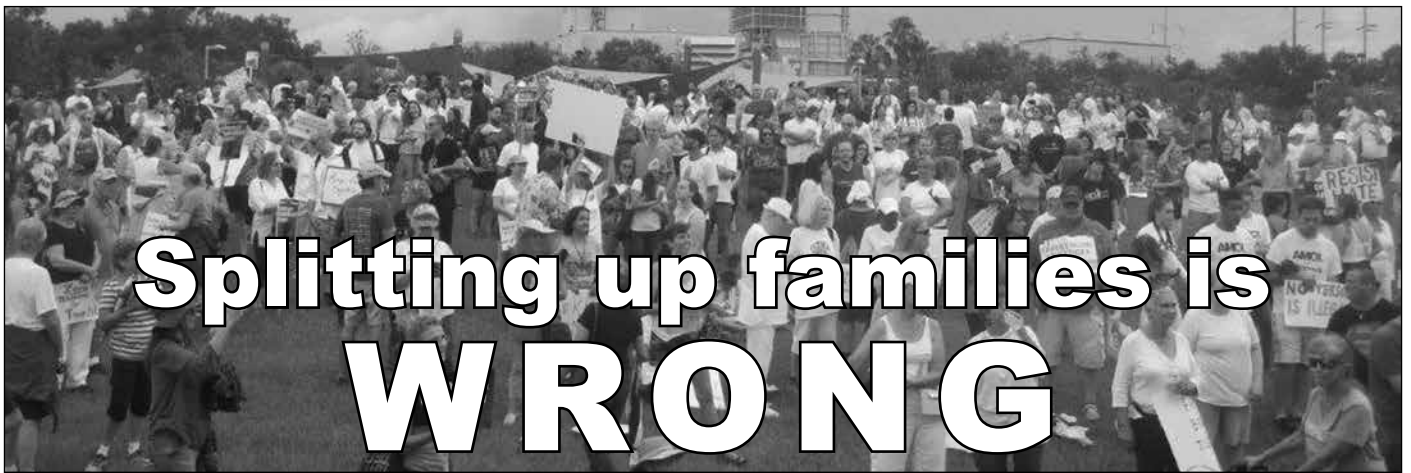


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Hundreds of protesters in Gainesville participated in the local "Families Belong Together" march that took place nationwide on Saturday, June 30, protesting the splitting up of immigrant parents and children at the Mexico/US border. Starting at City Hall and marching to Depot Park, participants held signs reading "I care, do u?," "Donald Trump: Child Abuser," "Families Belong Together," "Reunite the Children," and "Abolish ICE." (See a statement from Mayor Poe on page 21.) Photo by Joe Courter.



This cartoon by longtime editorial cartoonist Rob Rogers was his last before he was fired in June from his staff position at the Pittsburgh Post Gazette.

Post Gazette Publisher and Editor-in-Chief John Block says Rogers was "too angry for his health or his own good" and cited his obses-

sion with President Donald Trump as evidence. His firing illustrates serious issues over freedom of expression and freedom of the press.

Read a great op-ed on Rogers' firing at <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/opinion/editorial-cartoons/kevin-siers/article213601094.html>. 🐘

Primary Election August 28

by Joe Courter

First understand that unless you are registered as a Democrat you will have no choice in the partisan State and County races. It is the way our system works.

Voting is math, be strategic. You have until July 30 to change. But the primaries are where idealism can shine, about who can fight for what you believe in. Use your voice.

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The Gainesville chapter of National Women's Liberation pickets in front of local fake clinic, Sira Crisis Pregnancy Center, to warn the community that it misleads and coerces women using medically inaccurate "counseling."

State, federal government continues to support fake clinics

Event: NWL's General Meeting
Where: 200 NE 1st St, suite 201
When: Tuesday, July 10, 6:30 p.m.

by Keri Audette

On June 27, SCOTUS ruled that Crisis Pregnancy Centers (CPCs) no longer have to disclose to their patrons that they are not licensed medical facilities and will retain the ability to mislead women regarding the services they provide.

The case, National Institute of Family and Life Advocates (NIFLA) v. Becerra, was decided on a 5-4 vote, citing First

Amendment rights as grounds for overturning a California law requiring CPCs to post notices that free or low cost abortion, birth control, and prenatal services are available through state programs.

In February of this year, Florida legislators in Tallahassee voted to legitimize CPCs by requiring that the Florida Department of Health contract with CPC parent organization, the Florida Pregnancy Care Network. They will now have a direct line of funding that they can use to continue spreading misinformation and to coerce women using medically inaccurate "counseling."

Additionally, CPCs will now be able to

tout the Florida Department of Health logo on advertisements and signage, further confusing women seeking medical resources, with the dangerous potential of delaying needed health care.

While this news does not bode well for reproductive rights, the Gainesville chapter of National Women's Liberation (NWL) continues to spread the truth about CPCs locally.

Since August of 2017, NWL has held three protests outside of local fake clinic, Sira, on NW 13th Street in Gainesville.

NWL plans to continue warning the community and expose CPCs for what they are - centers intent on misleading women.

Self-identified women of all races are invited to NWL's next general meeting, to be held Tuesday, July 10 at 200 NE 1st St., suite 201 (enter through downstairs garage) at 6:30 p.m.

Come out to help fight male supremacy and gain more freedom for women! Learn more at www.womensliberation.org.

"I consider abortion to be a deeply personal and intimate issue for women and I don't believe male legislators should even vote on the issue."

-Alan K. Simpson
 former Republican Senator
 from Wyoming

Editors' picks: News that didn't fit

🐞 **Do Americans know how much trouble they're in?** by Umair Haque
Why America is at a crossroads in history – and there might not be any way back to normal, sane, or civilized.

<https://eand.co/do-americans-know-how-much-trouble-theyre-in-78e8ef00d53c>

🐞 **U.S. foreign policy created the immigration crisis** by Mark Tseng-Putterman
A history of American intervention shows how asylum seekers inherited this problem.

<https://medium.com/s/story/timeline-us-intervention-central-america-a9bea9ebc148>

🐞 **This is how Republicans used to talk about immigrants** from a 1980 League of Women Voters presidential forum (2:33 minute video)

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<https://www.facebook.com/NowThisPolitics/videos/2119400458091433/UzpfSTEyNzA0NjMxNDQ6MTAyMTYyMjc0MTQwOTkyODU/>

🐞 **The Biggest Lesson from Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez's Win? Run on Democratic Socialism** by Miles Kampf-Lassin

The 28-year-old Latina from New York – a former organizer for Bernie Sanders – scored the biggest upset of 2018 by rejecting Democratic Party orthodoxy and running for the US Senate on a laser-focused message of economic justice.

http://inthesetimes.com/article/21247/alexandria_ocasio_cortez_democratic_socialism_crowley_new_york_upset_2018

From the publisher ...

Take heart, the Resistance is alive

Writing this Publisher's Note is a task I have had in the back of my mind for weeks. It been kinda stewing around amorphous amid all the content from NPR, Democracy Now!, the multitude of internet news links from friends, and sites like Commondreams.org, the Gainesville Sun, The New Yorker, and many conversations and life experiences.

So two nights ago I wrote one, kinda dark and negative, what with Supreme Court decisions against unions and abortion rights, the Justice Kennedy resignation, children being isolated from their parents and used as bargaining chips as well as the other horrors oozing out of the Trump administration, Carl Hiassen's brother and other newspaper staffers killed by yet another misogynistic maladjusted alt-right guy with a gun, yet another young black man killed by a trigger happy cop, continuing wars in remote places and then the announcement of "The Space Force," a new arms race in the sky.

Yikes, I think many of us were pretty down.

That Publisher's Note asked what it felt like to be a sensible person in the time of slavery, or the rise of the Nazis, or of the slaughter of Native Americans. My thought was that it felt like right then – kinda helpless if thought about – but mostly just carrying on with life.

That Publisher's Note went in the cyber trash can last night. Yesterday I went to the Families Belong Together March and Rally in Gainesville, one of many hundreds of similar events across the country. It was stunning. As the mass of people filtered out from the City Hall Plaza, crossed University Avenue and walked South to the Depot Park Bandshell, it stretched the entire length of South Main, and I don't mean single file; it was a mass of folks. Motivated, positive and righteously opposed to the tearing apart of families.

Following some music as the crowd arrived, there were speakers talking about the active resistance that is happening, lawyers involved in helping immigrants and the increasing hurdles people face. Madres Sin Fronteras told about their direct work with immigrants in crisis. We heard from a local sanctuary church, Westminster Presbyterian. A pediatrician talked about the effects of trauma on children. Voter registration was being encouraged, various organizations were tabling. A statement by Mayor Lauren Poe was read by Commissioners Harvey Ward, Gail Johnson and Helen Warren (and printed on page 21). The event itself was organized by Indivisible Gainesville, which burst into being after the election of Trump and now boasts over 2,300 members.

What I saw yesterday tells me that the Resistance is still out there, all over the country. That rally did not occur because of newspapers or radio publicity – it was people using the new media opportunities to become informed, involved.

Being better informed may mean altering our news intake, seeking out better sources and prioritizing them. Organizing and educating and building solidarity among our fellow citizens is happening. Joining organizations is happening, working together and supporting leadership and experience while mentoring new people to the movement and hearing and respecting their perspectives.

Cheers to the youth from Marjorie Stoneman Douglas. Cheers to the teachers nationwide organizing for decent pay and working conditions. Cheers to the pipeline protesters and and prison abolitionists. Cheers to the anti-racist organizers and Women's Liberationists. Cheers to the fighters and allies of the LGBTQ movement. Cheers to the movement for higher wages and universal healthcare.

Hell yes we vote, but we can also support and work for candidates to multiply our electoral impact.

And damn it, don't let the bastards grind you down down like I was feeling a few days ago. Take care of yourself and those around you; we sensible and compassionate people all need each other for the long haul. 🐞



Joe Courter

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From the sunflower to the sunshine state, solidarity still sings

A report on the radical roots of the Kansas Poor People's Campaign

by Kimberly Hunter

"O home, home on the range, where the deer and the antelope play," echoed down the halls of the capitol building in Topeka, as the Poor People's Campaign (PPC) made its way to Kansas Governor Jeff Colyer's door, knocked, and - after receiving no answer - sat down.

