

March 24, 2023





Alan Jay Wildstein & The Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce request your presence at the

30th ANNUAL

Scholarship Awards & Recognition Banquet
Thursday, April 13, 2023

Doors Open 11:00 · Lunch 11:30 · Program 12:00

This Is A Giving Event & Includes
Complimentary Lunch
RSVP to attend no later than April 11th
Scan the QR code to RSVP and/or make
your donation in advance



Island View

5223 Sun'n Lake Blvd Sebring, FL 33872

Complimentary Luncheon

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7TH & 8TH 2023 Downtown Sebring

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FRIDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT 6-9PM PET COSTUME CONTEST BUBBLE PARTY

SATURDAY EVENTS INCLUDE A SODA DRINKING CONTEST BANDS, DJ AND MORE! 12PM-9PM

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, CONTACT: 863-385-8448 OR SEBRINGSODAFEST@SEBRING.ORG

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FRIDAY 2PM-9PM
SATURDAY 10AM-9PM
FOR A FULL LIST OF EVENTS &
ENTERTAINMENT LINEUP
VISIT WWW.SEBRINGSODAFEST.COM







Visit our website!

Save the Date for our Annual Banquet & Awards and join us for a night in the MAY 12, 2023 Table Decorating Contest, Silent Auction & Sponsorship Opportunities available Watch the mail for the formal invitation **Elegant Attire Encouraged** Click the button below to see what options we have to be a part of this event!

Click here for more info!

Contact us!

Help us select a Citizen of the Year and Business of the year, which will be announced at our Annual Banquet on May 12th!!

Click on the documents below to open up the form you can turn in!

Email all nomination forms to ceo@sebring.org



2023 "George Hensley Citizen of the Year" Award Application

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must be a Highlands County resident. Chamber members may nominate an individual, including themselves, for consideration. Judging for the "Citizen of the Year" Award will be conducted by the Sebring Chamber Board of Directors and the Annual Banquet Committee.

General Criteria: recognizes an individual for noteworthy accomplishments, contribution to the community and significant community service efforts. The recipient should be someone who's selflessly and consistently done magnificent things for the good of our community.

The last day to apply will be Friday, April 21st, 2023. Applications must be emailed to ceo@sebring.org, faxed to 863-385-8810, or dropped off in a sealed envelope with attention to Tenille Drury-Smith at the Sebring Chamber, 227 US 27 North, Sebring, FL 33870.

The winner(s) of the 2023 "Citizen of the Year" Award for the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce will be recognized at the 2023 Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony on Friday, May 12th, 2023.

Nominator Information (Your Info): Your Name (First & Last Required): Your Phone Number: Nominee Information: Nominee Phone Number: Address: City: State: Zip Code: Reason for Nomination: Community Involvement/Additional Achievements:



2023 Business of the Year Application

To be eligible for consideration, the nominee must be a business and a member in good standing of the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce as of December 31st, 2022, with a minimum of one full year in business. Chamber members may nominate a business, including their own, for consideration. Judging for the "Business of the Year" Award will be conducted by the Sebring Chamber Board of Directors and the Annual Banquet Committee.

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The winner(s) of the 2023 "Business of the Year" Award for the Greater Sebring Chamber of Commerce will be recognized at the Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony on Friday May 12th, 2023.

Your Name (First & Last Required)		
Your Phone Number:	Your Email:	
Nominee Information		
Company Name:		
Primary Contact (Owner or Other):	7	
# of Employees:		
Address:		
		Zip Code:
Company Phone Number:	#2 39	

THERE'S OPPORTUNITY HERE

ELECTRONIC BILLBOARD

- 5 MONTH COMMITTMENT @\$300 A MONTH
- LOCATION: US 27 N COMING INTO SEBRING

LUNCHEON SPONSOR

- THE SEPTEMBER 14TH LUNCHEON BECAME AVAILABLE!
- COST IS \$500 TO SPONSOR



CONTACT PAIGE

863-385-8448 or email events@sebring.org

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A service provided by **QR-Code-Generator**



Our <u>High-C To-Go</u> FaceBook Group is growing thanks to our wonderful members! It's a great way for you to post about what's happening, a great experience you had somewhere, ask for recommendations and more! We'd love for you to invite others and use it to promote anything you have going on! You do not have to be a member of the Sebring Chamber to participate, but our members will be recognized in a special way on the page whenever they post! Please continue to invite others to the page! Check it out!

