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Saturday, Sept. 15
Hobby Lobby, 2400 SW College Road, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.;

Sam's Club, 3921 SW College Road, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 19
Hobby Lobby, 2400 SW College Road, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.;

Friday, Sept. 21
Publix Markets, 4962 NW Blichton Road, 2:30p.m. to 7 p.m.

Everyday is a 'labor day' for some

By PRISCILLA BARNETT
FFV Correspondent

For most of us in 2018, the term "Labor Day" probably means a long weekend that rather traditionally closes out summer vacations. That first Monday in September often has been a time for families to gather and enjoy one last holiday time together before returning to regular work schedules or to the new school year's schedules.

Of course, for many of us this might well be the first weekend of the new football season that we enjoy so much each fall. Per-



PHOTO BY PRISCILLA BARNETT

Everyday is a "labor day" for Scott and Eddie in Fairfield Village.

sonally, I find college football much more interesting than NFL for many different reasons; but to each his/her own.

Looking into the history of Labor Day, I

found some contradictions and conflicting information as has been the case with any holiday I have ever researched. This particular holiday does go back quite a long time

to Sept. 5, 1882 in New York City. It was the creation of the Central Labor Union and was meant to be a "workmen's holiday."

There is dispute about the person given the credit for the idea; but oddly, they both had the same last name although spelled differently. Some sources credit Peter J. McGuire, the general secretary of the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and co-founder of what became the American Federation of Labor.

Other sources say it was actually Matthew Maguire, who was the Secretary of Local 344 of the International Association of Machinists in Paterson, New Jer-

sey who in 1882 appointed a committee and planned a demonstration and picnic to honor workers.

Whichever person should be given the credit is debatable; however the consensus that the American working public deserved recognition was not up for debate at the end of the 19th century or now in the 21st century. The heart and soul of America is rightly celebrated because of the hard work and dedication of those who take pride in a job well done.

Here in Fairfield Village, we have neighbors from all kinds of professional back-

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What's the significance of 5779?

Do you know the significance of the "year 5779?"

This is the Jewish New Year, known as Rosh Hashanah.

This year, 2018, the day celebrated is Monday, Sept. 10.

Jewish law states that this holiday is never to start on a Sunday, Wednesday or Friday.

One custom observed on this day is the eating of apples dipped in honey.

The next Jewish holiday after Rosh Hashanah is Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, which will be celebrated Sept. 19. The purpose of Yom Kippur is to bring about recon-

ciliation between people and between individuals and God.

We wish "happy new year" to our Jewish neighbors and friends.

With September we can expect our "visitors," known as "love bugs."

They appear in our area twice each year – May and September. They don't bite, but they can cause damage to the paint on your car; so, if you have them, wash them off quickly.

The Primary election is over! Hopefully, the aggravating phone calls will stop. We are privileged to live in a country where we can vote freely. We are fortunate to have our

clubhouse used as a voting location. The General election will take place Nov. 6.

Today, Sept. 5, is another busy day at the clubhouse.

The Fellowship group met at 10 a.m. and ceramics, also met at 10 a.m.; then at noon the QMPOA Board met for their "prep" meeting.

Remember, that meeting is open for all homeowners.

The next event on the calendar was the first budget meeting at 3 p.m. That is where the budget for 2019 will be discussed.

Next on the calendar will be the First Friday gathering at the clubhouse at 7 p.m. Come

join your neighbors for a nice evening of fellowship and eating of snacks!

This is a great opportunity to get acquainted with our new residents.

If you are looking for something to do on Saturday, go to the clubhouse for the Rod and Gun Club meeting at 10 a.m. They will be finalizing their plans for the deep sea fishing trip. Call Brian Maguire for more information.

Monday, Sept. 10, is the regular monthly meeting of the QMPOA

Quail Meadow
Carolyn Slocumb



in the clubhouse at 7 p.m. and is open to all property owners.

The social committee is busy finalizing plans for the Tropical Party that will be Friday, Sept. 21, at 7 p.m. Get your tickets now from Grace Maguire or Judi Hargraves.

Have you noticed the new sign in front of the clubhouse? It was installed Thursday, Aug. 30.

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How to Live with a Veggie-Holic

In our house, not many conflicts expose themselves. For the most part, it is a very quiet and serene home occupied by two lovebirds.

