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IMPEACH

By Joe Courter

We could see it coming. We knew his history. We could see his behavior and practices going back decades. And we continuously thought that surely people will come to their senses, that something would be just so far over the line that he would be rejected and seen as the greedy con man that he has always been.

We waited to see if the system would work. But no, somehow there has been no popular rising up of resistance, and the system seemed incapable of dealing with this situation.

The list of offensive things done by this man is stunning. Pardon this rehash but we cannot forget:

when he joked about grabbing pussies ...

when he claimed he could shoot someone on Fifth Ave. and still get elected ...

when he lied about the size of his inauguration rally, the size of his popularity ...

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Renters' rights city ordinance

By Adrian Hayes-Santos

Gainesville City Commissioner, District 4, ACLC Member

This article originally appeared in the Fall 2019 Alachua County Labor Coalition newsletter. Watch the Labor Coalition's Facebook for details on upcoming vote by City of Gainesville on Safe and Healthy Housing ordinance mentioned in this article, probably in October. Learn more at laborcoalition.org.

I want to thank the ACLC, its members and the community for their support in ensuring that all Gainesville renters have safe and healthy housing. Because of your work, the ordinance currently being drafted by City of Gainesville staff addresses all five of the

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Chickens? Hardly. Watchdogs? Yes.

By Gary Gordon

Publisher’s note: In last month’s Iguana, we ran a sort-of-satire regarding the decorum at City Commission meetings. In the rush of trying to get everything together for the issue, I did not critically read it, and subsequently, it was pointed out to me its one-sided and dismissive tone. We received this response to it.

Democracy featuring citizen input and citizen criticism of elected officials is messy.

In its last issue the Iguana published an opinion piece by Janice Garry which insisted, among other things, that citizens attending city commission meetings were behaving like chickens pecking at commissioners, wanting an opportunity in the limelight.

Let’s be clear: this is a horrendous portrayal of citizens participating in local democracy, local government; a horrendous portrayal of dissent.

“Once they’ve had their say I watch their feathers puff up and see them strut back to their chairs, self-congratulatory that they’ve put on such a good show...” Garry wrote.

But within that room, the people speaking to the City Commissioners are not the ones with power. It is the Commission that has the power. And that power must always be challenged.

And what are the citizens saying when faced with a bogus affordable housing plan?

“Don’t do it.”

And what are they saying when faced with substantial increases in property taxes, rates and fees?

“Don’t do it.”

More than “Don’t do it,” they are saying, in activist Greta Thunberg’s words, “You’re not working hard enough.”

Garry complains she’s “heard commissioner’s intelligence diminished, their morality disputed and their motives denigrated” all by “chest puffing chickens.”

Welcome to American politics where all that and more is part of the history of dissent — on the part of watchdogs and activists, not chickens.

What citizens hear from Commissioners is whining about how hard their job is, how annoyed they are with citizen participation that doesn’t comport with their ideas, and from Commissioner Helen Warren especially, they hear scolding—scolding people who attend the meetings.

At recent meetings I attended only Commissioner Gigi Simmons responded to Warren, thanking those in attendance.

As for the “atmosphere” of Commission meetings, only the Commission can improve that, and not by building a moat of rules to reduce citizen participation and access to information.

We can only speculate as to why Garry chose to denigrate citizens engaged in their civic duties while defending a Commission that often behaves imperially and some have said incompetently.

But Garry’s so-called satire was inside out, a disgraceful and disgusting failure, for as the job of the newspaper is to comfort the afflicted and afflict the comfortable, the job of a satirist is to reveal the truths of misuses of power on behalf of the afflicted while hoisting the comfortable on their own petards.

Gary Gordon was a City Commissioner 1983-85 and Mayor-Commissioner 1985-86. 🐢

Editors’ picks: News that didn’t fit

🐢 **Four climate scientists on how to take on climate change today** by Terri Hansen in Yes!

Are we doomed? Actually, there is some hope, but it won’t be easy.

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🐢 **I wrote about the Bidens and Ukraine years ago. Then the right-wing spin machine turned the story upside down** by James Risen in the Intercept

Risen tells how his 4-year-old New York Times story has been perverted and turned into lies in the impeachment inquiry.

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🐢 **Mattel launches new gender-neutral dolls** by Paolo Zialcita in NPR

Adults who identify as nonbinary didn’t have relatable toys as children. This may help today’s kids with gender identity issues.

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🐢 **The Ukraine scandal is not one phone call. It’s a massive plot** by Jonathan Chait in New York Magazine

That infamous call leading to the impeachment inquiry is just the tip of the iceberg.

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🐢 **U.S. House votes to ban drilling off FL Gulf Coast; “Leave my beloved Florida alone,” one lawmaker says** by Allison Winter in the Florida Phoenix

Democrats and Republicans are standing together against this dangerous move, despite what Trump wants.

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🐢 **Why we’re underestimating American collapse** by Umair Haque in Eudaimonia&Co.

One of the world’s leading thinkers says a new gruesome, bizarre disease is striking our society. Yikes!

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From the publisher ...

Fragility

frag·il·i·ty
noun

1. the quality of being easily broken or damaged.
2. the quality of being delicate or vulnerable.

When I started last month’s Publisher Note, I thought it would be “Resilience and Fragility.” Resilience kinda took over, so now fragility gets its turn. There are different levels of fragility to talk about. With all the climate news and awareness of climate change, much can be seen. Human behavior on this planet IS changing things. Temperature rise is undeniable. But also habitat loss is having profound impacts, especially on migratory birds, but also on other species whose forests are cut or burned as agriculture and development move forward. The evolution of life and patterns of living depend on consistency. It is a fragile balance. Introducing non-native species has a profound impact on that balance, and there are many examples here in Florida, from kudzu to pythons. We humans have done all kinds of stuff, newcomers that we are to the web of life, which was moving along just fine without us; only now, through science and record keeping, can we see the damage. The planet will absorb the worst we can do, but the life forms on it will be impacted for centuries. With our rapid evolution moving beyond just biological changes, but also by means of tool using and culture building, we have in effect become an invasive species, and that eons-long balance of nature is getting thrown out of whack, thanks to us.

Nations seem like very stable things, but with the rise of authoritarian populists around the world, I am beginning to think we may be in a new era. The slow motion Brexit in the UK is part of this, with a social media aided vote to leave the European Union. The day after the vote, the #1 searched item in the UK was the EU, as if voters realized they perhaps did not really understand what they had just done. There are predictions of Brexit being very traumatic should it go through. How fragile is the UK? This rise of authoritarian leaders in the past decade or so is fueled by this new phenomena of social media. But when do authoritarians leave peacefully? Now that we have impeachment hearings in motion, if impeached, will Trump leave on his own? How will his devoted followers react? How will we, the sensible majority, act in the face of his likely resistance to leaving? Is this USA fragile? We see in other nations people rising up. How would we respond to, say, cancelled elections? Or blatant fraud?

Fragility has also come in as an insult, as with the right referring to those who find troubling the depiction of, or the reality of, violence, racism, or sexism. “Snowflakes” is the term used by these folks, who can’t seem to grasp that other people may have a higher degree of sensitivity, perhaps because of personal traumatic experiences, or simply empathy with the struggle others face, which make them more affected by such imagery and/or realities. It is used as a dismissive term, that these fragile snowflakes are lesser beings who can be discounted. We are in a time where arrogance is celebrated and empathy seen as weakness.

Another aspect of fragility is in our becoming so polarized that we have trouble finding common ground with people we disagree with. Again, I believe our change from a more thoughtful culture that valued reading, history, and exchange of ideas has moved to entrenched camps, especially how the right wing sees the left as this threat to their way of life. Again, our wonderful mass media and social media have backed us into corners. This is not a good thing because another aspect of fragility that regards this and other nations is the rise of an electronic monetary system. Chaos could easily ensue if there is a major breakdown, as people more and more live without ready cash. Local or regional power failures can give us examples, but if the internet went down, things could come to a screeching halt, as banks themselves would be severely affected. In this aspect, I would hope our basic humanity would kick in, but damn, it shouldn’t take a disaster to bring us together. There are a lot of problems to solve right now. Tough times lie ahead. We need resilience. 🐢



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Santa Fe adjunct union election post-mortem

by Jason Fults
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for adjunct faculty and part-time staff*

As reported in The Gainesville Sun, the results of the recent union election were 259 (61 percent) against and 167 (39 percent) for joining the union.

That is approximately 67 percent voter turnout, which is reportedly among the highest that SEIU has ever seen in such an election. I respect the adjuncts’ decision and, along with adjunct leaders, intend to continue our ongoing efforts to seek improvements for all workers at Santa Fe. I am proud to have been part of an important conversation and to stand together for dignity and equity for Santa Fe’s most precarious instructional workforce. Since

the election, I have heard from many adjuncts, full-time faculty, and community members inquiring why the results were so lopsided and I believe that everyone deserves to hear a more complete reporting than what we received in The Sun.

In direct contradiction of the College Senate’s request for union neutrality, the Santa Fe administration, aided by an outside law firm that specializes in “union avoidance,” waged a successful, full-scale effort to beat back this union drive.

The effort included personal appeals from our outgoing president as well as other members of the administration, some department chairs and full-time faculty, and personnel from Human Resources. Unfortunately, fear tactics and misinforma-

tion were employed liberally in an effort to maintain current power relations.

Collective bargaining would have required our Board to sit down as legal equals with adjuncts to create a legally binding agreement. Ultimately, the Board maintains a lot of management rights and power even with collective bargaining, but having to meet as equals with our adjuncts, who make up the majority of the College’s instructional workforce--teaching classes, running labs, and helping students change the course of their lives -- was apparently deemed too threatening for those who run this institution.

It remains unclear what the College’s total expenditures were in terms of staff time, mailings, and payments for outside consultation, but those numbers should be made available to the college community, students, and taxpayers, and should be viewed in the context of the improvements in wages and benefits that we have advocated for on behalf of our part-time faculty and staff.