"O Kansas is the land where folks lend a hand, porque juntos estamos aquí; where we open our doors and empower the poor, 'cause Kansas was meant to be free," continued their state song - recently rewritten by Ana Marcela Maldonado Morales, a Kansas proud of her Guatemalan heritage.

Within minutes, though neither the governor was present nor the legislature in session, capitol police began shouting, "No singing in the capitol!" and forcibly escorted the choir outside and locked the doors behind them.

That Monday afternoon, June 4, marked week four of 40 Days of Moral Action, a national relaunch of the PPC originally begun in 1968 by Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Before his assassination, King began organizing a coalition to win economic justice by opposing poverty, systemic racism, and the war economy. Fifty years later, the new PPC is not only still intersectional, rooted in faith communities, led by people of color, and aiming for those same goals, but it is also actively opposing environmental degradation.

Building from the recent Moral Mondays Movement, the new PPC's 40 day strategy called for coordinated, nonviolent, direct actions at state capitols across the nation every Monday for six weeks.

And week four of the relaunch specifically called for health justice, linking people's access to affordable health care

with stewardship of the Earth's natural resources. Thus a few hours after capitol police disrupted the Kansas rally, sixteen singers were sitting in jail because they had refused to move. Police held two of them overnight. One of these, Kansas City environmentalist Katie Green, reflected after her release:

"Being in jail made me aware of freedoms I didn't even know I had... For example, the freedom to sleep in the dark. Who knew they always keep a light on in jail cells?... And using the toilet... I shared a cell with three other women, and the toilet could only flush once every 30 minutes. But we made the best of it by waiting to take a dump until the officer entered our cell for the head count. 'Cuz even in jail you have to protest when you can, right?'"

Unlike her cell mates who could neither post bail nor access a special lawyer, Green was released the next morning.

Her crime? Misdemeanor criminal trespassing. Her victim? The Kansas State Capitol.

Kansas law gave "victim" status to a statehouse bought and built by taxpayers and then issued a restraining order against those taxpayers, prohibiting them from entering it.

Meanwhile, no boss or landlord was charged with extortion when a Kansan was forced to work 79 hours a week to afford a market-rate, 2-bedroom apartment. Likewise, no law enforcement officer shouted "no taxation without representation" when undocumented immigrants in Kansas were denied the right to vote after contributing \$67,843,000 in income taxes last year. So the PPC choir returned the following Monday and continued to sing:

"O give me a place that is loving and safe, a beautiful sanctuary. May I be there for you, y tu para mi, and together we'll fight fearlessly."

But those lyrics were not mere words; they sowed seeds that have sprouted solidarity. In Kansas, the PPC now includes Veterans for Peace (though it cannot yet rival the Gainesville VFP's peace scholarship program); Food not Bombs; CAIR; SURJ; Indivisible; DREAM Activists; Black Lives Matter; low-wage workers; disability rights groups; LGBTQIA and mental health care advocates; unions like National Nurses United; and individuals from First Nation, Jewish, Muslim, Christian, Unitarian, pagan, atheist, feminist,



Protestors from the Poor People's Campaign picket the Kansas state capitol. The PPC strategy calls for coordinated, nonviolent, direct actions at state capitols across the nation every Monday for six weeks. Photo by Kimberly Hunter.

socialist, and anarchist traditions.

In Kansas, people are remembering their state's radical roots and showing up for each other again. Sometimes support has been as simple as providing food, carpools, and child care; other times it has required a 3:45 a.m. drive to the local ICE detention center, raising funds for Black Mama's Bailout, or helping a Black Panther elder escape a predatory loan and pay her utility bill.

In Kansas, whatever the need, neighbors will sing: "People flocked here one time on their last nickel and dime, to fight for the slaves to be free. To the stars we will rise with no compromise, to continue our rich legacy."

In Kansas and across the United States, the PPC is bringing back movement

music, using personal testimony as consciousness raising, and teaching youth about people's history heroines like immigrant labor organizer Dolores Huerta and historically effective campaigns like strikes, boycotts and nonviolent, coordinated, civil disobedience.

In fact, if the Sunshine State squints and leans west, it might glimpse strong, stubborn stalks from the Sunflower State swaying in the breeze, singing: "Where the people are kind, pay hatred no mind, en la tierra de mi corazón. The Heartland is vast with a message that lasts, which is, 'Viva, la revolución!'"

To find out what's next for the Poor People's Campaign and connect with a state chapter, visit www.poorpeoplescampaign.org.

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Labor Notes Conference renews, inspires attendees

By Jason Fults,
Board Member of the Alachua County
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For the first time in the ten years that I've been a member, the Alachua County Labor Coalition sponsored two people to attend this year's Labor Notes conference.

ACLC Coordinator Tim Tia and I made the trek to chilly Chicago to attend the April conference together, both first-timers, along with several ACLC veterans such as Lauren Byers, Candi Churchill, Mark Piotrowski and Joe Richard.

Candi felt it was important enough that we attend that she made an extra contribution to help cover our costs, and Mark put Tim and I up in his hotel room. I thoroughly enjoyed the rousing event and am optimistic that it will become a biennial tradition and that more ACLC members will attend in the future.

While I've attended many progressive political conferences, Labor Notes was undoubtedly one of the most moving. Each day of the conference ended with a ple-

nary that featured dynamic, get-you-off-your-feet-and-hollerin' speakers such as:

- Al Russo, a Communications Workers Vice President who led the CWA 1101 local in their successful contract fight against Verizon. Russo reiterated how important it was that groups (like the Labor Coalition!) led solidarity pickets across the East Coast.
- Roz Pelles from the Poor People's Campaign, who introduced a video appearance by Reverend Williams Barber and gave one of the most fiery speeches of the entire conference.
- Representatives from the West Virginia teachers' strike.
- And Mercedes Martinez of the Puerto Rican Teachers Federation, who discussed the devastating impacts of Hurricane Maria, ongoing efforts to undermine PR's education system, and the brave fight-back led by the Teachers Federation.

Each of these speakers detailed important and inspiring fights taking place within

communities, within their own unions, and within the broader economy in support of worker power and economic justice. They were the perfect way to round off days filled with informative, nuts and bolts workshops where we learned about everything from long-term trends in the economy to how to build membership in our locals and how to bargain a stronger contract.

I attended a highly interactive and discussion-based CWA-sponsored workshop called "Reversing Runaway Inequality" that I would very much like to bring to our community. No stranger to wealth inequality, I still learned a lot from this workshop and it helped frame other discussions I took part in, such as "Roots of the Public Sector Budget Crisis," "Community Labor Alliances," and a panel on student-labor activism.

I also appreciated the strong presence and emphasis on education workers and attended numerous education-focused workshops where I learned a variety of strategies and insights that will be useful in my own workplace. While most of the confer-

ence attendees hailed from parts of the U.S. with much higher union density, some of my favorite speakers and panelists were southerners who had managed to build vibrant locals even in the face of "right-to-work" laws and a culture unfriendly to unions. The conference also featured musical performances and film screenings, such as the new MLK documentary "At the River I Stand," which had to be rescreened in a larger venue because of overflow crowds.

I left Labor Notes feeling renewed and inspired to get back to work. I met unsung heroes who have fought for decades to build their unions and a militant, resilient labor movement as well as folks like myself who are relative newbies to organized labor.

But what impressed me most was the diversity of attendees and the sense of solidarity that ran throughout the conference. I heard very little posturing so common at large, progressive gatherings. Instead, people cheered support and congrats for each other at the slightest provocation, and when disagreements were expressed or probing questions posed, it felt very much in the spirit of comradeship and genuine interest in building a stronger labor movement.

The closing moments of the conference found me in an auditorium filled with hundreds of people, holding hands with some fella I'd never met and singing "Solidarity Forever." When the song finished, he embraced me and said "Safe travels, brother."

That moment encapsulated the familial sensation that ran throughout the conference, and I left hoping that I will be fortunate enough to make it back in 2020, and that the visions and struggles that were so beautifully articulated throughout Labor Notes will be closer to fruition. ✨



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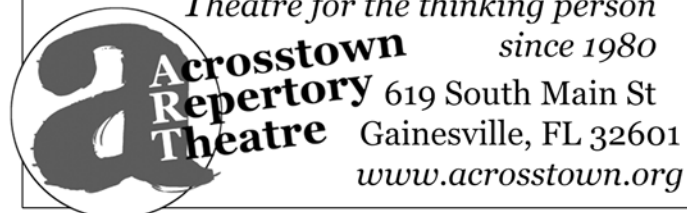
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Phosphate mining plans, citizen input in the sunshine

by Carol Mosley

HPSII, a small group of families with vast land holdings in Bradford and Union Counties, intend to mine thousands of acres straddling the New River that runs into the Santa Fe River, for phosphate rock. The rock will be shipped by rail to some other unfortunate town for processing.

While Union County, under moratorium from mining, updates their Land Development Regulations (LDRs) and Comprehensive Plan, Bradford County is unwisely collaborating with the mining company and an "independent" consulting firm (paid for by HPS) to determine if the preliminary plan submitted fits Bradford's minimal LDRs.

Bradford did NOT enact a moratorium, and has been bound and gagged for the last two years. So this collaboration is a desperate attempt at breaking inaction. And the small county of Union has been faced with legal challenges from HPS that make it a David and Goliath fight.

Meanwhile, local interest groups and Alachua County officials are working to support Union in their brave attempt to protect the county's resources and trying to help Bradford Commissioners see the deceptive manipulation they've been subjected to.

Between the various environmental advocacy groups they've submitted thousands of petition signatures, gotten Resolutions from most nearby cities and towns, pre-

pared a professional geologist's report on the process, met with the DEP in Tally, and even transcribed commission meetings and summarized communications from official documents requests. But still, the Bradford Commission seems to ignore evidence presented by the public and sees collaboration with Alachua County as prejudicial.