I am not saying we are perfect. For we are not. The imperfect side of this marvelous relationship is Yours Truly. I was born imperfect and I have honored my birthright ever since.

I do not care what some may say about crazy people, I have enjoyed my craziness all my life. When you are perfect, you have to be careful that you do not make any mistake or act crazy.

When, however, you are imperfect and tilt toward the crazy side of life, your life is a joy.

If you make a mistake, well, that is part of life. But on the positive side, when you do something right, you become the amazement of people around you.

So, our relationship in the Parsonage has been a very wonderful relationship.

At least, from my side of the room. What the other resident says may be quite different.

We do make a great team, though. I can break anything and she can fix anything. How much better do you need to be?

When I make a mistake, she can correct me even in front of people. Now that is what I like. I would hate people to think I am stupid, crazy is one thing but stupid is something altogether different. And it is the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage that consistently rescues me from being stupid.

Being a non-perfectionist, I can enjoy every day of my life, no matter what happens or what doesn't happen.

I cannot imagine what life is like for that person who is a perfectionist, like my wife.

She sees something that needs fixing, and she is busy trying to fix it.

If something is out of place, she is the first one to put it in its place. She has put me in my place for many years.

Few things we disagree on but there is one thing on top of that list. They can be boiled down into one word, Vegetables.

My wife loves vegetables almost as much as I love apple fritters. I do not think since the day she was born a day has passed without her consuming some kind of vegetable. She knows vegetables like I know apple fritters. There is not a vegetable known to mankind that she has not consumed.

Even for breakfast, she likes to sneak in some kind of vegetable. With my oatmeal, for example, she likes to sneak in a carrot. What in the world do carrots have to do with breakfast?

Her response to this is simply, "Vegetables are good for you and it's good to start the day off with a vegetable."

For her sake, I will grudgingly put up with some vegetables. Some vegetables, however, I will not put up with. I have made my stand strong through the years and I have not moved. Leading the list would be Broccoli.

Yes, I know all of the benefits of eating broccoli.

My wife has told me this over and over throughout the years

and I can repeat it verbatim.

My problem is, I do not believe what anybody says about broccoli. First, broccoli looks like a miniature tree that has not grown up yet. Who likes to eat trees?

There is no way to prepare broccoli that my wife does not already know. For years, she tried to entice me and con me into eating broccoli. I will fall for just about anything, except broccoli.

Every once in a while my wife will say, "What would you like for supper tonight?"

I do not pause, but immediately say, "Anything but broccoli."

I have the same apprehension for broccoli as she does for apple fritters.

I believe that an Apple fritter is basically "a fruit."

Once when I was trying to explain to her that an Apple fritter was a fruit she replied in disgust, "Anybody that believes that is just fruity."

What she does not realize is, I do not mind being fruity. I would rather be fruity than eat

Out to Pastor
Rev. James Snyder



any broccoli.

The question here is how do you live with someone who is such a veggie-Holic?

There could not be any bigger span of separation than between a veggie-holic and an Apple fritter fan.

Recently we have come to an amicable agreement, which simply is, she does not talk about broccoli and I do not talk about apple fritters. She does not believe what I say about apple fritters anyway. And, I do not believe what she says about broccoli.

So, we have learned to respect each other's differences. That is what makes a relationship good. The only question I have is, and I don't bring it up very often, does an Apple fritter smell as bad as broccoli cooking on the stove?

Looking back over

our relationship very few things we disagree on and the things we disagree on are not that important that it should affect our relationship.

I love what that wise old prophet in the Old Testament said, "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3).

It is not what we disagree on; rather, it is what we agree on that is important. If you are going in one direction, you must have the same opinion that it is the direction you are going.

The Rev. James L. Snyder is pastor of the Family of God Fellowship, 1471 Pine Road, Ocala, FL 34472. He lives with the Gracious Mistress of the Parsonage, in Ocala, Florida. Call him at 352-687-4240 or email jamesnyder2@att.net. The church website is www.whatafellowship.com.

Historians to discuss McPherson School

The Marion County Museum of History and Archaeology presents Annabelle Leitner with a program Sunday, Sept. 16, at 2 p.m. at Green Clover Hall 319 SE 26th Terrace, McPherson Governmental Complex property, 307 SE 26th Terrace, Ocala, FL 34471. Following will be a reception with refreshments and tours at the museum.