There are portions of the overall bargaining unit that bear closer attention, particularly law enforcement and the health sciences. SEIU argued that these faculty should not be included in the bargaining unit, as their pay packages and working conditions differ significantly from most of the College’s other adjuncts. Many if not most of those adjuncts also work full-time jobs elsewhere and already have access to union representation and/or livable wages and benefits. These adjuncts

were included in the bargaining unit at the request of the College.

With regard to law enforcement, as first responders, law enforcement adjuncts have their addresses protected from FOIA requests. As such, almost all criminal justice adjuncts’ ballots were delivered to them at work. In the weeks leading up to the election, law enforcement adjuncts teaching advanced and specialized law enforcement training received a 24 percent raise from the College. They were made aware of this raise in an Aug. 20 email from Lela Frye that also encouraged them to vote “no” for the union.

In the days preceding the union ballots’ arrival, the College held a beginning-of-the-semester meeting with criminal justice adjuncts where the College’s position on the adjunct union was again made clear. Most of the ballots for the union election were delivered to the individuals following this departmental meeting. The turnout in this election from law enforcement was approximately 82 percent of eligible voters or 73 votes.

Some adjuncts in the health sciences reported being told that an adjunct union might affect their critical need stipends and that, “... if the union is approved, they will be forced to level the playing field and healthcare adjuncts will take a hit.” This misinformation failed to note that critical need stipends have never been affected nor under discussion from any of the six colleges/universities where adjunct faculty are represented by SEIU.

Any raises that might have been won from bargaining would have been in addition to critical need. Furthermore, all adjuncts would have gotten the chance to elect a representative bargaining committee and ratify or reject a bargained contract.

The turnout in this election from health sciences was as follows: Cardiovascular 86 percent, Dental 83 percent, Radiology 60 percent, Nursing 57 percent, Physical Therapy 42 percent, Surgical Tech 40 percent, and Respiratory 38 percent, for a total of 72 votes.

Adjuncts in other departments reported captive meetings with their department chairs or full-time faculty “team leaders” where they were urged to vote “no” and were warned that a successful union effort would “... change adjuncts’ relationship with the department for the worse and prevent them from being able to be involved in departmental decisions.”

We know, based on a copy of a memo that was circulated, that department chairs were urged by the administration to have such meetings with their adjunct faculty and to encourage them to vote “no” for the union. Overall turnout for adjunct faculty not in the health sciences or law enforcement was 66 percent.

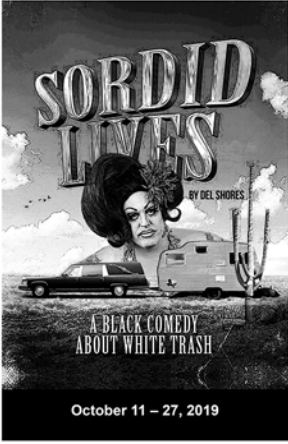
And finally, it bears mentioning that SEIU’s overall organizing strategy was sorely lacking and found to be off-putting to many of our adjunct faculty. Numerous people reported that they felt harassed by SEIU organizers as they attempted to contact them at their home and/or place of work.

It is worth noting that in any union campaign, employers have far easier access to employees than the union supporters do. While employees have no obligation to speak to organizers or colleagues about the union, they do have an obligation to speak to their supervisors. Often, home visits are the only opportunity for union organizers or supporters to reach workers in a neutral setting.

Large sectors of the adjunct workforce had little relationship with anyone on the union organizing committee and were only getting their information from supervisors who were sometimes less than forthcoming about how collective bargaining works and what it means to have a union. SEIU’s campaign obviously needed a stronger foundation in more areas of the College before moving forward with an election.

What’s done is done, and it will be left to the Florida Public Employees Relations Commission to determine whether any of the College’s actions were in violation of the law, and if so, how those violations will be addressed. However, the bottom-line is that Santa Fe College has successfully added a page to the anti-union playbook that is being used by higher education and other employers throughout the U.S.

Whether they will deliver on their promises of improved conditions and a stronger role for our adjuncts in shared governance now that this union drive is behind us will be revealed in the coming months. 🐊



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UF's IFAS Extension program to bring the public together with working scientists from UF this month has outreach going on in too many places – from libraries to bars to ice cream shops – to fit in this month's calendar.

If you feel curious about the future of sea-food, or geomagnetism, or carnivorous plants, or the human brain, or ..., search for "Talk Science with Me" on Facebook and don't miss your opportunity to chat one-on-one with the best-informed professionals you can meet. 🐊



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Blue light phones are a fundamental part of UF's safety. So why are there none on fraternity row? A resolution to add blue lights on fraternity row was voted down by student government in spring 2019. UF students Emily Hyden, Alfredo Ortiz, William Zelin and Mark Merwitzer in conjunction with National Women's Liberation took to the streets on September 17 to demand blue lights. "The lack of blue lights highlights the fact that white frat boys are, time and time again, not held responsible for their actions," said Alia DeLong of National Women's Liberation. According to an article by The Tab, 33 percent of reported sexual assaults on campus take place on fraternity row. (The protest was heard: On 9/27, UF announced it was adding 4 new blue light phones to Frat Row.) For more information, go to <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1023>.

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What's going on with Dignity Village?

By Jon DeCarmine,
Executive Director, GRACE Marketplace

Dignity Village, the 200+ person homeless camp operated by the City of Gainesville, will close at the end of the year, and be replaced with a temporary campground focused entirely on moving campers into affordable housing.

There are all kinds of ways to close a homeless camp. Most of them are terrible.

The quickest (and least effective) way to do it is what we see most often - communities send in cops and bulldozers and evict people without regard for their safety or well-being.

GRACE has developed a plan to close Dignity Village (DV) centered around access to housing. We've vetted the plan with activists, advocates, local officials, and national organizations, and - most importantly - with the people who live in the camp. The National Law Center on Homelessness & Poverty is evaluating this massive transformation for adaptation into a national best practice.

Why close the camp?

Tent cities are not a solution to homelessness, but they are increasingly common as housing prices soar and wages and benefits stagnate.

GRACE opened in 2014, and shortly after, City officials worked with a private landowner to shut down a large tent city off of South Main Street. People were told, "You can't stay here, but you can set up a tent near GRACE and have access to services."

Our community recreated the tent city but added the basics of public health - clean water, bathrooms, showers, and trash pickup. Campers could walk 100 feet to GRACE for meals, laundry, computers, medical services, and a dozen other agencies ready to help.

For a while, it worked. But with no resources dedicated to housing, people have lived there for years, and are no closer to having a home today than they were when they got there. It is time to fix that. We can do better.

For months, our team has met with campers to find out what would work best for them. Universally, people want a place to stay that is safe and peaceful. They want a good night's sleep, and for

their stuff to not get stolen. The policies we've set up - on visitors, storage, pets, and campground layout and expectations - have been set by the people who will live there.

The GRACE proposal tackles the two biggest problems identified by campers - no control over who comes in and out of the camp, and no one working with them to get off the streets.

What happens next?

As of today, no one new can move into DV. The City will fence the area in October, and an unarmed security guard - requested by the residents - will ensure only people who live there can enter.

Meanwhile, we're setting up a temporary campground on the GRACE campus that will open in December. We'll provide tents, platforms, and shade, and treat each tent as a shelter bed. Only existing DV residents can use this campground. Anyone who shows up looking for DV will be prioritized for a shelter bed at GRACE. Every local agency providing permanent housing has agreed to prioritize DV campers for the next two years to speed up the housing process.

As soon as someone is housed, the tent and platform come down, and the size

of the campground shrinks. Campers can use all the services at GRACE, and we'll assign someone whose *only* job is to find that person safe, affordable housing. We'll offer bus tickets to people who have friends or family they can stay with, but only if we can confirm that the ticket will take them to a safe housing situation. Through these programs, we expect to have almost everyone living in DV housed over the next two years.

GRACE's mission is simple: to end homelessness. Housing -- not life skills, not case management, not sobriety -- is the only solution to homelessness. Those other things may help, but all the research shows that they are most effective after someone has a home.

Dignity Village has never been about ending the homelessness of people living there. Instead, it has been a community tool to manage the homeless population and keep the majority of unsheltered people away from downtown.

Dignity Village has long been one of the biggest broken pieces of our community's housing crisis response system. With this plan, GRACE will transform Dignity Village into an effective tool to *end* homelessness by providing housing engagement, outreach, and support. 🐊



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GAU secures fee relief bargaining victory

By Stephen Phillips, GAU

This article originally appeared in the Fall 2019 issue of the Alachua County Labor Coalition newsletter. Learn more about the Labor Coalition at laborcoalition.org.

Our Fees Campaign

Fees force employees to “pay-to-work,” which is especially true of graduate assistants who are no longer taking classes but only working on their research and teaching.

Fees are also a way to get around the full tuition waiver that our contract guarantees to all GAs. The University cannot charge us tuition, so they charge us fees instead. The same argument has been made by the Florida Board of Governors, the body that oversees the operations of the State University system.

To make matters worse, there is very little transparency about HOW fees are used by UF. The University itemizes fees to an extent, but it is unclear how the collected money is actually spent. The correlation between fee increases and budget cuts would seem to indicate that fees aren’t really spent on what UF claims they are spent on, but are simply used as a revenue stream to make up for lost state funds.

GAU has fought for and won “fee relief” in recent contracts. This is money in addition to raises that helps GAs deal with the burden that fees place on their finances. While this money does not cover the full cost of fees, each year we fight for increasing relief for fees.

Additionally, since many of the fees are mandated by the state of Florida, we are fighting for legislation that decreases fees for graduate students state-wide. On both of these fronts, we need your help and involvement.

Most Recent Victory

On August 16, GAU’s Bargaining Team reached a significant agreement with the University Administration on the payment of student fees.

