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Chasco Fiesta 1922

Herbert Schlender 1934 - 2016

This April Community News Issue is dedicated to our dear friend Herb.

Spring has sprung and so has CONA. Our snowbirds are going home and we will break for the summer. May 18 will be our last meeting until August 17. Yes, we said August 17!! For those of you that know we don't usually regroup until September will find this to be different. **We are holding a SPECIAL CANDIDATES MEETING as a MEET AND GREET with all of the Pasco County candidates that are running for the upcoming election.** The Primary Election is August 30, 2016. This will be your chance to help make your decisions. A list of Candidates attending August 17 will be posted to our website www.conapasco.org once compiled. Please sign up for e-mail notifications online so that you are up to date with all CONA events, notices and important updates and information that is sent out.

CONA UPCOMING EVENTS:

All meetings are held at the Gulf Harbor's Civic Center, the 3rd Wed. of each month at 9:30 AM

April 20, 2016 – BIG EVENT!!! "Board Certification Course" This event is **FREE to CONA Members! Non-members pay \$15 for the Certification and become a CONA Member.** Refreshments will be provided along with a program booklet. The event sponsors will be at the class to provide you with their company information and some goodies to hand out. **SEATING IS LIMITED PLEASE REGISTER NOW!** To register

for the class please go to www.conapasco.org and click on the Course Registration button. Contact Jessie for assistance: 813-433-2016.

May 18, 2016 – "What's Going on up there in Tallahassee?!" Guest Speaker will be State Representative Amanda Murphy.

THE WEST PASCO ART GUILD

Please be sure to check out their website www.westpascoartguildandgallery.org to see the upcoming schedule for the new year.

NEW PORT RICHEY

Chasco Fiesta - April 1 thru April 9 Downtown New Port Richey. This nine day festival offers entertainment and fun for the entire family. Chasco Fiesta plays host to many activities that benefit 30 non-for profit organizations in the local area. Events include, a Coronation Ball, a World Record Beef Barbecue, 9 days of entertainment culminating with a concert featuring popular country music artists, a street carnival and a parade, Native American arts and crafts show, golf, softball and bowling tournaments, a flea market and one of the oldest boat parades in the State of Florida!!!

THE PICTURE ABOVE IS GREAT ^

The very first Chasco Fiesta, celebrated in 1922. The caption written on the back of the photo is: "Some of the 'Tribe of the Calusas' who took part in the crowning of the first Queen of the first Chasco Fiesta, March 2, 3, 4, 1922. Big Chief Preetorius and his 'squaw' in center."

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Chasco Fiesta Schedule of Events: April 1 - 9

Friday, 1	Carnival, Sertoma BBQ, Pow Wow, Coronation Ball
Saturday, 2	Carnival, Sertoma BBQ, Pow Wow, Coronation Ball, Chasco Market, Children's Village, Main St. Mile, Street Parade
Sunday, 3	Carnival, Sertoma BBQ, Pow Wow, Chasco Market, Car Truck & Bike Show
Monday, 4	Carnival
Tuesday, 5	Carnival, Bowling Tournament
Wednesday, 6	Carnival
Thursday, 7	Carnival
Friday, 8	Carnival, Sertoma BBQ, Golf Tournament
Saturday, 9	Carnival, Sertoma BBQ, Special Olympics, 5k Fun Run, Softball Tourney, Chalk Art Fest, Board Parade, Sertoma Drawing

Thank you!

We would like to thank our list of sponsors for their generous donation to fund our Board Certification Course held on Wednesday, April 20th at 9:30 AM.

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Don't forget about the new MyPasco app. What a great tool to have on hand. You can download it from your App store or your Google Play Store. Some of the features include notifications to your smart phone, report an issue, announcements, PCPT info, National Weather Service alerts, local traffic info and many more!

FGUA Meeting Recap

Matt Riis, Steve Spratt and Flip Mellinger who represent Florida Governmental Utility Authority. Matt spoke about FGUA, explained rates which were determined prior to acquisition including improvements and maintenance, sewer consumption and reclaimed water. He spoke of public hearings that were held. The funds necessary came from 30 year bonds which are being paid off. Questions and answers were ongoing during the presentation. Individuals with questions regarding costs and other information should go to the web site www.fgua.com or call the Pasco County Customer Service Office at 727-372-0115.