Annabelle Leitner was born in Gainesville, Florida, and has lived at Shiloh in Mar-

ion County her entire life and raised on the family farm, the original homestead started in 1857 and located in the original grant awarded in 1842. Author and historian, her research and writings have been published in the McIntosh Gazette, Sybil Browne Bray's Salty Crackers book and the Gainesville Sun.

Leitner and her sister live on the Leitner Sisters' Farm at Shiloh, which is on part of the original Geiger

family landholdings where she farms, creates and writes.

For information, call the museum at 352-236-5245. The program admission is free to museum members, and \$5 to nonmembers.

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Friday, Sept. 7

Car Show

Car Show and chicken barbecue dinner will be held at Ocala West United Methodist Church, Friday, Sept. 7, from 5 to 7 p.m. The car show will be held in the parking lot next to the pavilion. The Men's Fellowship is offering chicken barbecue to eat-in or takeout prices: \$8 for 1/2 barbecue chicken dinner with baked beans, coleslaw and roll; \$6 for 1/2 chicken only or 1/4 chicken dinners. Boy Scout Troop 707 sponsored by OWUMC will sell hot dogs with chips and a drink for \$4. Ocala West UMC, 9330 SW 105TH St., 352-854-9550

First Friday

The First Friday Art Walk returns to downtown Ocala for the 2018-2019 season Friday, Sept. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. and will include the following special performances and activities:

■ 6 to 9 p.m. - Live music by Cami Maree on the main event stage located at the downtown square near the gazebo.

■ 7 p.m. - Ballroom dancing performance by the USA Dance Ocala Chapter 6027. Mini-ballroom dancing lessons will be available for event attendees.

■ 8 p.m. - Belly dancing performance by the Cairo Dancers. Explore the rhythm, costumes

and complex movements of this Middle Eastern art form.

■ 6 to 9 p.m. - 98.5 KTK, the Discovery Center, the Appleton Museum of Art, Painting with a Twist, and the Marion County Public Library will provide free, hands-on art activities for all ages.

The First Friday Art Walk occurs from 6 to 9 p.m. on the first Friday of each month from September through May annually. Located within Ocala's historic downtown, event festivities include over 30 artist displays, live entertainment, free family art activities and extended shopping hours.

For more information, please contact the City of Ocala Cultural Arts Department at 352-629-8447 or artwalk@ocalafl.org or visit www.ocalafl.org/artwalk.

Bowling League

We are recruiting bowlers for our Queen of Peace Bowling League at Galaxy West Bowling Center for our next season. The center is located at the intersection of Easy and 17th streets.

The new season begins Friday, Sept. 7, at noon. Warmup/practice 10 minutes earlier. We will be bowling for 30 weeks with three holidays off. This is an open league, not church oriented. We welcome all interested bowlers to join us for a great time. Regular bowlers/teams of four or those interested in being part time substitutes in any mix of men and women with handicaps to equalize bowlers and teams after establishing their season average on first day of bowling. If returning from last season, last year's average will be used for first day. Contacts are listed below for additional information.

If you can, please attend our kickoff meeting in the alley conference

room, noon, Aug. 31 to form teams. Thanks, and hope to see you there.

Contacts: secretary/treasurer, Mal Press, 917-371-9244; past secretary/treasurer, Peggy Davis, 352-857-9680; president, John Levandowski, cell-phone, 609-864-5424, home, 352-291-8766.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Women's Fellowship

The Women's Ministry of Christ's Church of Marion County invites all women to join them for a special "Women's Fellowship Luncheon" Saturday, Sept. 8. The event begins at 10 a.m. with a special time of fellowship and encouragement. The special guest speaker for the morning is Gaye Martin.

There is no cost for the event; however, reservations are requested. Ladies may make their reservation by contacting the church office at 352-861-6182 or via email to info@ccomc.org.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th St., just off State Road 200. For more information on Christ's Church visit our website at www.ccomc.org.

Pancake Breakfast

Ocala West UMC's communitywide breakfast prepared by the men's fellowship will be held from 7:30-9:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 8, and is only \$6 for all you care to eat.