Beginning in the spring semester of 2020, and each semester thereafter, the University will pay approximately 31 percent of non-tuition student fees. In the spring semester, a graduate assistant (GA) enrolled in nine credit hours will see a savings of \$227. A GA enrolled in six credit hours over the summer will

have an additional savings of \$152. This agreement does not affect the availability of any services offered by the University or others. There will also be a \$100 raise for returning GAs who were employed during the spring 2019 semester. The raise is effective October 2019.

When the full amount of fee relief is effective during the 2020-21 academic year, the average GA taking eighteen credit hours will keep \$455 more of their paycheck each year. Those enrolled in twenty-four credit hours will keep \$606 more of their paycheck.

As a result, GAs can expect to save approximately \$910 to \$1,212 over the course of a two-year degree, and \$2,275 to \$3,030 over the course of a five-year degree.

We would like to thank all of our members and allies who helped us secure additional fee relief. This is a significant victory that will decrease the financial burden of paying non-tuition student fees for GAs.

However, our fight is not over. We believe it is wrong for GAs to be forced to pay-to-work at UF and all universities across Florida. 🐾

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Regenerative agriculture can feed us, cool the planet

by Nancy Deren

We are at a pivot point of both climate crisis and opportunity.

Our climate crisis is a symptom of multiple natural systems being altered or destroyed, with biodiversity loss and nitrogen imbalance being the most severe. A transition to 100 percent renewable energy alone is insufficient to address this.

How we currently grow, prepare, eat, and waste our food are major sources of the climate destabilization, injustice, and insecurity we face. It takes 10 calories of fossil fuel energy to produce 1 calorie of food. We are eating fossil fuels. 20–40 percent of global heating is related to this extractive, chemical-based industrial system.

Eating is an agricultural act we all do every day. We can transform our current agriculture system from one based on extraction and multinational corporate profit, to one based on health, justice, and ecology, with fair livelihoods for farmers. One that honors relationships between growers and eaters and is our most comprehensive, effective approach to climate crisis.

Regenerative agriculture can feed us all and cool the planet. Combined with conservation and restoration of forests, wetlands, and grasslands, these agro-ecological practices can provide over one-third of the cost-effective climate mitigation needed to reduce global heating.

Industrial agriculture is not feeding us nutritious food, or providing our farmers and ranchers fair prices.

Use of chemical nitrogen fertilizer, pesticides, and herbicides, and practices that leave soil naked and exposed are destroying our precious soil, releasing tons of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gasses into the air and polluting our water.

Crop insurance and farm subsidies and policies are skewed primarily to large corporate farms growing commodity crops. Fruits and vegetables are called “specialty crops” and get less than 1 percent of subsidies. This uneven playing field and lack of support for farmers and ranchers who are good stewards of the land makes transition extremely difficult.

But we can change this picture within a decade.

Regenerative practices work in harmony with nature, focusing on soil health.

Living soil is in partnership with plants, working to trade sugars and nutrients and build strong roots that pull carbon down in the soil and store it where it belongs. Tons of carbon! Living soil is the second biggest reservoir of carbon on the planet, next to the oceans. Soils store water like a sponge, which is critical for dealing with droughts and floods.

Chemical nitrogen fertilizers disrupt this powerful process by feeding the plant but not the soil. Nitrogen run-off and dead zones are the result. Organic fertilizers feed the living soil that feeds the plants, making them way more nutritious and resistant to diseases.

If we’re going to ditch the chemicals, restore healthy soil, grow nutritious food, and cool our planet, we must get animals back on the land where Nature intended. Nature farms with animals, from the tiniest billions in the soil to the big ones we know. Ruminants like cows and bison co-evolved with the grasslands, creating some of the world’s most rich, diverse habitats. They are essential to getting those tons of carbon back in the soil where it will feed and nurture the plants, animals, and us! Grasslands store more carbon than trees, in areas prone to drought and wildfires.

Saving our planet is not about being a vegan, vegetarian, or an omnivore—specific diets are a distraction if we keep eating within the current agribusiness-driven system. Highly processed plant-based food products are destructive to the planet and health as is factory-farmed meat. It’s not the corn or the cow: it’s the how! Become a food citizen instead of consumer, and join together no matter what your dietary preference, to put Nature as the measure of our agriculture/food system—she’s got a proven record of success!

Our individual actions matter, but collective action has the power to create a strong new system. We will be effective if we join together to change our policies, buying habits and to demand an end to the cruel and unnatural practices of factory farms and giant chemical-drenched, unnatural monocultures of plants. Our clothes are also part of the problem—65 percent of what we wear are synthetics, made from fossil fuel-based chemical processes.

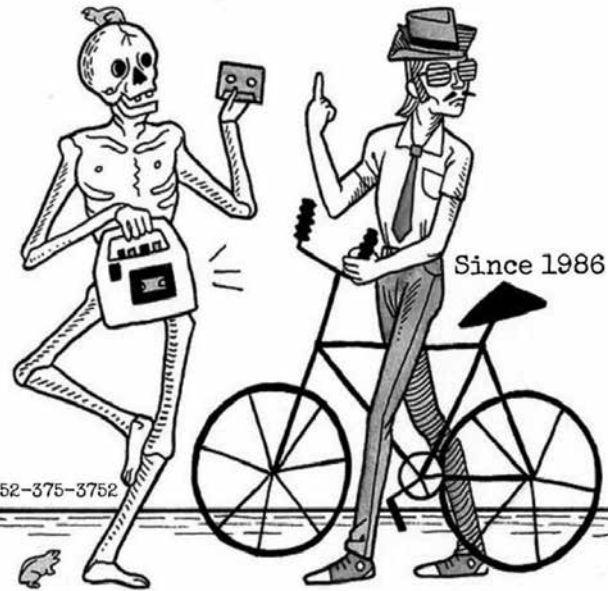
Last spring, over 300 organizations ranging from public health to farmworkers and environmentalists urged Congress to make food and agriculture central to the Green New Deal. Last week, a bipartisan coalition called Farmers and Ranchers for a Green New Deal, joined with the Sunrise Movement to present Congress with policy goals and reforms calling for the breakup of corporate agribusiness monopolies and support for transition to organic, agro-ecological practices.

You can be part of this movement. Individually, practice reading labels and choosing food and clothing made ethically and responsibly. Support our local farmers, farmers markets, and CSAs. Join local and national groups like Kiss the Ground or Regeneration International. Together, we can revitalize our communities and restore our beautiful planet. 🌱

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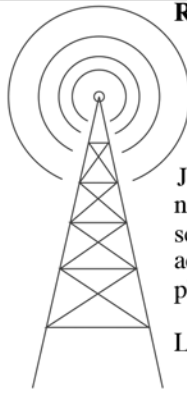
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Jacksonville's public station WJCT at 89.9 has varied news programming as well during the day - check their schedule. In addition, there's music ranging from acoustic to electronic, jazz and blues, in an eclectic and pleasant mix in the evenings and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

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

6 CMCommunity Gardening, every Sunday at 8 am.

Operation Catnip spay/neuter clinic, 8 am - see ocgainesville.org.

Solar Home Tour & Party - see ssjsierra.org/calendar; 10 am-4 pm.

FL Vintage Mkt, BD Plaza, 1 pm.

Jekyll & Hyde ends at Across-town Rep (619 S. Main St), 2 pm.

Stetson Kennedy Birthday Event, CMC, 3 pm; see pg 17.

13 Have a Heart FL benefit for Panhandle hurricane relief, Lions Club (26900 W Hwy 27, High Springs), 10 am-10 pm; see www.gmhfl.org/haveaheart/. *Apologies to all for wrong date in last month's calendar!*

Blue Wave Coalition meets, rm A, Millhopper Library (3145 NW 34th St), 12:30-2:30 pm.

Voices Rising community chorus, First United Methodist Church (419 NE 1st St), 3 & 7 pm.

Connect the Dots live show at CMC, 8? pm. **FULL MOON**

20 Sunday Assembly: Dr. Ron Nutter, "Remarks from a local chocolatier" - SFC Downtown (530 W Univ Ave), 11 am, 3rd Suns: see pg 11 & sagainesville.weebly.com.

FOL Book Sale, great deals on books & all media: please bring yr own boxes & bags; noon-6 pm.

27 "Pumpkin Spice and ..." - free food from Alachua Conservation Trust, Rockwood Park (2221 NW 22nd St), 1-3 pm.

Lawton Chiles Gala hosted by Alachua Cty Democrats, UF Reitz Union Ballroom, 5-9 pm.

3 Gary Gordon Ensemble, Thomas Ctr, 7 pm, \$10. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**

7 Witness for Immigrant Justice and Sanctuary, NW 23rd Ave & 43rd St, 5-6 pm, every Monday.

Gvl Citizens for Active Transportation meets at CIED (530 E. Univ Ave), 1st & 3rd Mondays, 7 pm.

Hipp Jazz Series with Carlos Vizoso; continues every Monday through December; 7 pm, \$5.

Weekly Candle-holding Witness for the undocumented, BD Downtown Plaza, every Monday, 7:30-8 pm.

Talk Science with Me - see pg 6.

14 Fla Free Speech Forum: "The Case for Negative Campaigning", Wyndham Gardens Conf Ctr (2900 SW 13th St), 11:30 am: floridafreespeechforum.org.

Interfaith Alliance for Immigrant Justice meets, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, 2nd Mondays, 6 pm.

Women's March meets 2nd Mondays, United Church of Gainesville, 6:30 pm.

The Report - Hipp Unplugged play on 1958 Johns Committee anti-gay crusade, 7:30 pm, \$10 (also 10/15).

NATIVE AMERICAN DAY

21 Kings Bay Plowshares 7 trial begins, Federal Courthouse, Brunswick, GA, 9 am.

FOL Book Sale, noon-6 pm.

Grow Gvl 3rd Mon meet-up, Working Food Community Center (219 NW 10th Ave), 6 pm.

Name/gender-marker change workshop, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13 St), 7 pm.

1967: ~100K protest war on Vietnam.