Thank you to our year round Sponsors!

2023 Chairman Circle Sponsors



















2023 President's Club



















We have placed ALL of our member names into a bowl to draw from every week. New members will be added to the drawing as they join.

On Mondays we will draw

FIVE Members to highlight on Facebook and in the newsletter for the next week!

Your 'highlight' can be ANYTHING you want it to be. It can be promoting a special event, history, a great customer service story you would like to share, etc.

You can send a video (30 sec or less) or flyer (PDF or JPEG format). It must be received no later than the Friday the week before you are set to be highlighted. We will let you know what day you will be highlighted on Facebook

Once everyone has been drawn, we will start over again!

If you are a current member of the Sebring Chamber, you do not need to do anything extra to be included.

Overview of the CareerSource Heartland Region Not Seasonally Adjusted March 13, 2023

- The unemployment rate in the CareerSource Heartland region (DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties) was 3.4 percent in January 2023. This rate was 1.1 percentage points lower than the region's year ago rate of 4.5 percent. The region's January 2023 unemployment rate was 0.8 percentage point above the state rate of 2.6 percent. The labor force was 76,630, down 59 (-0.1 percent) over the year. There were 2,610 unemployed residents in the region.
- Okeechobee County had the lowest unemployment rate (2.7 percent) in the CareerSource Heartland region followed by DeSoto County (3.0 percent), Hardee County (3.3 percent), and Highlands County (3.9 percent).
- Employment by industry in the CareerSource Heartland region totaled 55,458 jobs in September 2022 (the latest available data). CareerSource Heartland region's employment increased by 1,222 jobs (+2.3 percent) over the year.
- The industries gaining jobs over the year were Education and Health Services (+444 jobs);
 Trade, Transportation, and Utilities (+438 jobs);
 Professional and Business Services (+327 jobs);
 Leisure and Hospitality (+83 jobs);
 Financial Activities (+66 jobs);
 and Other Services (+32 jobs).
- The industries losing jobs over the year were Natural Resources and Mining (-119 jobs); Construction (-45 jobs); Information (-20 jobs); Manufacturing (-17 jobs); and Government (-9 jobs).

Sebring Metro Area

- In January 2023, nonagricultural employment in the Sebring MSA was 27,100, an increase of 300 jobs (+1.1 percent) over the year.
- The Government (+2.4 percent) industry grew faster in the metro area than statewide over the year.
- · The Government (+100 jobs) industry gained jobs over the year.

Note: All data are subject to revision.

Source: Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, Bureau of Workforce Statistics and Economic Research.



Where will it be?

Hardee County Chamber of Commerce

Sign-Up for Texts from Us!

We'll text you about upcoming Chamber events, and we're making it easier to RSVP and buy tickets, right on your cell phone. Sign up now! Text Sebring to 844-754-1261



News from Your Fellow Members

Please see the list of links below to view upcoming events, specials & promotions from your fellow members.

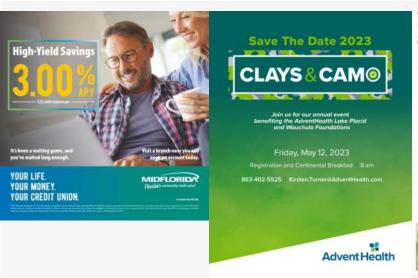
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The emails below were submitted by Chamber members and do not represent the views of the Sebring Chamber of Commerce.

Get Your Information Included In Next Week's Email!

To submit your information to be included in the Friday Email Blast, please email a PDF flyer to admin@sebring.org. Flyer must be received by Wednesday at 3PM preceding the Friday

blast to be included. The flyer must be in PDF format. If a flyer is sent in another format, we will contact you to re-send.