A varied selection awaits everyone ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, French toast, waffles, pancakes, corned beef hash, biscuits and gravy, fruit cup, juice and coffee. Breakfast proceeds benefit the many charities supported by the OWUMC men's fellowship.

Ocala West United Methodist Church, 9330 SW 105th Street, 352-854-9550.

Sunday, Sept 9

Christ's Church

If you are looking for a church home where Christ is first, you won't want to miss the services at Christ's Church of Marion County this week.

As always, we begin each Lord's day with Sunday School classes for all ages at 9:30 a.m. We offer five adult classes on a variety of topics. A synopsis of each class is available on our website.

Our Worship Service begins at 10:30 a.m. as we open with special music by our Worship Choir. Our praise time includes a blend of familiar hymns of the church as well as contemporary praise songs with a full praise band. Pastor David Bellows will present a message of inspiration.

Pastor Ray Westman leads a Small Group Wednesday afternoon, Sept. 5 at 4 p.m. The group meets in our main building and takes an in-depth look at the Sunday morning message with a video message by pastor David Bellows.

On Saturday, Sept. 8 our Women's Ministry is hosting a special "Women's Fellowship Luncheon" with special guest speaker Gaye Martin. All ladies are invited to join us at 10 a.m. for a special time of fellowship and encouragement, followed by lunch. Reservations are requested by contacting the church office during regular office hours.

Christ's Church of Marion County is located at 6768 SW 80th St. off State Road 200. For more information on all our events or for directions visit our website at www.ccomc.org or contact the church office at 352-861-6182.

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Church, Sunday at 10:30 a.m. You can find us at: 9045 SW 60th Ave., Ocala. Our worship style is full of love, joy and faith as we worship God in a traditional way. Learn more about us and even view a sermon from our preaching minister David Campbell on our website www.swchristianchurch.com

Monday, Sept. 13

Marion Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center

Sept. 13: Annual Health Fair to take place between 9 a.m.-1 p.m. FREE open to the public. All types of vendors on hand providing outstanding information for the mind, body and soul. Healthy eating, demos, assessments, senior citizen services, adult & family programs, Healthy Start for pregnant moms and infants, doctors, dentists, health insurance and tons of door prizes will be given away during event. For more information contact 352-438-2830, Marion Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center, 280 Marion Oaks Lane.

Sept. 27: "BLINGO A Fundraiser with a little Bling!" This event is a spin on America's most popular past time. This is your opportunity to walk away with great prizes like jewelry, gift certificates, gift baskets, man cave items and more - All while supporting great community programs. All money raised goes right back into the community. You have not had fun until you have been to our BLINGO! For more information or to purchase tickets, contact 352-438-2830/"The Auditorium" 280 Marion Oaks Lane.

Oct. 25: Macey Mac Appearing for one night only at "The Auditorium." Tickets are \$5 in advance/\$8 at the door.

Doors open at 6 p.m. with concert starting at 7 p.m. No outside food is allowed. Food is available for purchase; cash only. For more information or to purchase tickets contact 352-438-2830 Marion Oaks Recreation Department 294 Marion Oaks Lane.

Saturday, Sept. 8

Events at VFW Post 4781

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781 is a non-smoking facility.

Auxiliary Bingo Fund Raiser: Thanks to everyone who participated in this event and we sincerely hope you enjoyed the day and the camaraderie. Thanks to all of the wonderful volunteers who worked and made the day flow so smoothly. Also, thanks to those who brought in the beautiful raffle donations. We are extremely grateful to the many businesses for their generous donations and expressions of love, support and appreciation for our veterans.

■ Saturday, Sept. 8: We will be cleaning up the grounds and building and need volunteers to assist with this project. Please join us at 8 a.m. and help with the beautification of our Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

■ Wednesday, Sept. 12 One-half roasted chicken dinner from 4 p.m. - 6 p.m. for \$7.

■ Saturday, Sept. 22: POW/MIA program at 1 p.m. with the North Marion Young Marines participating in this ceremony. This is open to the public and will be held in the hall. Please join us for this memorial ceremony.

■ Saturday, Sept. 22: Taco Dinner returns from 4p.m. to 6 p.m. for \$7.

■ Monday: Bingo is played in the hall. Doors open at 9 a.m. and the

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Be our guest this year for the High Holy Days!