ORIONID METEOR SHOWERS

28 Democratic Socialists of America meet 4th Mondays at downtown library (401 SE Univ Ave), 6-7:30 pm.

4 Author Jenny Brown on *Without Apology: The Abortion Struggle Now*, CMC, 7 pm; pg 19.

1 Veterans Support Group, UF HealthStreet (2401 Archer Rd), 11 am-noon, Tuesdays, free.

CMC Free Grocery Store every Tuesday, 433 S. Main St, 2:30 pm.

School Board meets, 620 E. Univ Ave, 1st & 3rd Tues, 6 pm.

Gvl Citizens Against Death Penalty meets, Mennonite Meeting House (1236 NW 18th Ave), 1st Tuesdays, 6 pm.

8 Alachua County Commission meets, 2nd & 4th Tues, 11:30 am & 5 pm, Cty Admin Bldg (12 SE 1st St).

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee meets, CMC, 6 pm.

15 School Bd - see 10/1. **NAACP Environment & Climate Justice Committee**, Wilhelmina Johnson Ctr (321 NW 10th St), 3rd Tuesdays, 5:30 pm.

PFLAG meets 3rd Tuesdays, United Church of Gvl (1624 NW 5th Ave), 7 pm.

Rent School Edition last perf, Star Ctr (11 NE 23rd Ave), 7 pm.

22 Alachua County Comm. meets; see 10/8. **Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee** letter-writing, CMC, 6-8 pm.

Alachua Cty Labor Coalition meets, Em. Menno. Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 6 pm.

Ichetucknee Alliance meets, Fla Spgs Inst (23695 W Hwy 27, High Springs), 6:30 pm.

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.

29 Green Dot Bystander Intervention workshop, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am.

FOL Book Sale, 1/2 price day, noon-6 pm.

Mellow Soul, CMC, 8 pm.

Whether here or anywhere: please support live music!

ORIONID METEOR SHOWERS

5 School Board meets, 6 pm.

"Paper Spirits" by Amy Richard last day, Hipp Gallery.

2 Free confidential walk-in **HIV testing** at Alachua County Health Dept, 224 SE 24th St, 9 am-3 pm, M-F.

Downtown Farmers' Market every Wed, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E. University Ave), 4-7 pm.

1st Wednesday Open Mic Nite, Satchel's Pizza.

Vets for Peace meets 1st Wednesdays, 7 pm - call 352-375-2563 for directions.

Interfaith Dialogue, Emmanuel Mennonite Church (1236 W 18th Ave), 1st & 3rd Weds, 7 pm.

9 Edible Plant Project, 2nd Weds, Downtown Farmers' Market, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E University Ave), 4-7 pm.

"Transforming Conflict" class, 201 Bryant Space Sci Ctr (1772 Stadium Rd, UF), 9 am, free.

Dismantling Racism meets, Em. Mennonite Church (1236 NW 18th Ave), 2nd & 4th Weds, 7 pm.

16 League of Women Voters Fall Luncheon, Wyndham Garden, 11 am, \$15-25.

Mississippi Freedom Project Panel report back, Ocora, UF Pugh Hall, noon-2 pm.

Humanist Society of Gvl topic - Nat'l Novel Writing Month & getting things done in general: UUFG (4225 NW 34th St), 6:30 pm.

23 Uhuru movie screening, CMC, 7 pm.

Keep up with the CMC at F'book & Instagram for events created after this calendar was printed, and into the future.

1998: "Pro-Lifer" kills Dr. B. Slepian.

30 FOL Book Sale, 10¢ day, noon-6 pm.

Author Jenny Brown on *Birth Strike*, SF College S-29, 3 pm; p19.

Hipp Improv Comedy Night, 25 SE 2nd Pl, 7:30 pm, \$5.

If you appreciate this calendar, please consider supporting the Ig with a donation &/or subscription: PO Box 14712, Gainesville, FL 32604.

6 Vets for Peace - see 10/2.

1962: UN condemns apartheid.

IGUANA Deadline for Nov-Dec issue is 11/6; write gainesvilleiguana@cox.net or call 352-378-5655 with events, updates, advertisements & info.

3 D. Trump scheduled at The Villages, FL (Morse Perf. Arts Ctr, Spanish Springs Sq), 1:30 pm.

CMC Volunteers meet every Thurs, 433 S. Main St, 5:30 pm.

Frog Drinks hosts herpetology, 1st Mag (1220 SE Veitch St), 6 pm.

Sierra Club meets 1st Thurs, Life-South (4309 NW Newberry Rd); topic: SF River Bill of Rights, 7 pm.

The Conch storytelling ("Young & Dumb"), Lightnin' Salvage, 7 pm.

Open Poetry every Thursday at CMC, 8 pm.

10 Stonewall Democrats meet, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), 2nd Thurs, 5:30-6:30 pm.

Po' Ramblin' Boys, Thomas Ctr (302 NE 6th St), 6 pm, \$20.

Humanist Families of Gvl meets, One Love Café (4989 NW 40th Pl), 6:30 pm.

Frederick Douglass re-enactment, Trinity United Methodist (4000 NW 53rd Ave), 6:30 pm, free.

"Democracy Is Brewing" launch party for local American Promise Ass'n, 1st Mag, 7-8:30 pm.

Organic farming talk by Bob Quinn, 5700 SW 34th St, 7:30 pm.

17 Tom Petty Weekend opens at Heartwood (619 S Main St), 5 pm, \$35-125.

24 Fla Audubon Assembly opens, Hilton UF Conf Ctr (1714 SW 34th St), runs through 26th - see fl.audubon.org/about-us.

UN Day w/ Cynthia Barnett & youth panel, Gvl Woman's Club (2809 W Univ Ave), 9 am-1 pm.

NAACP meets 4th Thurs, SFC Blount Ctr (401 NW 6th St), 6 pm.

Stonewall Uprising, Pride Ctr, 7 pm.

Florida Man opens at Acrosstown Rep (619 S Main St), 8 pm; runs through Nov 10.

31 25th Annual Boo at the Zoo w/ Danscompany performing "Thriller", SF College (3000 NW 83rd St), 3-7:30 pm; admission, 1 can of food/person.

Queer, the Fest, CMC, 6 pm-2 am.

HALLOWEEN

7 Sierra Club - see 10/3.

"An Evening in Mayberry" w/ Rodney Dillard, Thomas Ctr, 6 pm.

"Latino Voices" soprano/flute duo Anima Vox, UF Music Bldg (435 Newell Dr), 7:30 pm, free.

4 UF Homecoming - be prepared! **SNIPFEST**, live music benefit for trans folx, CMC, 9 pm.

Gumbo Limbo Cajun Band spices up Free Fridays Concert, Bo Diddley Plaza (111 E Univ Ave), 8 pm; see pg 11.

Fake Famous Comedy Tour, UF University Auditorium, 9 pm, \$29.

11 Fla Museum Plant Sale, 3215 Hull Rd), 10 am-5 pm thru 13th.

Baer & the Lady, Cypress & Grove (1001 NW 4th St), 6 pm; pg 16.

Sordid Lives opens at Actors' Warehouse (619 NE 1st St), 8? pm; runs through Oct 27; see pg 4.

The Blameless opens at Hipp (25 SE 2nd Pl), 8 pm; runs through Nov 3.

Jimi Hendrix tribute rocks Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free.

NAT'L COMING OUT DAY

18 Fla Defenders of Environ. 50th Anniv. Party, Melrose, 5-9 pm.

"The 26 Mix" celebration of CMC's 26th anniversary, 6 pm; pp 14, 17.

CMC Bluegrass Jam & potluck, at 516 SW 1st St this month due to 26 Mix (above), 6-9+ pm.

Pride Awards Dinner, Sweetwater Branch Inn (625 E Univ Ave), 6 pm, \$50.

Tom Petty Birthday Bash kick-off party, Depot Park (874 SE 4th St), 7 pm (see tompettybirthdaybash.com for 3-day schedule); free.

Savants of Soul serenade Free Fridays Concert, BD Plaza, 8 pm; see pg 11.

25 Eco-Haunted House & H'ween party, 1920 NW 23rd Ave, 10/25-26 - see pg 8 & repurposeproject.org.

Gvl Artwalk, last Fridays, 7 pm - see pg 6 & artwalkgainesville.com.

Gay Movie Night, Pride Ctr (3131 NW 13th St), last Fridays, 7:30 pm.

UF World Music Ensembles (Jacaré Brazil, Agbedidi Africa, others) wrap up Free Fridays series at Bo Diddley Plaza, 8 pm, free; see pg 11.

Nov 1 The Fest 18 - 3-day flood of music, wrestling, comedy acts at multiple venues - see thefestfl.com & pg 24.

Eight Track Musical opens at Star Ctr Theater (11 NE 23rd Ave), 8 pm; runs through Nov 17.

8 "Starry Night" annual public astronomy event w/ high-power telescopes, planetarium, more: Fla Mus of Natural History (3125 Hull Rd), 6-10 pm, free.

5 UF Football vs Auburn, 3:30 pm. **Community Meditation**, CMC, 9-10 am every Saturday; **Yoga class** 10 am every Saturday.

Dragonflies of Fla talk & walk, Prairie Creek Lodge (7204 SE CR 234), 1 pm.

Swamp City Sirens last '19 home bout, MLK Ctr (1028 NE 14th St), 6 pm.

Veg for Life vegan potluck, UUFG, \$2+ veg dish for 6, 1st Sats, 6:30 pm.

12 Plant Sale & Orchid Show, Kanapaha Botanical Gardens (4700 SW 58th Dr), 9 am-5 pm.

Fla Museum 14th Butterfly Fest, 3215 Hull Rd, 10 am-4 pm, free.

"Fountain of Youth" exhibit last day, Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave).

Oktoberfest, 1st Mag, noon-11 pm.

Downtown Latino 2019 - music, food, dance, crafts, y mas: Bo Diddley Plaza, 1-9 pm, evento gratis.