Legally notarize your documents in minutes, starting at \$24.99















KIWANIS NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER LUNCHEON Sponsored by Klwanis Cable of Greater Sebring The Klwanis National Day of Prayer Luncheon to collectine our Prayer will be field Date/Time: May 4, 2023. doors open at 91:30 for Luncheon and Program sharts at Noor Place: First Sebring Church, 126 South Pine Street, Sebring Florida 33870

City, State and Zip:















THE GUESS WHO





BUY YOUR TICKETS: letteral

Attention All Golfers!

The 25th Annual NU-HOPE Elder Care Services Golf Tournament will be held on Suturday, April 22, 2023 at the Pinecrest Golf Club in Avon Park.

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This year's event is presented by Insight Auctioneers, Martz Family Trucking, and Pro Lawn Maintenance. All funds raised will be used locally to enhance services for seniors living in Highlands and Hardee County.

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ution is \$85/player (\$340 per 4-person team) and includes lunch. Spo es are also available.

Entries should be submitted to NU-HOPE Elder Care Services, 3530 Office Park Rd., Sebring FL 33870 no later than April 14, 2023. For more information about services provided by NU-HOPE or this tournament, please contact Debbie Slade at (863) 382-2134.

provided by NU-HOPE or rus tournament, purseconder, con-So 'couse-on-out' and join us for the NU-HOPE Golf Tournament on Saturday, April 22nd. Have fun, enjoy a day of golf and win great prizes, all while helping se to remain independent and vital members of our community!





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The Democrats of Highlands County will hold their General meeting on Monday, March 27th at 6;30pm. All Democrats are invited to meet and greet fellow democrats and participate in a discussion and review of Tuesday's results of the Sebring City Council election, as well preliminary preparation and planning for 2024. Light snacks and beverages available.









2023 SHOW US YOUR SOCKS SHOWDOWN

YES! My company would like i	to purisipate in the SHOW US YOUR SOCKS SHOWDOWN:	
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"Lake Placid"

Friday, March 31 7:30 p.m. Movie Starts HHEAL Show Arena, 4305 Independence St., Avon Park

This event is FREE and open to the public.

Concessions open at 7 p.m. Hot dogs, tater tots, chips, opeorn, drinks, snow cones, candy and other items will be sold by the Aktion Club to benefit Heartland Horses. Special for the night will be Pulled Pork Sandwiches.

No other food and drink items are allowed on the grounds.

Bring your own chair and bug spray.

This is an outdoor covered movie theater. Rain or shine!























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Call or text:

EXHIBIT OPENING TODAY

NEWSLETTER SEBRING HILLS ASSOCIATION MARCH 2023

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ST. PATRICK'S DAY BINGO

Lets are on sale for our St. Patrick's Chiner and Bingo on March 17th, \$30 person (\$25 for members). Does spe-(\$30p. Dinner is at \$6 including comed of and cabbage, dessent, drick, full bingo ki including one of each special. Pyone Westome!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS



PANCAKE BREAKFAST "PLANT SALE - BAKE SALE"

Saturday, 3/4 from 8-10am We have added a PLANT SALE AND BAKE SALE this month. Saturday (1" Saturday each month) problemes, and scrambled eggs with or without cheese, sausage" or bacco"; coffee or juice, \$10 for non-invertees, \$8 for flameters, \$4 for children 10 & under, Children under 3 are FREE, \$1 for cette mest, and, ADC/TRONAL TAKEOUTS FULL, PRICE. Open to the public.



VETERANS COFFEE & DONUTS Wednesday 311 and every Wednesday from 8-16a. Don't forget our new coffee and donuts for letterars to get together and just that and remission. Active and retained military are.

CLUBHOUSE RENTAL

PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR SERRING HILLS SPONSONS: Nope Haves Transford Housing, Quarters for a Cause Securitar's Trach Cores to the Table Breekfast, Grace Food Party.















1st Annual PinWheelz for Kidz Event April 1, 2023 Downtown Sebring on the Circle from 10-1













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