All Services Are Complimentary

- September 9 7:30 PM - Erev Rosh Hashanah Oneg to follow
- September 10 9:30 AM - Rosh Hashanah Day 1 Tashlich to Follow
- September 11 9:30 AM - Rosh Hashanah Day 2
- September 18 7:00 PM - Kol Nidre
- September 19 9:30 AM - Yom Kippur
4:00 PM - Yizkor Break the Fast to Follow

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games start at 11 a.m. The kitchen is open from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Bar bingo is for members and guests and begins at 6 p.m. Wednesday and Friday lunch is served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

■ Second and Fourth Friday: Dinners are fried Alaskan Pollock (A.U.C.E.) or chicken with french fries, hush puppies and coleslaw. Dinner is \$8 and served from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Public is invited.

■ Friday and Saturday: Enjoy entertainment in the canteen from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

■ Saturday: Breakfast is served from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. and prices range from \$3.00 - \$6.50. Breakfast is open to the public.

■ Hall Rental and Catering. Please call 352-873-4781 for further information.

■ Honor Guard: Our Honor Guard is available to provide military honors to a fallen veteran. For further information contact the Post at 352-873-4781.

Angela S. Santos Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th St. Telephone 352-873-4781. You can also follow us on Facebook - Angela Santos Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4781.

School Days at Ft. King

The City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department will host Marion County Public School Days at the Fort King National Historic Landmark, 3925 E Fort King St., Saturdays, Sept. 8 and 22 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact the city of

Ocala Recreation and Parks Department at 352-368-5535.

Sunday, Sept. 16

Museum of History & Archaeology

MC Museum of History & Archaeology, P.O. Box 4383, Ocala, FL, 34478 or call 352-236-5245.

The museum is located at 307 SE 26th Ter, Ocala, FL 34471 All programs third Sunday of odd months, at 2 p.m. in Green Clover Hall. Reception follows at East Hall. All programs admission free to members, \$5 to nonmembers. Individual and family memberships are available for sale at events.

The Sept. 16 program is the Historic Ocala Preservation Society presenting "The History of Ocala and of HOPS."

Nov. 18, 2018 Brian Stoothoff presents the History of "The Great Fire" and the City Fire and EMS services – 135th Anniversary.

Ocala Jazz Society

The Ocala Jazz Society invites you to join them Sunday, Sept. 16, from 2-5 p.m. for their monthly performance of Swing, Big Band, Dixieland, 50s and all your favorites.

We look forward to seeing you at the smoke-free VFW Post 4781, 9401 SW 110th Street, across from Oak Run. The band performs on the third Sunday of each month. A suggested donation of \$5 for hospice is appreciated. For more information, please call 352-237-0234 or email ocalajazzsociety@yahoo.com.

German American Club of Marion County

The German American

Club of Marion County will hold an Oktoberfest Sunday, Sept. 16, at noon at Marion Oaks Community Center. A bratwurst dinner will be served at 1 p.m. Please bring your own beverage. Music will be provided by Alpine Express. Lederhosen, dirndle or dressy casual attire is requested. Tickets are \$20 per member or \$25 per nonmember and may be purchased by calling Mary Wisecup at 352-789-6499.

Saturday, Sept. 22

Public Lands Day

National Public Lands Day at Silver Springs State Park at 9 a.m., Sept. 22, at 5656 East Silver Springs Blvd.

PLD is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort on public lands. We will spend the morning removing air potato, taking out invasive plants, planting new additions to our gardens, painting stepping stones, picking up trash and performing other park projects.

For more information, please contact John Kilmer by email at john.kilmer@floridadep.gov or call 352-236-7156.

Thursday, Sept. 27

Rainbow Springs Garden Club

The Rainbow Springs Garden Club will begin the new fiscal year Thursday, September 27, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge 136, 20751 Powell Road, in Dunnellon. Driveways are one way in, one way out, so turn at the first driveway and go to the back of the building to park and enter through the back door, including handicapped parking. Signs will help guide you to the correct location to

park and enter. Please do not park in the emergency driveways in front of the building.