19 FOL Book Sale opens, 430 N. Main St, 9 am-6 pm.

50th Annual Cedar Key Seafood Festival, 10 am-4 pm; also 10/20.

Pumpkin Tasting, Working Food (219 NW 10th Ave), 11 am - see pg 21.

Stop Lowell Prisoner Abuse protest, Lowell Correctional Inst (11120 NW Gvl Rd, Ocala), noon.

"LGBTQ+ in STEM" panel, Fla Museum of Natural History, 1-4 pm.

Free Store at CMC, 2-5 pm.

HealthStreet Night of Dance - music, games, healthcare, food - BD Plaza, 4-7 pm, free: see myhealthstreet.org.

The Young Revolutionary book talk w/ Chanice Lee, CMC, 6 pm; p 14,19.

26 Fla Bat Festival, Lube Bat Conservancy (1309 NW 192nd Ave) - bats, music, food, games, bats! - 10 am-5 pm: \$5, ages 5-12; \$8 for 12+; \$28 for unlimited 3-oz beer samples from local brewers

Pride Festival & Parade, BD Plaza, noon-9 pm; p 5.

FLOURISH - a Pride Dance Party, CMC, 9 pm.

2 Winter Warrior book release talk & signing w/ Scott Camil, Matheson Museum (513 E Univ Ave), 2 pm.

Micanopy Fall Festival, NE Chokolka Blvd, 9 am-5 pm (Sun, 9 am-4 pm).

9 Swallowtail Farm Fall Festival - food, music, workshops, more - 17603 NW 276th Ln, noon-10 pm, \$20 (12 & under free; no dogs, please).

Veg for Life - see 10/5.

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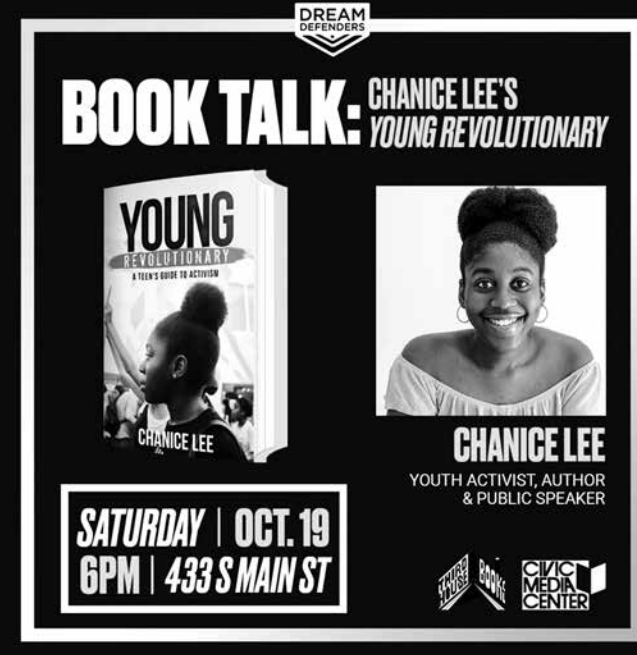


CMC Anniversary

October 18, 6-9 pm

"26 Mix" is a celebration of Gainesville history and activism. The evening will include music, poetry, and a community panel about the roots of local activism, current local organizing efforts, and where we are headed.

It is with your engagement and donations that the CMC has been around for 26 years; come out, support us, and plug in to the efforts making change in our community. 🐸



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Free the Ocklawaha

by Capt. Karen Chadwick

During the recent drawdown meeting in September in Palatka, a local tournament director and Rodman advocate said, "A mistake was made 50 years ago."

Why not correct the mistake? Even the Save Rodman President told the St. Johns River Caucus in Tallahassee, the Cross Florida Barge Canal was a "boondoggle." Why not right these wrongs? If this process had been started in the 1990s like it was supposed to have been, the historic tourism travel path that made Palatka a major tourism destination would be open, the 20 submerged springs would be flourishing and the surface evaporation rate would be much lower.

Manatees could travel freely and access warm water during the winter to the springs of the Ocklawaha and Silver Springs. There would be more fish diversity upstream from where the dam is now and striped bass could spawn in the Ocklawaha again. Floating aquatic vegetation blockages would be less of a problem and the floodplain forest would be well on its way to recovery.

There are a lot of lakes, but there is only one Ocklawaha River. The beautiful spring is more of an asset to surrounding counties than the dark, stagnant, flooded conditions caused by the dam. People flock to the location during the drawdowns every three to four years when the water is clear.

I am a Putnam County, Florida, resident and tour boat operator, and I support the FDEP plan to restore the hydrology of the Ocklawaha River and start the partial restoration plan that is explained in the current (and past) 10-year Greenway plan starting on page 149.

The document, by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection Division of Recreation and Parks, and titled the Marjorie Harris Carr Cross Florida Greenway State Recreation and Conservation Area Unit Management Plan (2017-2017) can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1026> 🐸

'How dare you': Greta Thunberg's UN climate speech

"My message is that we'll be watching you.

"This is all wrong. I shouldn't be up here. I should be back in school on the other side of the ocean. Yet you all come to us young people for hope. How dare you!"



"You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words. And yet I'm one of the lucky ones. People are suffering. People are dying. Entire ecosystems are collapsing. We are in the beginning of a mass extinction, and all you can talk about is money and fairy tales of eternal economic growth. How dare you!"

"For more than 30 years, the science has been crystal clear. How dare you continue to look away and come here saying that you're doing enough, when the politics and solutions needed are still nowhere in sight.

"You say you hear us and that you understand the urgency. But no matter how sad and angry I am, I do not want to believe that. Because if you really understood the situation and still kept on failing to act, then you would be evil. And that I refuse to believe.

"The popular idea of cutting our emissions in half in 10 years only gives us a 50 percent chance of staying below 1.5 degrees [Celsius], and the risk of setting off irreversible chain reactions beyond human control.

"Fifty percent may be acceptable to you. But those numbers do not include tipping points, most feedback loops, additional warming hidden by toxic air pollution or the aspects of equity and climate justice. They also rely on my generation sucking hundreds of billions of tons of your CO2 out of the air with technologies that barely exist.

"So a 50 percent risk is simply not acceptable to us — we who have to live with the consequences.

"To have a 67 percent chance of staying below a 1.5 degrees global temperature rise — the best odds given by the [Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change] — the world had 420 gigatons of CO2 left to emit back on Jan. 1st, 2018. Today that figure is already down to less than 350 gigatons.

"How dare you pretend that this can be solved with just 'business as usual' and some technical solutions? With today's emissions levels, that remaining CO2 budget will be entirely gone within less than 8 1/2 years.

"There will not be any solutions or plans presented in line with these figures here today, because these numbers are too uncomfortable. And you are still not mature enough to tell it like it is.

"You are failing us. But the young people are starting to understand your betrayal. The eyes of all future generations are upon you. And if you choose to fail us, I say: We will never forgive you.

"We will not let you get away with this. Right here, right now is where we draw the line. The world is waking up. And change is coming, whether you like it or not.

"Thank you." 🐸

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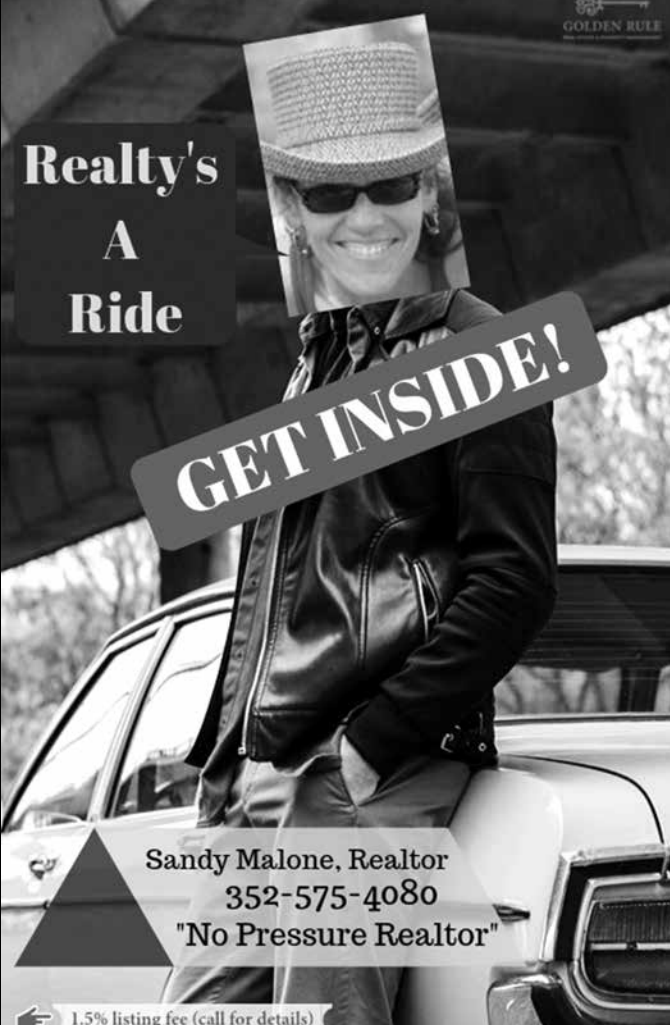


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Proposed Bradford County phosphate mine update

Below is a transcript of Carol Mosely of the Bradford Environmental Forum speaking with Doug Clifford in the WGOT studios on Sept. 23 to discuss the planned phosphate mine in Bradford County.

Doug: Thank you for tuning in to WGOT LP Gainesville. Well, coming up this Saturday, September 28, we have a phosphate mine update and that is going on at the Florida Coalition for Peace and Justice. It's the Bradford Environmental Forum's. Carol Mosley is a board member and a social ecologist, and she is in the studio with me. Thanks for coming in, Carol.

Carol: Thanks for having me Doug.

Doug: Okay. You said the fight began in 2016 when four local families made clear they intended to mine nearly 10,000 acres in Union and Bradford counties.