So the latest tack to help Bradford come to their senses has been to prepare notebooks for each commissioner and the County Clerk (making them public) that point out the deceptions of HPS representatives, the inappropriate coziness between "the county's" consultants and the miners, and using their own Comp plan to point out their noncompliance with their own rules.

There have even been calls for Bradford to seek outside legal counsel instead of taking the advice of their in house attorney.

Bridges Across Borders is focusing on

helping Bradford to operate in the world of reality by presenting them with evidence.

Our commissioners have been hoodwinked and blindfolded and we need to open their eyes to how they can actually follow their own guidelines and not climb in bed with HPS. They should tell HPS to go answer the questions that the DEP has been waiting for since December 2017, and don't bother either county until they get through that agency.

Let HPS hire whomever they want to get the DEP answers and give Bradford an Environmental Impact Statement, but Bradford does not need to be involved with that.

Most importantly, Objective V.3 of the Bradford Comp Plan says that the County will "Establish a process by which adjacent local governments, other governmental agencies, and research and interest groups have input into the identification and preservation of unique vegetative communities."

So your mission, if you are a member of one of the groups above, is to help gather evidence and research so that bad decisions can't be made using the excuse of lack of information. Let's peel off their layers of cover until they are standing naked with only the sheer brocade spun of their own deceptions.

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Celebrate Medicare with Alachua County Labor Coalition

Event: Medicare Birthday Party
Where: Working Food, 219 NW 10th Ave.
When: Saturday, July 28, 5-7 p.m.

by Chad Hood

Each July, the Alachua County Labor Coalition celebrates Medicare, one of the greatest public health triumphs of the 20th century, with a birthday party.

Join us on Saturday, July 28, from 5 to 7 p.m. for cake, food/refreshments, and shared testimony about improving and expanding Medicare to all residents. This year's celebration will be at Working Food in Gainesville at 219 NW 10th Ave.

The celebration is particularly jubilant this year in light of ACLC's partnership with a new **Medicare For All** national campaign dedicated to making single-payer health care a political reality. The campaign is funding activists in key states around the country to strengthen a grassroots movement specifically for a single-payer system.

The group is sponsored by long-time supportive organizations like National Nurses United in partnership with other groups like Healthcare-NOW.

Experienced and passionate activists will be working in battleground states with

a unified strategy – to build outrage and support for a national health care system that covers everyone while simultaneously saving billions of dollars.

Future events will be coordinated around national Medicare For All days of action. These activities will eventually build toward asking residents and politicians alike to take a public stance on Medicare for All. This will inform and empower the citizenry to demand single-payer as an election-defining issue in 2020.

As a long-time single-payer supporter myself, I am energized and excited by this news. Senator Bernie Sanders bolstered single-payer as a realistic possibility in the popular press.

Fueled by paid organizers working around the country specifically on this issue, we are building a realistic road map to single-payer. It's time to spread the word about Medicare for All as the true moral and financial solution.

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- Thu. July 5: Poetry Jam Open Mic Night @8pm
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Sat. July 7: Community Meditation @9am
Mon. July 9: Movie Monday: "Dr. Strangelove or: How to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb" @7pm
Tue. July 10: IWOC Meeting @6pm
Thu. July 12: Poetry Jam Open Mic Night @8pm
Fri. July 13: Connect The Dots Friday 13th Live Show @9pm
Sat. July 14: Community Meditation @9am
Sat. July 14: Sustaining Wellness Workshop @10:30am
Mon. July 16: Movie Monday with the Humanist Society: "Human Flow" @7pm
Tue. July 17: Vegan Potluck + Queer Movie Night Presenting "Tangerine" @6pm
Wed. July 18: Now, You Talk Communication Workshop @6pm
Thu. July 19: Poetry Jam Open Mic Night @8pm
Fri. July 20: Connect The Dots Live Music @10pm
Sat. July 21: Movie Monday: "Poverty Inc." 7pm
Sat. July 21: Planned Parenthood LGBTQ+ Film Series @6pm
Sun. July 22: CMC 501(c)3 Celebration Brunch @11am
Sun. July 22: Connect The Dots Live Show @9pm

The CMC will be CLOSED from July 23 - August 5 for vacation and floor repainting.

We will resume the usual Monday movies and other regular events Aug. 6. Other events TBA; the weekly email announcement and website will have them.

To get weekly announcement email, contact [<coordinators@civicmediacenter.org>](mailto:coordinators@civicmediacenter.org) and request to be added to the list.

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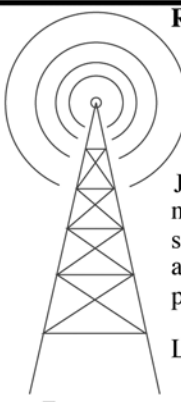
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Jacksonville's public station WJCT at 89.9 has varied news programming as well during the day - check their schedule. In addition, there's music ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and night.

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For more events, event details, and irregularly updated calendar entries, see www.gainesvilleiguana.org/calendar.

8 Meet the Candidates Democratic Party event, downtown library, 3-5 pm (also see July 15 & 24). Food Not Bombs feeds everyone every Sunday, Lynch Park (S. Main St. & SW 5th Ave), 4 pm. 1775: 2nd Continental Congress sends "Olive Branch" petition to King George III for sake of civility.

15 Sunday Assembly - "The Current State of Journalism" (Nathan Crabbe): SFC Downtown (530 W. Univ. Ave), 11 am, 3rd Suns: see sagainesville.weebly.com. Meet the Candidates, Tower Road Library (3020 SW 75th St), 1-3 pm. The Bikinis final performance at The Hipp, 2 pm.

22 CMC 501(c)(3) Celebration Brunch, CMC, 11 am; see pg 24. Candidates Forum presented by League of Women Voters, LifeSouth Community Center (4039 W. Newberry Rd), 1 pm. 1934: FBI agents kill John Dillinger.

29 5 1930: Neil A. Armstrong born.



12 1851: Isaac Singer invents sewing machine. 1981: IBM sells 1st PCs. 19 Jungle Friends Sanctuary director Kari Bagnall, Sunday Assembly - see 7/15. UF Soccer vs FAU, Diz, 7 pm.

26 1883: Krakatoa erupts. FULL MOON

9 4As Candidate Forum (local), Health Dept Aud (218 SE 24th St), 6 pm. Women's March meets, United Church of Gainesville, 6:30 pm. Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb, Civic Media Center (433 S. Main St), 7 pm; see pg 24. Weekly Candle-holding Witness for the undocumented, BD Downtown Plaza, every Monday, 7:30-8 pm.

16 Grow G'ville 3rd Monday Meetup, Working Food Community Ctr (219 NW 10th Ave), 7 pm, free. Candidate Forum, GACAR Conf Ctr, 6 pm - preregister: 352-332-8850. Human Flow by Ai Weiwei, global refugee doc presented by Humanist Society of Gvl, CMC, 7 pm. Democratic Socialists of America meet, downtown library, 6:45 pm.

23 CMC closes for two weeks for vacation & floor painting. 4As Candidate Forum (state), Health Dept Aud (218 SE 24th St), 6 pm. Gvl Citizens for Active Transportation meets at CIED (530 E. Univ Ave), 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 pm.

30 6 4As Election Forum (taxes, city), Health Dept Aud (218 SE 24th St), 6:30 pm. CMC re-opens: Monday documentary films for rest of month tba, 7 pm.

13 Women's March meets, United Church of Gvl, 6:30 pm. 20 Grow Gvl 3rd Mon meeting, Working Food Comm. Ctr (219 NW 10th Ave), 6 pm.

27 1665: Ye Bear and Ye Cubb 1st play in colonies: 3 actors fined.

3 School Board meets 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 620 E. Univ Ave, 6 pm: see sbac.edu. Anti-war signholding, 4:30-5:30 pm: 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, Archer Rd & SW 34th St; 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, University Ave & W 13th St. Gvl Citizens Against Death Penalty meets, Mennonite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 1st Tuesdays, 6 pm.

10 Alachua County Commission meets, 2nd & 4th Tues, 9 am & 5 pm, County Admin Bldg; citizens comment, 9:30 am & 5:30 pm. Move Gvl Election Day? G. Gordon & H. Ward, Sr. Rec Ctr (5701 NW 34th Blvd), 2 pm. Just Health Care meets, Alachua County Labpr Coalition (502 NW 16th Ave), 6 pm.

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee meeting, CMC, 6 pm. 17 Living Wage Campaign meets, ACLC, 5:30 pm.

Tangerine is Queer Movie Night show, w/ vegan potluck: CMC, 6 pm. PFLAG meets, 3rd Tuesdays, United Church (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm.

24 School Board - see 7/3. Meet the Candidates, Millhopper Library (3145 NW 43rd St), 5-7 pm. Renters' Rights meeting, ACLC office (502 NW 16th Ave), 6 pm.

31 1783: Simon Bolivar born. 1897: Amelia Earhart born.

7 School Board - see 7/3. 14 Just Health Care - see 7/10. IWOC meets, CMC, 6 pm.

21 Queer Movie Night & vegan potluck, CMC, 6 pm. PFLAG meets - see 7/17. 28 VOTE! Alachua County Primary & School Bd Election - see pg 20.

4 Free confidential walk-in HIV testing at Alachua County Health Dept, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am-3 pm, M-F; & at Pride Ctr, 3131 NW 13th St, 4-6 pm on 1st & 3rd Thurs; info: 334-7961. Veg For Life vegan potluck picnic, Westside Ctr (1001 NW 34th St), veg dish for 6, 11 am.

Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. University Ave), 4-7 pm; Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds. Communication workshop, CMC, 1st & 3rd Weds, 6 pm. Summer movie series at Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), to run through August: 7 pm, free. Don David Band every Weds at Sandy's Place (5001 NW 34th St).

11 Living Wage Certification, ACLC, 5:30 pm. Keep up with the CMC at civicmediacenter.org for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future.

