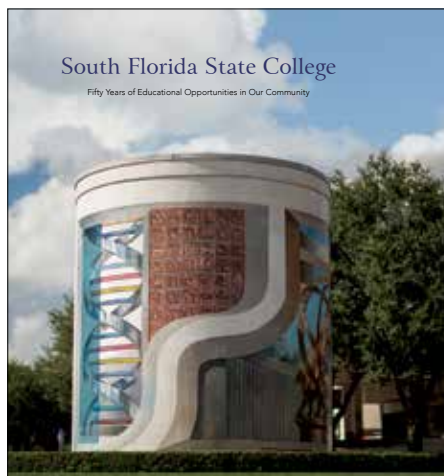
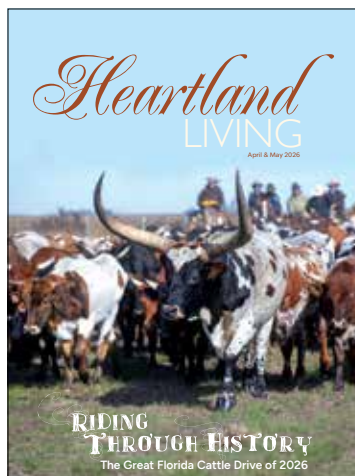
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