Carol: 2016, these families held a big spin job for the public saying that this is gonna be a "green mine" and that they're gonna live out there in the middle of it while the mining is going on. And these four families, Hazen, Prichett, Shadd, and Howard (collectively HPS) are planning to mine the areas straddling the New River which feeds into the Santa Fe River, making it much broader than just a two-county issue.

Doug: I know Alachua County Commissioner Hutch Hutchinson is concerned about the mine project and there's a financial commitment to fighting it, and I know he will be speaking this Saturday.

Carol: Yes he will because Alachua County is very concerned about the effects that this may have on the Santa Fe River. As we said they want to mine straddling the New River, which runs into the Santa Fe, and those rivers are our borders. They are the lines that delineate us and we share those borders, and we share

what happens in those rivers. (W)e do not believe that they have proved, as our land development regulations require, that they can mine and restore the wetlands to their previous condition.

Doug: Now there was supposed to be a report ready a year ago and you're still waiting, is that right?

Carol: That is correct. There was supposed to be a report coming out in September of last year, and when that report didn't come out I started doing documents requests, and then I did documents requests not only from Bradford County, who apparently wasn't being well informed by Onsite Environmental Consultants (OEC), their consulting company that Bradford hired to help them make a decision about this. And so Onsite failed to turn over this report, because the hydrologist's version of it was not very favorable and was very skeptical of this process—this experimental process--(which uses less water and ships the raw material) actually working as stated. And so we got these documents because of the documents request and we put out this negative report. Now they have submitted brand new documents again, what seems to be mostly fluff, not substantial evidence, and that's gonna be our job to come up with the substantial evidence that proves that they have not proven that they can mine without damaging our rivers.

Doug: Now you're concerned (with) the overly cozy relationship between Bradford County's consultants and the mine representative; let me hear you talk about that a little bit.

Carol: Yeah, it's really gone way beyond the scope of anything they were hired to do. The Bradford County Commission hired them to help them make a decision, to look at this [mining plan], and the decision that the Bradford County commission has to make is, is this plan in keeping with the land development regulations? And OEC Consulting should have only come up with whether that plan submitted (number ONE plan not number FOUR plan that we're on now) was in keeping with the land development regulations or not. But instead, we have evidence from our documents requests and the emails that have gone on, that OEC is actually helping HPS to revise their plans themselves.

Doug: Well isn't that desirable? To work with the County consultants to make everything kosher, for lack of a better word?

Carol: Well, it's not the job of Bradford County to help the mining company develop a better mining plan. It is the responsibility of the County Commissioners to protect the citizens of the County and to make sure that whatever plans are submitted for mining are in keeping with our Land Development Regulations. They hired this consultant to help them decide whether what was submitted was in keeping or not. And yet, this company, because what they normally do is help people get permits, has taken it upon themselves to be working with the mining company. They're not hired by [HPS], although the mining company has theoretically agreed to pay the entire cost of the consultants.

Doug:What can people do in Gainesville to support your efforts?

Carol: They can certainly keep apprised of what's going on. We've been giving regular updates to the Gainesville Iguana, and back issues are on line at www.gainesvilleiguana.org. Look up issues from June 2016, Oct. 2017, March 2018, July 2018, Nov. 2018, and June 2019.

For more info contact: Bradford Environmental Forum, www.bradfordenvforum.org, 904-368-0291 🐸

October: CMC's anniversary month

Major events on October 6, 18, 19

by Joe Courter

October is the anniversary month of the Civic Media Center and Stetson Kennedy Library, which was founded in 1993. There are three big events to celebrate this remarkable achievement.

The CMC will host a special presentation at 3pm on Sunday, October 6, a day after what would have been Stetson's 103rd birthday. Stetson Kennedy was an American author, folklorist, and human rights activist. One of the pioneer folklore collectors during the first half of the 20th century, he's most remembered for having infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan in the 1940s, exposing its secrets to authorities and the outside world, but his activism continued throughout his long life. He donated his personal library to the CMC before he died, and they were blended into the CMC collection of over 10,000 books.

Presented by Sandra Parks, Kennedy's wife and partner at the time of his death in 2011, the program is titled "Stetson Kennedy's Florida."

This event also commemorates the 80th Anniversary of the Florida Guide, produced by the Florida Writers Project. It begins with a short excerpt from the Smithsonian film, The Soul of a People, that explains the significance of the Florida Writers Project, headquartered in Jacksonville. The film includes information on the work of Zora Neale Hurston and an interview with Stetson Kennedy.

Following the film, there will be a Powerpoint presentation, which includes photographs from an exhibit prepared by the historical societies of Florida, Georgia, and Alabama for the anniversary of Stetson Kennedy's book Palmetto Country. It depicts what Florida was like in the 1930s. Refreshments will be available, but donations of food and drink are welcome. The program is free, although donations are welcome to support the Civic Media Center's operations.

On the actual anniversary date of October 18, from 6-9pm, there will be a program called "The 26 Mix," a celebration of Gainesville history and activism, marking the 26th anniversary of the Civic Media Center.

It will be a night of music, poetry, and a community panel highlighting the roots of local activism and current local organizing efforts in our city; how Gainesville has changed over time; and how we envision our city's future. A donation of \$10-50 is requested, either through Eventbrite or at the door.

On Saturday, Oct. 19, an author event will take place at the CMC with Chanice Lee at 6pm. Chanice is a teen activist and Dream Defender as well as author of Young Revolutionary: A Teen's Guide to Activism. She hopes to educate, inspire, and empower people to become active in their communities. Her radical imagination will leave you inspired and ready to take charge. This event is co-sponsored by Third House Books and Dream Defenders.

The CMC is located at 433 S. Main St., with lots of parking across the street or on SE 5th Avenue. 🐸



www.civicmediacenter.org
coordinators@civicmediacenter.org
352-373-0010
433 S. Main St., Gainesville 32601
Park just to the south on SE 5th Ave, or after 7 pm at the courthouse (just north of 4th Ave), or GRU (2 blocks east of CMC).

Civic Media Center Events

Every week at the CMC:

- TUESDAYS: Free Grocery Store @3-4:30pm
- THURSDAYS: Volunteer Meeting @5:30-6:30pm
- THURSDAYS: Poetry Jam @8pm
- SATURDAYS: Community Meditation @9-10am
- SATURDAYS: Free Yoga @10-11am
- SUNDAYS: CMC Gardening Day @8-11am

October:

- FRI OCT 4: SNIPFEST: Live Music Benefit Show for Trans Folx @7pm
- SUN OCT 6: Stetson Kennedy Birthday Event @3pm
- TUE OCT 8: Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee Meeting @6pm
- SUN OCT 13: Connect The Dots Live Show: The Beloved Tour! Charlene Joan, The Real You, Farquaad @9pm
- FRI OCT 18: CMC Anniversary: The 26 Mix: "The 26 Mix" is a celebration of Gainesville history and activism, marking the 26th anniversary of the Civic Media Center. @6pm
- SAT OCT 19: Saturday: Free Store @2-5pm
- SAT OCT 19: Young Revolutionary with Chanice Lee: Book Talk @6pm
- TUE OCT 22: Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee Letter Writing Night @6pm
- WED OCT 23: Uhuru Movie Screening @7pm
- SAT OCT 26: FLOURISH: A Pride Dance Party @9pm
- TUE OCT 29: Mellow Soul @8pm
- THU OCT 31: QUEER THE FEST @6pm-2am

November:

- FRI NOV 1: FEST
- SAT NOV 2: FEST
- SUN NOV 3: FEST
- MON NOV 4: Without Apology: The Abortion Struggle Now: Jenny Brown Book Launch @6pm
- WED NOV 13: Baer & the Lady Explores: Our Prison System @7pm
- FRI NOV 15: Bluegrass & Oldtime Jam @6pm
- FRI NOV 15: Dream Defenders Social: Food and Live Music @9pm

Check Instagram and Facebook for more details and other as yet unscheduled events. The CMC website is under reconstruction - Facebook is the best place to keep up with new events added after this list was made.

Please support the CMC however you can:

- volunteering & ideas
- donations
- memberships
- attendance at our events

Grassroots support keeps us going!

To get weekly announcement email, contact: coordinators@civicmediacenter.org and request to be added to the list.

History and the people who make it: Barbara Higgins part 2

Barbara Higgins [H], civil rights activist, was interviewed by Stewart Landers [L] in August, 1992.

This is the 55th in a series of transcript excerpts from the UF Samuel Proctor Oral History Program collection; the first part of this interview was printed in the September Iguana.

Transcript edited by Pierce Butler.

L: The NAACP youth council starts picketing the Humpty Dumpty. There was an incident at the Florida Theater. Then in the fall of 1963, students started picketing College Inn and Gold Coast across from the university. And in October of 1963, the Gainesville Women for Equal Rights ...

H: I did not join them at the beginning. The first integrated organization I joined was the Democratic Women Club, when Judge Atkins’s wife was the president.

I was at that time the only black member. They seemed to nurture me, they wanted me in everything. Judge and Mrs. Atkins had a maid and, having a maid, someone black, to serve me. I can’t describe how I felt, the first time I went out there and had lunch, and she served us.

Well, I am getting ahead of myself, but when I became president of the Gainesville Women for Equal Rights was when the VA hospital opened. We knew that even the maids and the people in the custodial area, all of them would have a test for jobs regardless of what kind.

So, we began to get people ready for tests, because the anxiety would be so high until you just didn’t know what to do. We were not able to get one of the tests, but they knew about what would be on the tests. People in the dietary department would have to know the difference between an orange and a lemon. People could not tell us the difference, that the orange was sweet and the lemon was sour or the lemon was smaller than the orange. First, we would have a lecture on different things, sort of work them into the test. We would give them the test. Then we would say, take it home, read it over, think about it and then next week we will give you the same test. We did that, then the next week we would give them something else. That’s why a lot of the people were able to get hired at the VA.