Cutting Edge Technology For the Pasco County Public Safety Radio System - Pasco County 360 News---

The Pasco County Board of County Commissioners approved a new multi-million dollar contract to upgrade Pasco County's public safety radio system. The move has provided for a complete overhaul of Pasco County's public safety radio system which will support critical communications for Pasco County Fire Rescue, the Pasco County Sheriff's Office, the Pasco

County Office of Emergency Management and others. The improvements will allow the County to expand radio coverage and create seamless communication among all County agencies. "Pasco County Public Safety is taking a major step forward in digital communications technology," said Todd J. Bayley, Chief Information officer, Pasco County. "One of the great advantages of this system is it will provide more efficient, secure communications among local, County and State partners."

A contract has been signed with Williams Communications, Inc., which has partnered with Harris Corporation- a Florida-based company experienced in solving mission-critical challenges. Together they comprise a team that has the knowledge and experience to manage, maintain, and support the Pasco County radio system. This is another example of "Penny for Pasco" at work. The citizens of Pasco approved the surtax on November 6, 2012 to be used, in part, for public safety improvements.

2016 Pasco County OEM Hurricane Expo set for April 23rd

PASCO COUNTY, FL --- Pasco County's Office of Emergency Management is hosting the 2016 Hurricane Expo as a featured event of the Annual Cotee River Seafest. The Hurricane Expo will be held Saturday, April 23rd from 10:00- 5:00 p.m. in downtown New Port Richey's Sims Park.

The 2016 Hurricane Expo will provide property and life-saving information, in a fun, upbeat environment designed for the whole family to enjoy. Watch live drone demonstrations and then take the controls. Pick up your copy of the 2016 Disaster Planning Guide. Children can also take part in our 'Get Ready. Set. Go! Scavenger Hunt' - while parents talk with area experts about all types of hazard preparedness.

The 2016 Hurricane Expo offers residents the perfect opportunity to find out how to be ready for an emergency. Bay News 9 Meteorologist Juli Marquez will be on hand to answer weather-related questions. Representatives from the American Red Cross, the Salvation Army, and the United Way will also be providing information about their role in emergency readiness, response and recovery.

Local government agencies will have experts available to talk about planning for your pets, flood protection for homes and businesses, how to register family members with special needs for evacuation assistance and how to become more involved. Local businesses and vendors will also be available to provide information and advice.

The 2016 Hurricane Expo is also a chance for you to meet your new Pasco County Emergency Management Director, Kevin Guthrie. "This is a great way to educate and protect yourself and your family," said Guthrie. "Stop by, have fun and chat with our experts."

General Hospital premiered on ABC-TV April 1, 1963

Ponce De Leon discovered Florida April 2, 1513

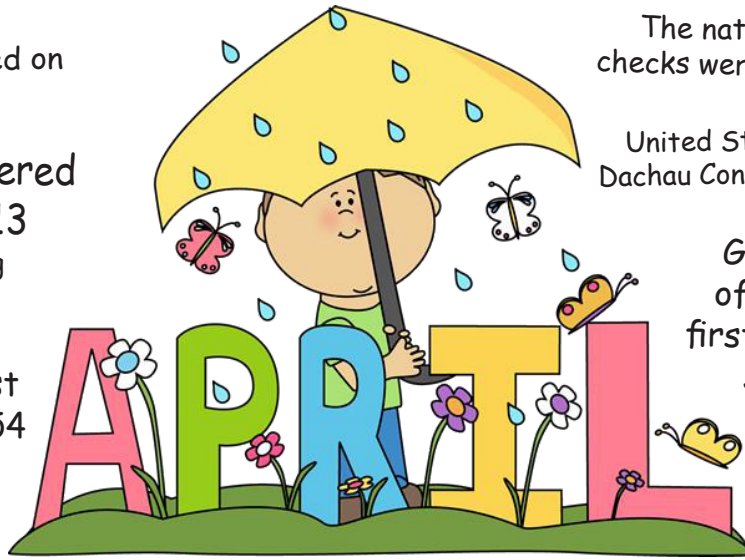
The Titanic struck an iceberg April 15, 1912

Hank Aaron hit his first home run, April 23, 1954

The nation's first Social Security checks were distributed April 27, 1937

United States forces freed 32,000 at Dachau Concentration Camp April 29, 1945

George Washington took office in New York as the first President of the United States April 30, 1789



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		CONA BOARD MEETING @ 9AM				
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			CONA MEETING 9:30 AT THE GULF HARBORS CIVIC CENTER	ANNUAL COTEE RIVER SEA FEST 21 - 23	Earth Day	
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