18 The Amazing Give Summer Spectacular celebration for local nonprofit staff & board members, Depot Park Pavilion (200 SE Depot Rd), 1-3 pm. "Now, You Talk" communication workshops 1st & 3rd Weds at CMC, 6 pm. 1918: Nelson Mandela born.

25 1978: Louise Brown, 1st "test tube baby", born. August 1 Communications Workshop - see 7/4. 1819: Herman Melville born. 1942: Jerry Garcia born.

8 15 Humanists meet, UUFUG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

22 1839: Slaves hijack Amistad. 1920: Charlie Parker born.

5 CMC Volunteers meet every Thursday, 5:30 pm. Zines meeting every Thurs, Civic Media Center, 6:30 pm. Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC, 9 pm: Gvl's longest-running poetry jam, open to all; informal & welcoming to both readers & listeners.

1811: Venezuela declares independence. 1962: Algeria declares independence.

12 There will doubtless be events scheduled that aren't on this calendar at press time: check various websites and listings, and support events in our wonderfully active community. 1817: Henry David Thoreau born. 1895: R. Buckminster Fuller born.

19 1848: Lucretia Mott & Elizabeth C. Stanton convene Women's Rights Convention. 1984: Geraldine Ferraro 1st major-party woman candidate for vice-president.

26 If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the Ig with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville FL 32604. 1990: G.H.W. Bush signs Americans w/ Disabilities Act.

2 1776: Insurgents officially sign Declaration of Independence. 1924: James Baldwin born.

9 Stonewall Democrats, 901 NW 8th Ave, 2nd Thursdays, 5:30 pm. 1945: US A-bombs Nagasaki. 1974: Richard M. Nixon resigns.

16 CMC Volunteers, Zinephiles, & Poets. 23 Sam Pacetti, Thomas Ctr (306 NE 6th St), 7 pm. 30 Open Poets at CMC.

6 Showtime Shenanigans Americanizes BD Plaza Free Friday concert, 8 pm; pg 18. Summer Shakespeare: Measure for Measure opens at Acrosstown Rep (619 S. Main St), 8 pm. OJAS: Open Jam & Art Show, 1st & 3rd Fridays, CMC, 8-11:40 pm. The Dark Knight movie & panel, Fla Museum (3215 Hull Rd), 7 pm, free.

13 Friendraiser & Meet the Candidates sponsored by Stonewall Democrats: East End Eatery (1202 NE 8th Ave), 5:30 pm. Dracula (1931) movie & panel, Fla Museum (3215 Hull Rd), 7 pm, free.

Wax Wings soar at Free Fridays concert series, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E Univ Ave), 8 pm; see pg 18. Connect the Dots music, CMC, 9 pm. Top/Atlantic Anniversary Blowout - starts at Atlantic, 10 pm, no cover - also 7/14.

20 Summer 72 Music Fest opens, Rum 138 (2070 SW Cty Rd 138, Ft White), runs through 7/21, 3 pm. Pine folkifies BD Plaza, 8 pm, free.

Nightwing movie & panel, Fla Mus (3215 Hull Rd), 7 pm, free. Connect the Dots Show, CMC, 8 pm. Litt Family Album Release, Heartwood Soundstage, 8 pm.

27 Downtown Artwalk, 7-10 pm - see pg 5 and artwalk.gainesville.com. Gay Movie Night last Fridays, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 7:30 pm. Batman v Superman movie & panel, Fla Mus (3215 Hull Rd), 7 pm, free.

Tribute to Santana & Janis Joplin rocks BD Free Friday concert, 8 pm. FULL MOON 3 Bridget Kelley sings the blues at Free Fridays concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

10 The Duppies bring ska & reggae to Free Fridays concert, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 18. 17 UF Soccer vs Wash, Diz, 7 pm. Heavy Petty brings Tom back to BD Plaza for Free Friday concert, 8 pm.

24 Endless Summer 2018 kick-off: 619 S Main St, noon. Buffalo Springfield tribute rocks Bo Diddley Plaza Free Friday show, 8 pm. 31 Downtown Artwalk, 7-10 pm; see pg 5 & artwalk.gainesville.com. '70s Progressive Rock tribute, Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm.

7 Community Meditation, CMC, 9-10 am every Saturday. Indivisible Gainesville meets 1st Sats, downtown library, 10 am; - see indivisiblegvl.org. Doug MacLeod at Heartwood Soundstage (619 S. Main St), 8 pm - see facebook.com/Heartwoodsoundstage.

14 Sustaining Wellness Workshop, CMC, 10:30 am. Girls Rock Camp Showcase, session II showcase, High Dive(210 SW 2nd Ave), 5 pm. Whether here or anywhere: please support live music! 1789: French storm Bastille, start Revolution. 1912: Woodrow Wilson "Woodie" Guthrie born.

21 National Youth Climate Marches, DC & elsewhere - Gainesville? Free Store, CMC, 2 pm. Gvl Roller Rebels vs Sugar Sands, MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14th St), 6 pm. Planned Parenthood LGBTQ+ Film Series, CMC, 6 pm.

28 Medicare 53rd birthday party, Forage Hall at Working Food (219 NW 10th Ave), 5-7 pm - see pg 10. 1914: G. Princip starts World War I. 4 Gvl Big Latch On celebration of breastfeeding by Fla School of Traditional Midwifery (810 E. Univ Ave), 9 am-noon.

Indivisible Gainesville meets 1st Sats, downtown library, 10 am. Veg For Life vegan potluck, UUFUG, \$2+veg dish for 6, 6:30 pm. Dave Feder Bohemian Flamenco Guitar at Heartwood Soundstage (619 S. Main St), 8 pm.

11 1984: R. Reagan "joke" about bombing Russia broadcast around world. 18 CMC Free Store, 433 S. Main St, 2 pm. 1920: 19th Amendment gives US women right to vote.

25 Women's Equality Day luncheon, Wyndham Garden (2900 SW 13th St), 11:30 am; pg 21. 1st Mag 4th Anniversary Party, noon-midnight. Sept 1 UF football home game, time tba.

GRACE celebrates four years of ending homelessness



Volunteers at GRACE's Cafe 131 helped serve 130,000 meals last year; the organization is looking for volunteers this summer to help out. The cafe name harkens back to the 130 meal limit St. Francis House faced years ago.

By Jon DeCarmino, Director, GRACE

When I think of what we've been able to accomplish at GRACE in the past four years, I think of a poster I have up on the wall in my office. It's a quote from St. Francis of Assisi, and it reads: "Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible."

For years, people without houses had to spend all day, every day, navigating a frustrating maze of appointments and expectations at dozens of different agencies spread out all over town. All the while, they had to be thinking about where would sleep that night, where they would use the bathroom, and where they could store their belongings. It was a lot to ask, and it left a shockingly high percentage of our homeless population out in the heat and in the cold, unsure what to do or how to get it done.

Fast forward to where we are with GRACE today -- we have a one-stop assistance center and emergency shelter designed to eliminate all of the barriers that kept people from getting the help they need. Our services are in one location, and we have a team of trained professionals ready to help from the moment someone shows up. We serve the people who can't or won't go to other shelters in town, and we do it on a scale no one thought was even possible.

Our community, finally, has everything it needs in an emergency shelter. People have a place to go where they can get the services they need to get off the street. Our guests are safe -- we've had no major violent incidents since the day we opened. People have access to food, to shelter, to clothing, bathrooms, showers, laundry, and a wide variety of partner agencies with a common goal of getting them off the streets as quickly as possible. People have shelter from the cold, and a safe place to go during hurricanes and tropical storms. Our Housing Programs regularly move our most vulnerable citizens off the streets and into Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing apartments.

In four short years, we've grown from a glimmer in the eye of a small, committed group of people to a 113-bed shelter using best practices and data to reduce homelessness in Alachua County. There are hundreds and hundreds of people in homes - right now, thanks to support they received at GRACE - who were homeless five years ago. Homelessness in our community is down 30 percent. We've done what's necessary, and we've done what's possible. Suddenly, we're doing the impossible. And we're just getting started.

Looking for a way to help? We need summertime volunteers in the Cafe to help prepare and serve meals. Cooking at Cafe 131 is a great way to get together with friends from school or work, and you'll be making an immediate impact. Our volunteers have helped serve almost half a million meals since 2014, and we'd love to see you out here this summer!

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A solidarity protest outside Martin Correctional Institution in Indiantown caused the facility to cease usual operations. Photo courtesy of Itsgoingdown.org.

Juneteenth strike actions on the inside and out

by Gainesville Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee

This article originally appeared at ItsGoingDown.org on June 25. See more about this story at www.jacksonville.com/news/20180622/fathers-day-protests-draw-swift-responses-at-two-florida-prisons

News from Juneteenth is beginning to come in from Florida prisoners. We have gotten word from prisoners at Martin C.I. that approximately 50 people there were down to participate in noncooperation for Juneteenth when a lockdown, declared by the facility's administration in response to a solidarity protest outside the prison on June 17, caused the facility to cease usual operations.

Organized prisoners there who correspond with IWOC say they expected activity at some level in 15 other prisons in the state.

Solidarity protests outside also occurred at the RMC prison in Lake Butler (next to a proposed phosphate mine and an existing landfill) and the Palm Beach County Jail, also exposed this week for holding juvenile pre-trial detainees in solitary confinement, contrary to state laws requiring juvenile inmates to receive an education comparable to children who are not jailed.

Some details of repression and retaliation that occurred at both Martin C.I. and RMC Lake Butler can be found in the following article published in www.Jacksonville.com, which described:

Prison staff called the police on activists, barred two women from returning to see their incarcerated loved ones, and placed

one of their sons in confinement.

Chad Harris was taken out of his cell and placed in administrative confinement on June 17, but not because of anything he did wrong.

Officials at Martin Correctional Institution put him there because his mother, Geraldine Harriel, showed up at the prison to protest its living conditions. Prison staff also had trespass warnings issued to the protesters, including Harriel. She's now barred from returning to see her son. The Department of

Corrections is considering terminating her visitation.

Although Juneteenth activities were focused on State prisons, as of June 21, USP Coleman 1 has been locked down for over 3 weeks.