Tell you one thing that happened during integration. When everything was segregated, all the people beyond Evergreen Cemetery was white, and those people would come to the store and buy groceries from my parents, and they would sit with my mother out front. Mama had four rocking chairs, and every night the people from all back in here would come up to the store and all the kids would play out in the road and Mama and all the other people would sit in the chairs. Even some of them had credit accounts with us.

L: Were these people who worked at the university?

H: Oh, no. They were just people. They were low-income whites, but they were, I guess middle class. Cause we called middle class then just above poor — now they call middle class a little higher than that. But integration came, mama lost a lot of her white friends because they didn’t seem to want to come then. I don’t know what happened.

The only reason Mrs Buffay [spelling uncertain] [at the county agent’s office] hired me was the Civil Rights Bill. She told me the first time I went to get a job that she would hire me, but she first told me that the county commission did not give her enough money. She didn’t hire me because her friends would say something about it, if she hired me.

The minute the Civil Rights Bill passed and it was okay to hire blacks, she hired me immediately. My first incident was that, she told me to take some papers over to a clerk at a circuit court’s office. I walked in, they were talking, so I waited until they finished. Then they came to the counter. I told the lady that Mrs. Buffay had papers to be filed. She said, “Hey girls, come and see Alma’s new girl.” And here I am on exhibition. That didn’t bother me. It doesn’t matter to me what people do, because when you have gone through the Civil Rights year, you don’t worry about it anymore. You are not what they call you.

L: How did you get involved in Gainesville Women?

H: I met some ladies out of the Democratic Women’s Club who were members of the Gainesville Women for Equal Rights. They had some black women already, school teachers. They, sort of, thought that people like me would bring the Gainesville Women Equal Rights down because I didn’t teach school. Black school teachers back in those days would work hard. Then the NAACP, Gainesville Equal Rights and all these organizations had to get them out of trouble, because when schools integrated, they were given new tests. We had to stand up for them. Then they began to come down to our level.

L: That was why I asked you earlier about where your family stood in the black community.

H: My dad was one of these kind of people, I don’t care who you are, he thought this was his castle. You didn’t come in and bother him. So, we did not get so much the brunt of segregation. He sort of sheltered anyone and he felt like he was just as good as the next one.

My daughter, went to Fisk University in Nashville; she also went to A&T in Greensboro, North Carolina: both black schools. She got her Master’s degree from University of Ohio in Athens. She always said, “Mother, I never knew how bad segregation was until I got in Athens.” She made it through that and when she got out, I was a little upset because she wasn’t the same girl that had gone there. It had changed her.

They had a colored Welfare League and the regular one downtown. The one downtown would only give black people money when they had given it to all the whites. Then they would bring, I’ll say about \$200 down to the black Welfare League, and they would give people like \$7.50 and \$10.00 and \$12:00. Of course at that time it was a lot of money.

Sid Martin, we really learned to love him, because he helped us to get things all ironed out. We got all of these constitutions from the different parts of government — we read them, we found out where these laws had been on the books for years. We felt it was time to get them changed. So, they changed the welfare.

We went into trying to get clerks at the stores. Maas Brothers had

just come here and all the people that they hired had been white. We were in there, about five of us, and talked to the manager.

A girl from the university had come in and she had on jeans and just a regular shirt. She was hired. This black girl came in, which we did not plan, but she came in, all dressed up in a suit. He did not hire her. We really got on those kind of things.

L: You put pressure on Maas Food?

H: We did. They were slow in hiring, but they did hire. Then we began to go to grocery stores. The Ministerial Alliance’s really fixing to get on Publix, because Publix [did] not have any [black] cashiers.

L: When you were president of Gainesville Women, were you close to Joan Henry?

H: Joan was president before I became president. She really was the light in my life. I wanted to be as good a president as Joan was. She really helped me too.

When I became president, I asked them that we would have three coffees, in different sections of town. At these three coffees I was able to meet all the members. I would ask for their help. Ask them what they would like to do. The board meetings were fantastic because we could bring up problems like, for instance, someone would come to me and say (and people still do that), “I’m having a problem at my job and can your organization help?” I would call the person in charge of that and they would get right in on that.

We integrated the Boys Club. We had a little problem with them. They even got a Mr. Grant, who is black. They hired him from out of state, to help organize at the Waldo Road Boy’s Club, as the director. But soon they got enough money to build the southeast Boy’s Club. They put Mr. Grant here, then they built the one over there.

L: They kept the Boy’s Club segregated by simply moving them farther apart?

H: No, I’m not saying that. But, they were pretending, I’ll put it that way. It was going to be one Boy’s Club, but then they put this one way out here, and quite a few blacks live out there but most of them are older people. They really have to bus kids in for the northwest Boy’s Club.

L: How many jobs were you working at this time?

H: At one time I was working three. I was working at Chestnut Funeral Home. I was Charles’s granddaddy’s secretary for, I guess, about five years. I did that from 1 until 5. And I’d come home and sleep. I would cook dinner and maybe go to bed until 11. I’d get up and go to Shands at 12 and work until 8. Come home, change clothes and go to the County Agent’s Office and work from 8:30 until 12. I did that for five years.

L: Gainesville Women for Equal Rights just sort of disintegrated in the mid-early 1970s. Why do you think the group fell apart?

H: I think we got complacent. We felt that things were much better, that they were going to do alright -- they didn’t need a group like ours. That’s what happened to the Human Relations Advisory Board. Things were better. I was on the Human Relations Advisory Board for the city, during the time they integrated the bars. Now if I had my husband and you had your wife, they would take those kind of groups, but not mixed couples. People kept coming in and saying, we want to go to ABC. They had this big one on 13th Street, and they would not let them in.


Ed Johnson, the editor for the Gainesville Sun, was on the board. Ed Johnson said, well, Mrs. Bryant (because that is what I was) we can go to ABC. Ed, let me tell you, I don’t really go to bars and he said well, couldn’t you go with me this once? I said, okay. We had planned to go on Thursday evening. About that Tuesday they integrated, so I didn’t have to go against my good things that I believe in, cause I have never been a bar person.

L: So, Gainesville Women accomplished a lot of things?

H: Yes, they are the ones who turned this town around.

Full transcript of this interview can be found at <https://ufdc.ufl.edu/oral/results/?t=barbara%20higgins>.

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WITHOUT APOLOGY

THE ABORTION STRUGGLE NOW

BY JENNY BROWN

A necessary argument for building a fighting feminist movement to advance reproductive freedom

“By examining the failings and triumphs of previous movements for abortion rights, *Without Apology* manages to make perfect sense of the current political moment. This book will turn concerned individuals into activists and help beleaguered activists remember how it feels to believe that we can win.”
—Amelia Bonow, *Shout Your Abortion*

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JENNY BROWN organizes, teaches and writes with National Women’s Liberation (womensliberation.org). She was a leader in the successful fight to place the morning-after pill over the counter in the United States, a project director with the Redstockings Women’s Liberation Archives (redstockings.org), and formerly editor of the *Iguana* and *Labor Notes*.

Author events with Jenny Brown

Wed., Oct. 30, 3pm, Santa Fe College NW, Rm S-29
Discussion of Birth Strike: the Hidden Fight over Women’s Work

Mon., Nov. 4, 7pm, CMC, 433 S. Main St.
Discussion of *Without Apology: The Abortion Struggle Now*

From *RENTERS*, p. 1

ACLC’s Safe & Healthy Housing for All recommendations:

1. Universal, low cost landlord licensing and inspection throughout Alachua County.
2. Lower utility bills by requiring landlords to meet low-cost, high return on investment, energy and water efficiency standards.
3. A mediation program for rental deposit disputes modeled on the County’s successful Wage Recovery Ordinance.
4. Greater disclosure of rental units’ safety and efficiency ratings, as well as renters’ rights and responsibilities.
5. Protections against discrimination based on source of income and citizenship status.

So what’s next? After seven months of Gainesville’s Rental Housing subcommittee meetings, where all sides of the issue had their voices heard, a comprehensive and strong recommendation to address our deficient housing stock and renters rights was brought to the city commission.

The city commission voted 6-0, on July 25, to accept the recommendation and to direct staff to draft a new ordinance. The draft ordinance should be available for community feedback and back before the commission for review sometime in late October or November. Because of the complexity of the ordinance, it is expected that there will be multiple drafts of the ordinance, but my goal is to have first and second readings of the ordinance by February with it going into effect Oct. 1, 2020.

Even before the ordinance has passed, the city is preparing for the expected changes to how rental housing works in Gainesville. In next year’s budget, the city has added a new Rental Housing Advocate position that will be based in the Equal Opportunity Department, and \$150,000 that will be used to start the implementation of the ordinance.

If this ordinance passes, it will be the most progressive rental housing ordinance designed to ensure safe and healthy rental housing in the Southeast United States, and will be a model for other communities to use to protect their residents. But because of the strengths of this ordinance, there will be a strong push back against the ordinance over the coming months.

My request to you is to keep pushing and fighting for Safe & Healthy Housing For All. Keep emailing and meeting with commissioners, write letters to the editor, and keep spreading the word on social media that you support Safe and Healthy Housing for All. 🐢



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From *IMPEACH*, p. 1

when he undermined the FBI, the CIA, the NSA, the Secretary of Defense ...

when he said there were fine people in the neo-Nazi Unite The Right Charlottesville violence ...

when he buddied up with Putin, Netanyahu, Duterte, Kim Il Jong, Modi, Bolsenaro, etc ...

when his naked racism against Mexicans and Muslims was knocked back by the Federal courts ...

when he undermined NATO, the UN, his European allies ...

when the Mueller Investigation got underway, indicted his associates, concluded, and Mueller himself delivered his findings ...

when he bailed out of the climate agreement ...

when he bailed out of the Iran agreement ...

And now the Ukraine phone call. It could be that Nancy Pelosi was playing for time, giving him enough leeway to do something that would put a rope around his neck.

