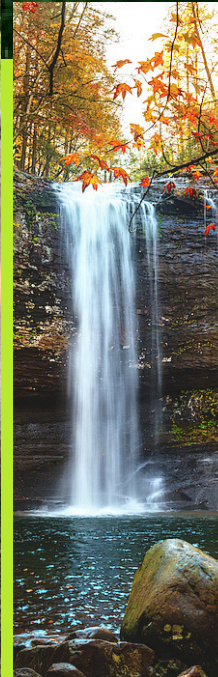
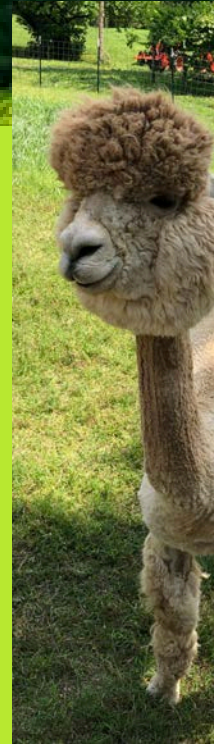


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HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ What is National Small Business Week?
- ✓ Business Valuations: How to Increase Your Business's Worth
- ✓ Investor Shining A Light
- ✓ Job Postings

Welcome to the next edition of Alliance Builder a bi-monthly newsletter of the Alliance for Dade, your chamber of commerce and welcome center. This newsletter will feature news and happenings in and around Dade County. If you have a article or flyer that you would like to share with the community, please feel free to submit it to the Alliance office. Deadline for submissions for the next newsletter will be May 12, 2026.

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National Small Business Week is a time to uplift local businesses that fuel our economy. This guide shows how to celebrate, take part in events, and support your local businesses.



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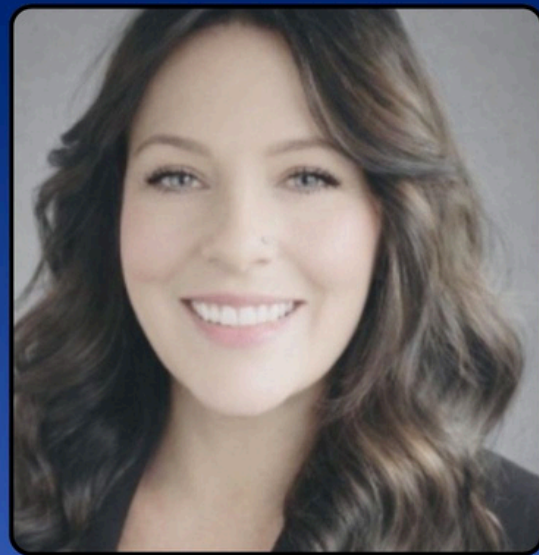
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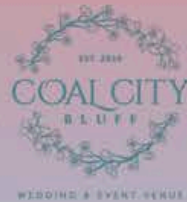
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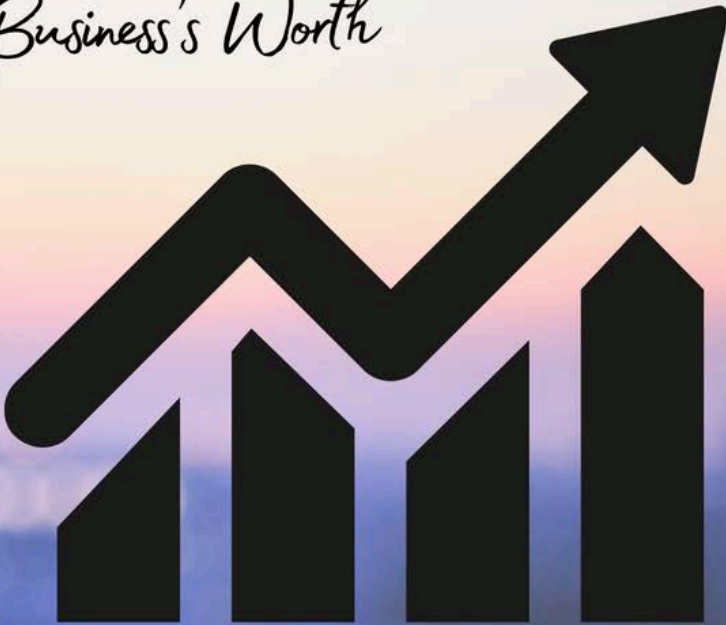
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Business valuation involves assessing assets, liabilities and other elements of a business to determine its worth. In this guide, learn how to improve your company's value, which is especially important if you are planning to sell the business. Discover practical advice on how your business valuation affects your retirement planning.



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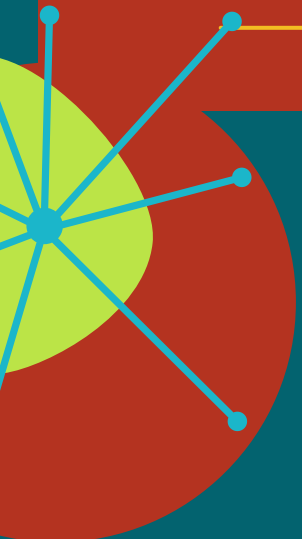
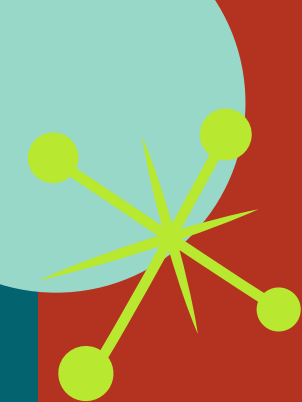
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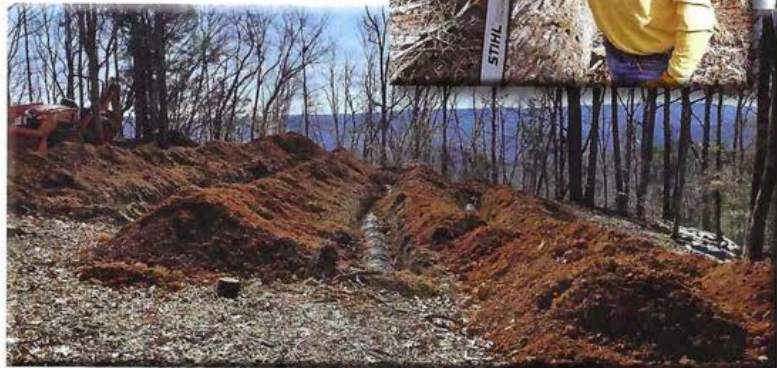
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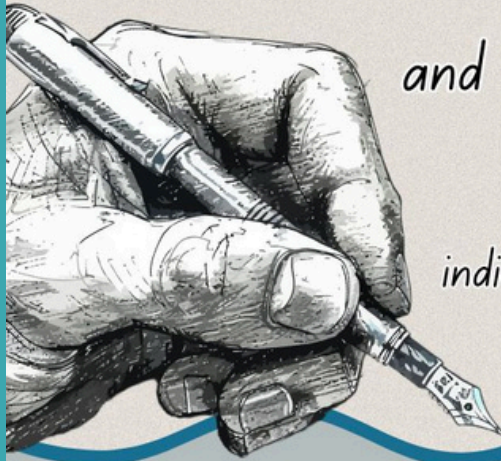
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