Leonard Peltier, who is caged there, asks friends to write a polite letter to Warden Roy Cheatam, 846 NE 54 Terrace, Wildwood, FL 34785, to check on Leonard 89637-133, who has not been feeling well.

Ireland votes to legalize abortion. What comes next?

by Sarah Jaffe

This article was originally published by Rewire News on May 26. See more at <https://rewire.news/article/2018/05/26/ireland-votes-legalize-abortion-comes-next/>.

To Isolde Carmody, Ireland's overwhelming vote to repeal the Eighth Amendment to the Constitution was a vote to continue down the road that her great-grand-uncle, Joseph Plunkett, and his contemporaries fought for in 1916, in the first steps toward an independent Irish Republic.

"Joe was definitely a feminist, a revolutionary. He deeply believed in equality and in social justice, and that was why he was involved in the revolution in 1916," Carmody told Rewire.News. Her great-grandmother and grandmother fought for women's health care and access to information on abortion rights. She continued that tradition campaigning for "yes" in Leitrim.

Irish voters turned out on Friday to repeal the Eighth Amendment, with around 68 percent voting to decriminalize abortion

care, according to exit polling. Final results were not available at the time of publication.

Carmody was infuriated to see Plunkett's image and the reference to the 1916 proclamation on an anti-choice sign urging a "No" vote in the referendum on Ireland's total abortion ban. "It is just a complete misrepresentation of what they were all about and the values on which this state was founded," she said. "We released a statement saying that if Joe were still around, he would definitely be voting to repeal the Eighth Amendment. He would have voted against it being introduced in the first place."

There was plenty of noise for a "yes" vote, even in the conservative part of Ireland where she lived. And the results proved that it was Carmody's view of Ireland's past and future that held.

A busload of canvassers from Dublin went to Roscommon and Leitrim the day before the vote to do some last-minute visibility for the "yes" campaign. In Carrick-on-Shannon, they stretched out along the Cumann na mBan bridge, named for the revolutionary women's organization that fought in 1916 in all garrisons but one—the one led by Eamon de Valera, a former president of Ireland, who oversaw the writing of Ireland's Constitution. The symbolism was important to the organizers, who like Carmody believed in the unfulfilled promise of that rebellion, in a different kind of Ireland that saw women's role in the struggle for justice and equality as essential and equal.

"I am really glad I finished my last day of canvassing outside of Dublin, meeting new people. Sometimes you are in a bit of a bubble and you forget that there is a whole country of people involved in this, local campaigns big and small," said Sen. Lynn Ruane, an independent member of the upper house of the Irish parliament.

Ruane was a member of the parliament's committee on the Eighth Amendment, which recommended repeal as well as legalizing abortion up to 12 weeks into pregnancy.

"I was always optimistic, but I am feeling so much more positive. To be able to go from sitting inside a committee room to making the recommendations to coming out and meeting people all over Ireland that want to support the recommendations, it really is a privilege and an honor."

Even before the results were announced, she said, "I think Ireland has changed."

Ireland's Future After the Eighth Amendment

What happens now? Nothing will change immediately, according to Wendy Lyon, a lawyer and pro-choice organizer based in Ireland and born in the United States, because the anti-choice law is still on the books. "We are guaranteed that there will be some attempt to challenge it," she said. "They have done this with pretty much any referendum that has advanced a liberal agenda. They have failed every time, but they will try it again."

Government officials have said they want to change legislation by the end of the year.

"We obviously have a huge body of work to do in relation to the legislation. You will have people taking lots of amendments and trying to hold up the legislation," Ruane said. "I think we will get it through the houses eventually, but we definitely will have a fight and there will be probably lots of filibustering and we probably will need to just stay strong and get through together. Whoever is in agreement needs to work together and put politics aside just to get that legislation through."

To Dublin City Councillor Éilís Ryan, the question is how abortion care is best provided once legalized. "It is not enough for it to be legal. It also has to be accessible, and really the only way you can do that is through a public health service. That is going to be the next battle for socialist campaigners, pro-choice campaigners, is 'How can we ensure that this isn't yet another service that is outsourced to a private company that doesn't have women's best interests at heart?'"

The question of abortion care, in other words, is intrinsically tied to questions about the broader health-care system. The Catholic Church remains deeply involved in the hospitals, and, Lyon said, even apart from the Eighth Amendment, the model of birth care is controlling. "You hear people say, 'Doctors are the new priests.' It is not that you won't still have doctors trying to pressure women, but the difference is that they won't have the Constitution to back up their arguments anymore. People would threaten to go into the High Court and they would cite the Eighth Amendment as their justification. If the Eighth Amendment is gone, obviously, it makes it that much harder."

The question remains of what kind of

country Ireland will be. On that front, too, the campaigners look to the history of Irish struggles for independence. "We have to have states that serve everybody no matter what their religion is," Meehan said. "It was buried in history and forgotten, but when the young Irish started off in the 1840s, inspired by the 1848 rebellions, one of their main opponents was the Catholic Church. They came up with a very good slogan, actually. Two of them. One of them was 'Priests Out of Politics.' The other was, 'You can take your religion from Rome, but take your politics from home.' That has been forgotten, lost in the dustbin of history and all that, but it has a very contemporary 21st-century relevance."

Lynn Boylan, a Member of the European Parliament from Sinn Féin, agreed. "Today's result is seismic," Boylan said. It is an historic breaking of the old Ireland with its attachment to the church and conservative politics in favor of a new future"

"While of course the Marriage Equality referendum was hugely significant and was a sign of a new era, it was a vote about tolerance and respect. The Repeal campaign was so much more than that, it was not just a vote for women and their rights over their own bodies. It was, I believe also a cathartic experience for the people of Ireland. It brought out into the open the decades of mistreatment of women, the hidden family secrets, the reality of pregnancy and showed people that their experience was not a unique one."

"When the euphoria of the vote has died down," Boylan continued. "I really believe that this campaign will serve as a healing process for the Irish people, particularly the older generations who will have finally broke the control of the church over their private lives."

The Repeal Campaign

The vote to legalize abortion care was the hard work of organizers like Izzy Kamikaze (the name she's gone by for years), a veteran of abortion rights referenda and Ireland's marriage equality referendum. It was important to her for Roscommon and Leitrim—the only places to vote against marriage equality, though the district boundaries have since changed—to improve its showing, to prove that even in supposedly conservative parts of Ireland, women had talked to each other about their experiences, people had made contact, if quietly.

"Down here we are a little grassroots campaign. Very underfunded, under resourced,"

she said. "Never enough people to do what we are trying to do, but ... we have been very well received by people."

Kamikaze noted the importance of putting a human face on the "yes" campaign. "A big thing for me is the fetishization of the images of fetuses. There are no women in these posters. There is nobody whose body this is growing inside. She is completely cut out of the picture," she said. So she gathered "yes" campaigners to stand near a massive billboard erected by the Iona Institute, a Catholic organization that has opposed changes to Ireland's abortion laws.

"It is this huge, huge billboard with this CGI fetus floating in empty space, removed from the womb, the mother, the world. The caption on it is 'One of us.' A bunch of us got together with our own posters and placards and we did a little photo shoot in front of that billboard and the caption for it was, 'What is missing from this poster? One of us,' meaning the women who were standing underneath holding the posters who have been very invisible, certainly in the 'no' campaign."

Activists in rural Ireland counted social media visibility as important, staging photoshoots in town to spread on Twitter and Facebook. They wanted to show that even in the heart of conservative towns there was, in fact, support for "yes." The final referendum results showed that to be true.

It was the involvements of all parts of Irish society—not in a partisan fight, since the vote often split parties, but in a social movement that dared do what few pro-choice organizers even in the United States do: talk honestly about abortion care, about pregnancy, about what it means to have a medical crisis or to not have had any choice about the life you were to have. Family members told their stories for the first times to one another—one canvasser had met a mother and daughter who had both had abortions and only told their stories to one another because of the campaign to repeal the Eighth Amendment.

It was striking to walk around Dublin and pass hundreds of people in "yes" buttons, stickers, or the hotly-coveted Repeal jumpers. A country dominated for so long by the Catholic Church and its view of morality was having a public conversation about what has been the most private of issues.

And in a repeat of the country's 2015's *See ABORTION, p. 18*

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marriage equality referendum, thousands of young people driven abroad in part by economic austerity came #HomeToVote for a future Ireland that might once again be theirs.

Campaigns like Choice Ireland formed in 2007, started years before the referendum was called. Organizer Wendy Lyon said of that time, “I distinctly remember saying that it would be about 20 years to get to the point that we are at now, which is just over ten years.”

But the campaign built slowly and steadily over that time, she said. “There is no real point at which I think we can really say, ‘OK, the campaign actually started.’ Certainly when the Citizens Assembly issued its decision, that was sort of the first hint that,

yes, we were going to have a referendum, but we were all a little bit afraid that then it was going to go to the Oireachtas Committee and the Oireachtas Committee was going to scale it back to an ‘exceptional cases’ kind of thing. I suppose it was such a gradual build up that by the time they finally said, ‘Yes, there will be a referendum’ we all knew there was going to be a referendum.”

There was the trade union campaign to repeal the country’s anti-choice amendment, which began years ago with activists in Ireland’s labor movement pushing the trade unions to take a position on the Eighth. John Meehan, a longtime pro-choice and trade union activist, points to unions like Mandate, which represents mainly women who work in shops, for their leadership on the issue, and to the combined union support for a survey called “Abortion Is a Workplace Issue.”

The survey dug into the ways Ireland’s laws, which relegate most people who need abortion care to traveling to England or elsewhere, have affected women in the workplace—from taking time off and needing doctor’s notes that are impossible to get for an abortion to the question of low wages that make abortion services inaccessible. “When groups of people just sat down and just talked about the issue, it was much more of a trade union issue than they conceived of in their little box,” Meehan said.

The U.S. anti-choice movement spent heavily on the Irish referendum.

“These days the Irish church isn’t so strong and there is no question the money in this campaign is coming from the [United States],” said Kamikaze. “It is coming from American evangelicals and the general ragtag and bobtail alliance that backed Trump and that backed Brexit in the UK and that are trying to turn back the tide everywhere. Abortion rights is a big issue for them.”