This latest thing, that final straw heaped up on all the other straws, has some real substance. He was using our tax money as leverage for his own political gain. They hid the phone call in a secret file.

Ironically it was a ginned up false version of the years’ old Biden/ Ukraine story that he heard, believed, and then tried to use to get dirt on a potential election foe. For more, see James Risen on the Sept. 27 episode of Democracy Now! at democracynow.org.

So here we are. This will be the story that dominates the news cycle, but leading to what? Will the Republicans keep sticking with him or will they break ranks? Just how devoted to him is his base, and how will they react?

And frankly, just how unhinged is this man?

His tweets and pronouncements are getting increasingly bizarre. Recently he proclaimed, “Nancy Pelosi is no longer Speaker of the House.” By the time you are reading this, things may have gotten even weirder.

I was just out of college during the Watergate hearings, and I avidly watched them. You knew it was going somewhere, but the outcome was not clear. But finally, Nixon — reading the writing on the wall — resigned, his support in Congress was disappearing, and he had cut a pardon deal with Vice President Gerald Ford.

Trump is cut from a different cloth than Nixon, and I don’t see him bowing out gracefully.

Trump has a frighteningly militant base lapping up Fox News and all sorts of toxic social media. They are fed and believe in a whole different worldview. And so does Trump, and it is all about him, and what he calls winning.

And even if he leaves without a fight, we still have organizing to do and elections to win. Everyone now knows elections have consequences, and hopefully we can keep the big picture in mind, be aware of intentional disinformation, and re-establish the primacy of science, of compassion, and get on the road to recovery. 🐢

Pop-up fall pumpkin tasting features local varieties

When: Saturday, Oct. 19, 11am - 1pm

Where: Working Food, 219 NW 10th Ave

Tickets: <https://www.memberplanet.com/events/forage/popupfallpumpkintasting>

by Sarah Sterling, Working Food

Join us for a fall pumpkin tasting. Local businesses take on the challenge of utilizing local pumpkin varieties to create scrumptious goodies for you to sample, and take home. They’ll definitely give you pumpkin to talk about.

Enjoy tastings of pumpkin infused coffee drinks, pumpkin filled pastries and baked goods, savory pumpkin items, and more. Local varieties making an appearance may include Seminole, Chinese Tropical and Cuban Calabaza.

Entry ticket gets you a taste of everything on the menu. Vendors will also have items for purchase so you can take home your favorite pumpkin goodies.

Iguana Directory

Call 352-378-5655 or email gainesvilleiguana@cox.net with updates and additions

Readers: If there is inaccurate information here, please let us know. If you are connected to an organization listed here, please check and update so others can be accurately informed.

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. gainesvillegreens.webs.com, alachuagreen@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 Note: unfortunately they are closing their medical clinic Oct 31 due to Tallahassee budget cuts. The dental clinic will remain open.

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

American Promise is a national, cross partisan, grassroots endeavor to amend the US Constitution to “secure fair, free elections; protect the rights of all Americans to equal participation and representation; and return original liberties for people rather than new privileges for the largest corporations, unions, and special interests.” americanpromise.net, local group forming: sandy.WeThePeople@gmail.com

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

Black Graduate Student Organization. aims to build fellowship at UF. bgsoatuf@gmail.com, facebook [ufbgso](https://www.facebook.com/ufbgso)

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. centralfldsa@gmail.com, www.facebook.com/centralfldsa

Citizens Climate Lobby builds awareness and lobbies for sensible climate policies, btancig@gmail.com, 352-214-1778

Confirmed pumpkin chefs include Daily Green, The Fat Tuscan Cafe, Brio Cold Brew Coffee, Cypress & Grove Brewing Co., Hoggetowne Creamery, Farm Kitchen Collective, Deli Fresh Blessing, and of course Working Food’s Chef Ashely Rella. More chefs and local businesses will be announced.

Pre-purchased tickets are \$15 for adults, \$5 for children, which allows participants a taste of everything on the menu. Tickets will be \$20 at the door. Family passes (two adults, two children) are also available for \$35 or \$40 at the door. Tickets can be purchased online.

All proceeds benefit our programs, helping grow a local food community from seed to plate. Additional purchased items go directly to the chefs and local business owners.

Get more information at:

Facebook: <https://tinyurl.com/Iguana1024>

Web: <https://tinyurl.com/iguana1025> 🐢

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 focusing on immigrant rights and immigrant advocacy. www.chispasuf.org, chispasuf@gmail.com, facebook: [chispasUF](https://www.facebook.com/chispasUF)

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 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 are held the second Wednesday of each month at 6pm. in the Alachua County School Board Meeting Room at 620 E University Ave. Office is at 901 NW 8th Ave., 352-373-1730, alachuadems.org

Divest Gainesville advocates divesting City financial assets from fossil fuel industries and educating on racial justice and climate change, youngersn@outlook.com

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Divest UF is a student-run organization and a loose collective of Gators seeking to divest the university from fossil fuels, the prison industry, and arms & surveillance companies. <http://www.divestuf.org>, Facebook @Divest UF

Dream Defenders is a socialist, feminist abolitionist organization, a safe space for people of color. Facebook: goddsville dream defenders

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.m.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 Quarterly magazine founded in 2008 with political, social and arts coverage, thefineprintmag.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 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; we offer wellness activities, support groups and brief overnight respite stays. Call the Warmline Support: 352-559-4559, gainesvillerespite.org

Gainesville Roller Rebels - a womens’ Flat Track roller derby team needs skaters and volunteer assistance, join@gainesvillrollerrebels.com

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 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)

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/humanistsocietyof-gainesville; 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.ufhumanistsoncampus@gmail.com, alternative: j.bontems@ufl.edu, phone- 561-374-3537

Ichetucknee Alliance focuses on activities to save the Ichetucknee River. <http://ichetuckneealliance.org/>, ichetuckneealliance@gmail.com, 386-454-0415, P. O. Box 945, High Springs.

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, projectmanagement@indivisiblegnv.org

Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC), branch of IWW, GainesvilleIWOC@gmail.com

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>

Madres Sin Fronteras (Mothers Without Borders) is a local grassroots immigrant-led organization that works to protect the rights of immigrants’ families in our community and to ensure that all are treated with dignity and respect. Email: msfgainesville@gmail.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.ncpssm.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, 352-575-0495, nwl@womensliberation.org

NCF AWIS - an advocacy organization championing the interest of women in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) across all disciplines and employment sectors. Meetings are usually the first Monday of the month (except holidays) from 5:30 -7:30pm, 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 Revolution North-Central Florida, inspired by Bernie Sanders, bringing progressive voices into the Democratic party, contact@ourrevnecfl.com

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. Meets 3rd Weds at 6:30 in Rum Island building, 2070 SW CR 138, Ft White. 386-243-0322, <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

Prairie Creek Conservation Cemetery promotes natural burial practices that conserve land and reunite people with the environment. info@prairiecreekconservationcemetery.org, 352-317-7307

Pride Awareness Month is a planning committee for spring’s UF Pride events, ufpridemonth@gmail.com

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. Let’s all help protect the planet and buy used. Open to the public. Tues-Sat: 10am-7pm, Sun noon-5. 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 Life South Building, 4039 W. Newberry Rd, 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, stand-byourplan@gmail.com; <http://standbyourplan.org/>

Student Animal Alliance UF based group that promotes animal rights through education, volunteering and social events. [faacebook: student animal alliance](https://www.facebook.com/wmflgnv/), [instagram @studentanimalallianceUF](https://www.instagram.com/studentanimalallianceUF)

Students Demand Action is a youth led gun violence prevention group. sdagainesville@gmail.com

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”

Students for Justice in Palestine, a cultural and political organization, sjpuflorida@gmail.com

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

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/>

WELLS (wellness, equity, love, liberation and sexuality) is a healing research collective aiding UF marginalized communities, especially QTPOC, facebook WELLS healing and research collective

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.hearourvoicegnv.org; [m.facebook.com/wmflgnv/](https://www.facebook.com/wmflgnv/); www.facebook.com/groups/wmflgnv/; [Instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/](https://www.instagram.com/womensmarchgnv/); [Twitter.com/WMFL_Gnv/](https://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>.

Zine Committee works to preserve and promote Travis Fristoe Zine Library at the CMC, new meeting time TBD - see Facebook, cmzinecommittee@gmail.com 🦎



FEST 2019: at the CMC and all over



By Joe Courter

The CMC will be quite a busy place during the Fest weekend. I hope some of you will come down and share in the fun.

The informal kick-off will be Thursday, Oct. 31, with Queer the Fest, themed "interGAYlactica," and featuring touring and local musicians – more of the LGBTQ variety than most of Fest – starting at 5 p.m.

And as if that wasn't enough, the Stetson Kennedy Annex will also be a haunted house for the night.

The regular Fest stuff at the CMC runs Friday through Sunday, November 1-3, with a donation of \$10 Friday and Saturday, from 6 to midnight.

Sunday will be a special show featuring Laura Jane Grace as the closer, and it will probably sell out at \$20.

Each day will feature six to eight performers. In addition, the CMC courtyard will host an afternoon showcase from noon to six of full bands. That will be a busy day!

The Civic Media Center is an acoustic venue in the Fest, so those that think of Fest as only loud punk rock — which may not be their cup of tea — need to come down to the CMC at 433 S. Main.

Participating in the Fest are performers

from both across the nation, and international, all playing short sets, giving you the opportunity to meet great people from all over. Each year I am stunned by how few locals I see that take advantage of this great event.

Want samples of the music? Go to the amazing website www.thefestfl.com for all venue schedules along with a listing of each band or musician. Click on the artist and you will hear a song.

This is not to say the rest of Fest - all the other bands and venues - are not worthy of attention. There are entire worlds of music out there, ignored by the mainstream, but dear to the rock and roll hearts of those who love them.

It is beyond cool that our Bo Diddley Plaza is a venue. Different venues have day passes as well, so it isn't just getting an all-venue wristband. Just come down and be part of it. 🐸

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