Sarah Jones at the New Republic pointed out the global networks that promote anti-choice (and anti-LGBTQ) legislation and their role in sending campaigners to Ireland. BuzzFeed reported on the apps created for two anti-choice campaigns, LoveBoth and Save the Eighth, and the Washington, D.C. company that created them. The data given to these apps, it turns out, could be shared with the firm’s other clients, which include the Trump campaign, the National Rifle Association, and other anti-choice organizations in the United States.

“These things are done kind of in a clever way,” said Ryan. “A lot of the organizations might have been funded by American money until the start of the referendum campaign. After that point, it is no longer legal to accept it, but they have had the benefit of using that to develop their messaging and their branding over a long period of time. Then, certainly there were online ads that were being funded from the United States and being directed to Ireland. That was something that was definitely against regulations.”

The New York Times reported on the Irish referendum as a “test” for social media corporations’ ability to block ads that don’t meet local regulations.

The long slog of Irish pro-choice activists dating to before 1983, when the Eighth Amendment was made law—through bomb threats, excommunication threats, through horror stories like the X case and the death of Savita Halappanavar—got Ireland to this point.

“The remarkable thing about this campaign—and it has been
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In memory of Harriet Ludwig, activist, reporter

Harriet Ludwig, a beloved community activist who had a long career as a writer and news reporter died Thursday evening June 28. She was 93. Harriet was born in South Dakota, and began her writing career there before moving to Florida, first in the Clearwater-Tampa area, and then to Gainesville. Always an advocate for young people, education and civil rights, she often contributed to the Gainesville Sun and other publications, but as well, regularly attended meetings for various organizations including the NAACP, the Labor Party (now Labor Coalition) and the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship. She was among the core group of co-founders of the Civic Media Center in 1993. She wrote the following piece on the opening of the movie “Selma” that ran in the Gainesville Sun on Jan. 11, 2015, and we offer it in her memory.

News of the historic movie “Selma” awakened strong memories of the time my husband and I spent with a black family there after the televised report of Bloody Sunday challenged American law and order and democracy itself on May 5, 1965.

We had the greatest respect for the Rev. Martin Luther King’s leadership, but we felt the ordinary black people who lived the harsh days of first organizing the vote drive deserved more recognition.

Political experts regard the Selma event as the critical turning point in a battle to preserve not only the American justice system, but also democracy itself.

The TV news film that aroused the public showed Sheriff Jim Clark’s forces, armed and on horseback, riding into the ranks of workers in the black vote protest group to prevent their crossing the Edmund Pettus bridge. The workers wanted to carry their cause to the Alabama capitol, Montgomery, to obtain greater public attention.

We had come from our Chicago suburban home of Hinsdale to attend the funeral of the Rev. James Reeb, who died after a Bloody Sunday attack. A Unitarian minister, he came from Boston to help the black vote workers.

As Unitarian Church members, we had responded to the national church call for both clergy and laity who were able to make the trip to come to the Reeb funeral. It was held in Brown Chapel, center of the black vote drive, with Dr. Martin Luther King giving the eulogy.

King was preceded by numerous white American leaders of churches, federal offices and civil rights groups. He spoke to a chapel filled to a standing-room-only capacity with large numbers of white people of all ages.

Looking around the mixed race crowd, he said, “Last week a black man was killed for trying to register a neighbor to vote. We held his service here, and black people from the community attended.

“But when it happens to one of their own, the whole white country turns out. We need to talk about this.”

At the end of the service, King announced that the city had given permission for the funeral attendees to march to City Hall to hang a memorial wreath for Reeb on the door.

With King as leader we walked silently to our goal, past lines of men in dark suits, taking our pictures and busily writing in notebooks. We never knew who they were or who they represented. After King placed the wreath and spoke a few words, he dismissed us. We already knew the common advice: Be careful and stay out of the white community.

For most of the white visitors, bed that night would mean a black church floor, but we had lucked out. Mrs. Beulah Wagstaff had offered us a bedroom in her home across the street from Brown

Chapel. We returned there and met her daughter, Brittany, and granddaughter, Pamela, age nine.

Brittany was a secretary who lost her job when she tried to register to vote.

Beulah, a seamstress whom white ladies wouldn’t give up, was the sole support of the family. We were glad we had brought some groceries.

That evening we listened as the women talked about life in Selma for supporters of the black vote protest.

Many accounts exist about the start of that protest, but our hostess said the Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) brought the idea to Selma.

Their leader was Stokely Carmichael, a top black organizer who worked with King.

They sought city cooperation but met only hostility. As SNCC gained supporters, that hostility increased. Jobs were lost to people who tried to register to vote. Clark and his deputies harassed black residents daily. Evenings they came into the black community and broke up meetings.

In residential areas they ordered people off their front porches and into their homes. Electric lights were banned.

People lived in fear, but the support grew. Finally the march to Montgomery was planned and ended on Bloody Sunday.

At this point, I looked at Pamela, who quietly listened and took in every word spoken. “How do you raise a child in such a tense atmosphere?” I asked. “What do you tell her about these terrible conflicts?”

Beulah answered calmly: “We tell her we are going to be free, just like they are. Some of them won’t like it, but most of them

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When we get to November, it reverts back to math again, and even if your ideal did not become a candidate, if you are sensible you move forward with practicality.

Here's the rundown in my eye.

U.S. Senate: Incumbent Bill Nelson will have some challengers in the primary, but the main event is in November, against Rick Scott.

Florida Governor: We like Andrew Gillum in the primary. Philip Levine is also pretty progressive. Gwen Graham mainstream Please no circular firing squad.

U.S. Rep. District 3: Defeating Yoho is much desired. Dushyant Gosai, Yvonne Hinson Hayes and Tom Wells are in the primary as challengers. All three would be vast improvements in what will be a tough race thanks to gerrymandering; hopefully, unity will reign after the primary.

State Senate District 8: Kayser Enncking and Olysha Magruder are Democrats running to unseat Keith Perry. Both women are strong candidates, with the former a doctor and the latter a teacher. We like Olysha a lot, definitely the more progressive; Kayser meanwhile has a ton more money (and donations to rather conservative organizations), but again, high hopes for unity in November to defeat Perry.

State Rep. District 21: Unseating Chuck Clemons is the goal here. As of now, there are two democrats in the primary, Jason Haeseler and Amol Jethwani. Amol is very active with College Democrats and has a fired up youthful core of workers and progressive vision. Jason is solid and picking up good endorsements. Once again, a hope for unity after the primary.

Alachua Co. District 2: Democratic Primary is a race between two really nice people on the Democratic side—Randy Wells and Marihelen Wheeler—in a race to succeed Lee Pinkoson; either will be a vast improvement, though Marihelen is more the activist and strong advocate. Randy has a strong background and solid ideals as well.

Interesting, the Republican brand is so toxic, a very well-funded conservative opponent named Scott Costello awaits the winner in November, running as a NPA (no party affiliation). No

reason to believe the Wheeler and Wells teams won't unify, but Republican and Chamber of Commerce big money may muddy this up for November.

Circuit Court Judge District 8: Gloria Walker has strong support from good people.

County Judge Group 2: Craig DeThomasis would be our pick; again, well regarded Attorney and track record.

Alachua County District 4: Ken Cornell drew no challenger. Re-elected

School Board District 1: We'd like Tina Certain to defeat incumbent April Griffin. Need a new voice to challenge disparities in our community. It'll be work but needs to get done.

School Board District 3 and 5: Gunnar Paulson and Rob Hyatt looking to be re-elected.

Soil and Water Group 3: Not the most prominent position, but when an avowed white supremacist was facing no opposition, up stepped a young progressive woman to challenge. Vote for Kaithleen Hernandez.

This looks like what the Aug. 28 ballot will look like. Whether early (Aug. 16-25) or on Election Day vote. **Vote!** Make sure your friends understand its importance and that they vote. People died for their right to vote. It is the least you can do. **Vote.** ☘

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so intense for so many women—but 170,000 Irish women have travelled in the last 35 years and have had abortions,” Kamikaze said. “One of the things in this campaign is that women have talked about that, women that have kept that silent for years have talked to their friends and family about that and about why the law needs to change.

This whole silent underground campaign that is going on with women who are talking about their personal experiences under the law. And not just of abortion, because the Eighth Amendment also affects the care of women in every pregnancy.”

It was that quiet conversation that spoke so loudly on Friday. Even the longtime campaigners were shocked, and broke down in tears. ☘

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won't do anything.

And those who will? Well, they can only kill you once.”

We took a break to digest that one.

I thought of the well-educated women in our very prosperous suburb who told me they would like to join the Fair Housing Group we had started but feared the social stigma it would place on their children.

Then Beulah continued.

“After Bloody Sunday, Dr. Martin Luther King and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference came in to help. Many white people (like Reeb) also began to arrive, as did other churches and

just plain citizens who were angry at the injustice TV made visible.”

Beulah thought another march was being planned, but a problem existed with the leadership qualifications and the permission approval.

She still believed black people would win the voting reform.

Her faith was justified when the U.S. Department of Justice gave King permission to lead the successful march to Montgomery.

There will be a memorial tribute to Harriet Ludwig's life planned in the future at a date yet to be determined. ☘



Marchers crossing University Avenue in Gainesville at the Rally for Families (AKA “Families Belong Together”) after leaving the City Hall Plaza. (See page 1.) Photo by Joe Courter. ☘

Mayor Lauren Poe's statement at the Rally for Families on June 30, Depot Park

As Mayor of Gainesville, I affirm that families belong together. It is unconscionable that our own government, a government of the people, by the people and for the people, is complicit in subjecting our fellow humans beings to such profound trauma and abuse. We should be a beacon of hope to victims of violence and oppression around the world.

Instead, we imprison children, separate families and return broken families to broken nations to struggle for survival. We have to do better. We have to sacrifice our bodies, our fortunes and our time to demand change. We must demand that our elected representatives honor a code of basic human decency and if they do not we must elect those who will.

In the meantime, Gainesville welcomes you. We will protect you and honor your right to exist free from fear. We respect you as a member of our human family, and we affirm that families belong together. ☘

Women on the run Changing the face of elected office

Friends of Susan B. Anthony to celebrate Women's Equality Day

Event: Women's Equality Day Luncheon
Where: Wyndham Garden Conference Center
When: Saturday, August 25, 11:30 a.m.

The Friends of Susan B. Anthony will celebrate Women's Equality Day with their annual festive luncheon on Saturday, Aug. 25.

This event, which began as an informal birthday party for Susan B. Anthony over 40 years ago, is now held in conjunction with the anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote.

Each year a local woman is recognized who exemplifies the spirit of Susan B. Anthony. This year, Dr. Gwendolyn Zoharah Simmons, Asst. Professor, Dept. of Religion, University of Florida, will be honored for her work for civil rights in the U.S. and international human rights and peace.

The featured speaker will be Dr. Lynn Leverty, Assistant Director, Academic Programs, Bob Graham Center for Public Service. She will talk about “Women on the run: Changing the face of elected office,” and will explore the record number of women running for office in 2018 and its importance.

The luncheon will be held at the Wyndham Garden Conference Center at 11:30 a.m., and will cost \$25 for an adult. For further information and reservations, please contact June Littler at fosba@fosba.com or at 352-374-8158; or go to www.fosba.com. Reservation deadline is Aug. 21; no tickets will be sold at the door. Last year's luncheon was sold out, so please make your reservations early. ☘

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Alachua Conservation Trust, Inc. Protecting North Central Florida's natural, scenic, historic & recreational resources for over 25 years. ACT is the 2013 national Land Trust Excellence award recipient. 352-373-1078. AlachuaConservationTrust.org

Alachua County Green Party Part of a worldwide movement built out of four interrelated social pillars that support its politics: the peace, civil rights, environmental and labor movements. alachuagreens.weebly.com, alachuagreens@gmail.com, 352-871-1995

Alachua County Labor Coalition meets monthly and organizes to support local labor and advance the national campaigns for Medicare for All and a living wage. Contact: <http://laborcoalition.org/>, info@laborcoalition.org, 352-375-2832, PO Box 12051, 502 NW 16th Ave., 2B, Gainesville, 32601

Alachua County Organization for Rural Needs (ACORN) Clinic is a not-for-profit (501C3) organization that provides low-cost, high-quality medical and dental care, and social services for people with and without health insurance. The clinic primarily serves residents of Alachua, Bradford and Union Counties. The Clinic fulfills its mission with the help of a broad-based core of volunteer physicians, nurses, dentists, hygienists,

pharmacists and counselors. Located at 23320 N. State Rd 235 Brooker, Florida 32622 352-485-1133

American Civil Liberties Union Currently no local chapter. For info on forming a new chapter, or ACLU info, contact Fax office 904-353-7600 or bstandly@aclufl.org

Amnesty International UF campus chapter of worldwide human rights movement; www.facebook.com/ufamnesty or UFAmnesty@gmail.com.

Avian Research and Conservation Institute (ARCI) is a non-profit research organization working to stimulate conservation action to save threatened species of birds in the southeastern U.S., www.arcinst.org

Central Florida Democratic Socialists of America A local chapter of Democratic Socialists of America focusing on local social and political activism issues to better our community. General meetings are on the 4th Monday of every month at the Downtown Library in Gainesville in Meeting Room A.

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Civic Media Center Alternative reading room and library of the non-corporate press, and a resource and space for organizing. 352-373-0010, www.civicmediacenter.org, 433 S Main St.,Gainesville, 32601

The Coalition for Racial Justice gnv4all@gmail.com

The Coalition of Hispanics Integrating Spanish Speakers through Advocacy and Service (CHISPAS) Student-run group at UF. chispasuf@gmail.com

Code Pink: Women for Peace Women-led grassroots peace and social justice movement utilizing creative protest, non-violent direct action and community involvement. CodePink4Peace.org, jacquebetz@gmail.com

The Community Weatherization Coalition is a grassroots community coalition whose mission is to improve home weatherization and energy efficiency for low-income households through education, volunteer work projects and community-building. The CWC welcomes new volunteers to get involved in a variety of ways, from performing audits, to PR/Graphics and more. Contact: 352-450-4965 or cwc@communityweatherization.net

Conservation Burial, Inc. promotes natural burial practices in cemeteries that conserve land and reunite people with the environment. 352-372-1095, act.davidp@gmail.com

Conservation Trust for Florida, Inc. Non-profit land trust working to protect Florida's rural landscapes, wildlife corridors and natural areas. 352-466-1178, Conserveflorida.org

Democratic Party of Alachua County Meetings held the second Wednesday each month at 7 p.m. in the auditorium of the Gainesville Police Headquarters on NW 6th St. & 8th Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, alachuadems.org

Dream Defenders The Gainesville chapter seeks to create positive change by organizing creatively skilled young leaders who strategically confront institutions of oppression through building collective power, raising the consciousness of all people, and operating with the genuine desire for "justice and equality for all." We are building the world we wish to see. www.facebook.com/UFdreamDefenders/

Edible Plant Project Local 100% volunteer-run collective to create a revolution through edible and food-producing plants. http://edibleplantproject.org/contact-us

Families Against Mandatory Minimums Work to reform Florida's sentencing laws and restore fairness to Florida's criminal justice system. PO Box 142933, Gainesville, FL 32614, gnewburn@fam.org. 352-682-2542

Final Friends helps families learn how to accomplish legal home funeral care as an alternative to employing a commercial funeral home. We are an independent group of volunteers who provide free education, guidance and support to anyone who prefers to care for their own deceased loved ones prior to burial or cremation. www.finalfriends.org, final.friends.org@gmail.com, 352-374-4478

The Fine Print Independent, critically thinking outlet for political, social and arts coverage through local, in-depth reporting for Gainesville's students. www.thefineprintuf.org

Florida School of Traditional Midwifery A clearinghouse for information, activities and educational programs. 352-338-0766 www.midwiferyschool.org

Florida Defenders of the Environment works to protect freshwater resources, conserve public lands, and provide quality environmental education since 1969, 352-475-1119, Fladefenders.org

Gainesville Area AIDS Project provides toiletries, household cleaners, hot meals, frozen food at no cost to people living with HIV/AIDS. www.gaaponline.org, info@gaaponline.org, 352-373-4227, Open Tuesdays 10-1 and last Friday of month 5-7.

Gainesville Citizens for Alternatives to Death Penalty works to abolish the death penalty. Join vigils when Florida has an execution. Meets 6pm first Tuesday every month at Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave, 352-378-1690, www.fadp.org.

Gainesville Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice (IAIJ) organizes faith communities to work together for immigrant justice. Meets 2nd Mondays at 6 pm at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. Gainesvilleiaij@gmail.com, www.gainesvilleiaij.blogspot.com, 352-377-6577

Gainesville Loves Mountains partners with Appalachian allies to end mountaintop removal coal mining and build a prosperous economy/sustainable future. We pursue policies to strengthen our local economy through energy efficiency, clean energy. gainesvillelovesmountains@gmail.com, 352-610-1090, http://gainesvillelovesmountains.wordpress.com/

Gainesville NOW www.gainesvillenow.org, info@gainesvilleNOW.org NOW meeting info contact Lisa at 352-450-1912

Gainesville Peer Respite A non-profit, non-clinical mental health community providing sanctuary and support to those experiencing emotional distress. Peer Support Warmline is available 6pm-6am, and we offer wellness activities, support groups and brief overnight respite stays. Call the Warmline at 352-559-4559 for support or online at gainesvillerespite.org

Gainesville Socialists is a bi-weekly reading and discussion group. Meetings are open to all who consider themselves socialists, are interested in socialism, or are otherwise curious. Meetings are held at the CMC every other Tuesday at 8pm, gainesvillesocialists@gmail.com

Gainesville Zen Center and Hostel A Zen Buddhist community offering rooms to rent on a daily basis. 404 SE 2nd St., 352-336-3613, wonderwhy@cox.net

Graduate Assistants United Union represents UF grad assistants by fighting for improved working conditions, community involvement and academic freedom. 352-575-0366, officers@ufgau.org, www.ufgau.org

Grow Radio Non-profit provides opportunities for community members to create and manage engaging, educational, locally-generated programming to promote fine, musical/visual arts and humanities for enrichment of the community. www.growradio.org, PO Box 13891, Gainesville, 32604, 352-219-0145 (v), 352-872-5085 (studio hotline)

Home Van A mobile soup kitchen going to homeless areas twice a week with food and other necessities, delivering about 400 meals per week; operated by Citizens for Social Justice. barupa@atlantic.net or 352-372-4825

Humanist Society of Gainesville meets at 7 pm on the 3rd Wednesday of most months at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4225 NW 34th St to discuss and promote secular, humanist, atheist & agnostic social influences-www.gainesvillehumanists.org or facebook.com/humanistsocietyofgainesville; gainesvillehumanists@gmail.com.

Humanists on Campus UF organization provides a community for freethinking, secular humanists. Goals include promoting values of humanism, discussing issues humanists face internationally. We strive to participate in community service and bring a fun, dynamic group to the university! Preferred contact info: email uhumanistoncampus@gmail.com, alternative: j.bontems@ufl.edu, phone- 561-374-3537

Indivisible Gainesville* is one of 5800 local chapters of the national Indivisible movement, working to peacefully and systematically resist the Trump agenda. We are a group of local volunteers fighting against agendas of division, inequality, financial influence in government, and policies that neglect to benefit all American citizens equally. indivisiblegnv.org.

Industrial Workers of the World (IWW) Gainesville General Membership Branch Union for all workers, regardless of industry, trade, job, or employment status. Meets 1st Sunday of the month at 6 pm at CMC. Contact: gainesvilleiww@gmail.com

League of Women Voters of Alachua County Nonpartisan grassroots political group of women and men which has fought since 1920 to improve our systems of government and impact public policies (fairness in districting, voting and elections, e.g.) through citizen education and advocacy. http://www.lwvalachua.org/ info@lwv-alachua.org<mailto:info@lwv-alachua.org>

Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program needs volunteers to join its advocates who protect elders' rights in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, family care homes. Training and certification provided. 888-831-0404 or http://ombudsman.myflorida.com

MindFreedom North Florida Human rights group for psychiatric survivors and mental health consumers. 352-328-2511

Move to Amend, Gainesville is an organization

dedicated to amending the US Constitution to establish that money is not speech, and that only human beings have constitutional rights. Contact Alachua County Green Party for info.

National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Support, education and advocacy for families and loved ones of persons with mental illness/brain disorders. 374-5600. ext. 8322; www.namigainesville.org

National Committee to Preserve Social Security and Medicare Local advocates work to promote/preserve these threatened programs for senior citizens. We have literature, speakers, T-shirts. Email: Our.Circle.Of.Care@gmail.com. See national Web site to join: http://www.ncpsm.org/

National Lawyers Guild Lawyers, law students, legal workers and jailhouse lawyers using the law to advance social justice, support progressive social movements. nlggainesville@gmail.com or www.nlg.org

National Women's Liberation is a feminist group for women who want to fight back against male supremacy and win more freedom for women. Inequalities between women and men are political problems requiring a collective solution. Founded 1968. Join us: www.womensliberation.org, P.O. Box 14017, Gainesville, 32604, 347-560-4695, nwl@womensliberation.org

NCFAWIS is an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month (except holidays) from 5:30 -7:30 pm Millhopper Branch, Alachua County Public Library. All meetings open to public. ncfawis@gmail.com or www.ncfawis.org

Occupy Gainesville is about engaging local people in grassroots, participatory democracy, diversity and dialogue; we stand in solidarity with the Occupy Wall Street Movement and the rest of the people peacefully occupying public space across this county and the world. www.occupygainesville.org and https://www.facebook.com/occupygainesville

Our Santa Fe River and Ichetucknee Alliance are two of a number of grassroots environmentalist groups campaigning to protect and restore the rivers and springs. See: http://www.oursantaferiver.org/ and http://www.ichetuckneealliance.org/

PFLAG (Parents and Families of Lesbians and Gays) meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Fellowship Hall of the United Church of Gainesville (1624 NW 5th Ave.) at 7 pm with a programmed portion and informal meeting with opportunity to talk and peruse their resource library. pflaggainesville.org. Confidential Helpline 352-340-3770 or email info@pflaggainesville.org

Planned Parenthood Clinic Full-service health center for reproductive and sexual health care needs. Offering pregnancy testing and options counseling for \$10 from 10am-noon and 2-5pm. Located at 914 NW 13th St. 352-377-0881

Pride Community Center of North Central Florida Resources for the LGBT+ community, open M-F, 3-7, Sat. noon-4. Located at 3131 NW 13th St., Suite 62. 352-377-8915, www.GainesvillePride.org

Protect Gainesville Citizens Group whose mission is to provide Gainesville residents with accurate and comprehensible information about the Cabot/Koppers Superfund site. 352-354-2432, www.protectgainesville.org

Putnam County Florida Democratic Party, http://www.putnamcountyfloridademocrats.com, check website or call for upcoming meetings, 107 S. Sixth St., Palatka - For information on volunteer activities call Fran Rossano at 352-475-3012

Quaker Meetinghouse Quakers have a 350-year tradition of working peacefully for social justice. Silent, unprogrammed worship Sundays at 11, followed by potluck. Visitors welcome. 702 NW 38th St. Facebook/GainesvilleQuakers for events or request Meetinghouse space at www.GainesvilleQuakers.org

Repurpose Project, a nonprofit junk shop and community center, diverts useful resources from the landfill, redirects these items to the public for art and education, inspires creativity, and helps us all rethink what we throw away. Lets all help protect the planet and buy used. Open to the public. Tues-Sat: 10am-6pm. www.repurposeproject.org

River Phoenix Center for Peacebuilding provides innovative ways to resolve conflict and provides services like mediation, communication skill building and restorative justice. www.centerforpeacebuilding.org. 2603 NW 13th St. #333, 352-234-6595

Rural Women's Health Project is a local health education organization developing materials promoting health justice for migrant and rural women. Robin or Fran 352-372-1095

Samuel Proctor Oral History Program focuses on story-telling, social justice research, social movement studies, oral history workshops. http://oral.history.ufl.edu

Say Yes to Second Chances Florida is a coalition of nonpartisan civic and faith organizations who are working for Florida's Voting Restoration Amendment to allow people who've paid their debt to society to earn back their right to vote. https://www.floridiansforafairdemocracy.com/

Sierra Club meets the first Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Gainesville-4225 NW 34th St. 352-528-3751, www.ssjsierra.org

Sister City Program of Gainesville links Gainesville with sister cities in Russia, Israel and Palestine, Iraq, and Haiti. Meetings are the first Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. at the Mennonite Meeting House, 1236 NW 18th Ave. (across from Gainesville HS). http://www.gnvsistercities.org

Stand By Our Plan informs the public on critical differences between the Comprehensive Plan and Plum Creek's proposal, which we do not support. Alachua County's Comprehensive Plan is the best blueprint for future growth in the county's unincorporated areas; it protects valuable wetlands,. standbyourplan@gmail.com; http://standbyourplan.org/

Student/Farmworker Alliance A network of youth organizing with farmworkers to eliminate sweatshop conditions and modern-day slavery in the fields. On Facebook, search "Gainesville Student/Farmworker Alliance"

Sunday Assembly, a secular congregation which celebrates life, meets the third Sunday of each month at 11 am at 530 W. University Ave. (Santa Fe College campus building in downtown Gainesville). There is a talk, music, sing-alongs, discussion, refreshments and fellowship. See http://SAGainesville.weebly.com/

UF College Democrats (UFCD) meets Tuesdays at 6:30 in Little Hall 121. 407-580-4543, Facebook.com/UFcollegedems

UF Pride Student Union LGBT+ group open to queer folk of all sorts, including students, non-students, faculty and staff. www.grove.ufl.edu/~pride

UF Radical Student Alliance A progressive grassroots organization that strives to combat social justice issues on campus; core values are transparency, democratic process, value of each member's input, and ability of any member to assume a leadership role. Meetings at 6:30 pm Tuesdays on campus, ufradstudentalliance@gmail.com.

United Faculty of Florida, UF chapter Run by and for faculty, the University of Florida Chapter of United Faculty of Florida (UFF-UF) represents over 1600 faculty and professionals at UF. UFF's origins lie in efforts by faculty to protect academic freedom, defend civil liberties, and end racial discrimination at UF. www.UFF-UF.org, 352-519-4130.

United Nations Association, Gainesville Florida Chapter Purpose is to heighten citizen awareness and knowledge of global problems and the UN efforts to deal with those issues. www.afn.org/~una-usa/.

United Way Information and Referral Human-staffed computer database for resources and organizations in Alachua County. 352-332-4636 or simply 211

Veterans for Peace Anti-war organization that raises awareness of the detriments of militarism and war as well as seeking peaceful and effective alternatives. Meets first Wednesday of every month at 7 pm. 352-375-2563, http://vfp Gainesville.org/

WGOT-LP 100.1 FM Community low-power radio station operating as part of the CMC. info@wgot.org, www.wgot.org

Women's March Gainesville meets on the second Monday of each month: for location and agenda information, please see are on the second Monday of each month, see www.hearourvoice-gnv.org; m.facebook.com/wmflgnv/www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/; Instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/; Twitter.com/WMFL_Gnv/ and/or email wmw@hearourvoicegnv.org. Together we can do anything... Join Us! We Need You. Let's build this peaceful movement together!

World Socialist Party of the United States (WSP-US) welcomes anyone wanting to know more about Marxian socialism and our efforts to transform the dog-eat-dog-Devil take the hindmost world-created by capitalism into a democratically arranged world society of equality at boston@wspus.org. Upon request the Party will provide membership applications,http://wspus.org 🐾

CMC has its own 501(c)3 again!

Event: CMC Non-Profit Celebration
Where: 433 South Main St.
When: Sunday, July 22, 11am-1pm

by Joe Courter

The Civic Media Center and Stetson Kennedy Library Inc. is now the holder of its own 501(c)3 nonprofit status, a year or so after going under the wing of the Neighbors United for a Better Alachua. We are grateful to them for assisting the CMC during this period.

Being volunteer-run, a few years ago the CMC was simply late in doing its filing of the IRS paperwork on a couple of occasions, and there was no knowledge that this was severely frowned upon by the powers that be at Internal Revenue. Like, they simply take away your 501(c)3 status.

So now after some stewing and worry about what to do, some very helpful

consultation from Three Rivers Legal Services gave us a path to get back in the good graces of the IRS. And we are as of June 2018.

So let's celebrate with a brunch on Sunday, July 22, at 11am at the CMC!

We will have food and drink, but you are welcome to bring an offering.

This will be the last day the CMC is open for two weeks, allowing our coordinators time for a vacation and a new coat of paint to go on the floor.

Come get or renew your membership, get some summer reading or viewing off our shelves, socialize in the cool AC with our fine supporters, and check out our new neighbors in 435 S. Main as well as the newly completed Fire Station next door.

Tax-deductible contributions will of course be welcome. That is Sunday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 433 S. Main Street in Gainesville. 🐾

Repurpose Project seeks volunteers

The Repurpose Project is a non-profit community based effort to divert useful resources from the landfill, redirect these items to the public for art and education, inspire creativity, and help us all rethink what we throw away.


If you would like to be a part of this community effort, volunteers are needed for:

- Organizing, putting away donations
- Testing electronics
- Setting up a toy library
- Setting up a lending library
- Posting items on Craigslist
- Organizing Volunteers
- Cleaning and organizing the yard
- Finding community sponsors
- Promoting The Repurpose Project
- Organizing and leading workshops

To volunteer, write info@RepurposeProject.org or stop by 1920 NE 23rd Ave, Tue-Sat 10am-6pm. 🐾

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