We are delighted to have our good friend Guda Taylor as our guest speaker for our first meeting of the new fiscal year. She will share her wealth of knowledge about the native and Florida Friendly plants that she brings to show and sell for our own landscapes. She's a very popular speaker so be sure to come early to sign in and renew your membership for the year. We will not have a Grow & Share table for this meeting due to Guda's program but will have it for other meetings. Be sure to pick up the MMM (Members' Monthly Memo) which includes the calendar for the 2018-19 year and other important information.

Rainbow Springs Garden Club is open to everyone in the surrounding areas. Annual membership (September – May) is \$15. Visitor fee is \$5 per meeting applicable toward annual membership. Door prizes will be awarded; sign in to be included in the door prize drawings. Help kick off the 2018-19 year of the Rainbow Springs Garden Club and get the great schedule of programs for the whole year! Jewel Pontius, secretary/publicity 352-465-0310

Saturday, Sept. 29

Altar and Rosary Society

The Altar & Rosary Society of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church will be holding a huge flea market Saturday, Sept. 29, in Father Stegeman Hall located at 7525 U.S. Hwy. 41 in Dunnellon, from 8-1. Many items will

be for sale including the famous jewelry boutique. Light refreshments will be available for a nominal fee.

Blessing of the Animals

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Saturday, Nov. 10

Grace Episcopal Bazaar

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Skilled Trades Job Fair is Sept 18

Lockheed Martin, E-One and R+L Global Logistics are among the 22 businesses lined up so far for the Skilled Trades Job Fair set for Sept. 18.

The job fair is sponsored by CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion in partnership with Marion Technical College and takes place from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at MTC's Brewster Hall, 1014 SW Seventh Road in Ocala.

To date, the following businesses – all with jobs to fill – plan to take part: American Panel, ANCORP, Cardinal Glass, C.E.M. Solutions, ClosetMaid, C.W. Roberts, Engineering Solutions International, E-One/REV Group, Florida Express Environmental, Kablelink Communications, Lockheed Martin, Marion County Board of County Commissioners, McLane Company, Overhead Door Company of Ocala, R+L Global Logistics, Robins & Morton, Skyline Homes, Southeast Milk, Southern Structures, Sun Kool Air Conditioning, United Plastic and Weber Glass.

"A skilled tradesperson is a worker who specializes in a particular occupation that requires work experience, on-the-job training and often formal vocational education, but not usually a bachelor's degree," said Brenda Chrisman, CareerSource CLM's business development officer.

In addition to area commercial businesses, CareerSource CLM staff will be on hand with information about fee-free job-placement services and training opportunities.

While advance registration is not required, those interested in fast, easy access to the job fair are encouraged to register at www.employflorida.com. Job candidates should dress appropriately and be prepared for on-the-spot job interviews.

Anyone interested in getting help before the job fair is encouraged to visit a CareerSource CLM career center at 2703 NE 14th St., Ocala; 683 S. Adolph Point, Lecanto; or 2175 NW 11th Dr., Chiefland.

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MCSO establishes Domestic Violence Unit

The Marion County Sheriff's Office received a three-year grant from the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence to establish a specialized Domestic Violence Unit.

The unit is currently comprised of two detectives funded under the grant, a Surviving Harmful Interactions through Electronic Location Devices detective and a supervisor. So far in 2018, 11 Marion County citizens have lost their lives to domestic violence, and it's our most prominent call for service. Last year, deputies worked

close to 2,400 domestic violence calls and they've already worked close to 1,400 this year.

Too often, domestic violence cases are dropped due to a combination of a lack of victim cooperation and a lack of physical evidence. The DV unit is a proactive effort to provide victims with knowledge and protection, and to maintain a focus on the offenders, holding them accountable for their actions by letting them know they are on law enforcement's radar.

The MCSO Domestic Violence Unit has several different goals in

its mission to protect DV victims. Detectives offer victims support by making sure their case gets the unit's undivided attention.

DV Unit members will review every domestic violence case each morning and send risk evaluation forms to state attorney's office prosecutors to inform them of dangerous offenders. During that process, DV Unit detectives may recommend strict bond conditions, such as SHIELD, which utilizes GPS monitors, for offenders who have a higher risk of inflicting continued abuse of their victims.

Detectives will also follow-up on cases that MCSO patrol deputies have worked, make contact with victims and evaluate each case more thoroughly. The follow-ups enable detectives to possibly find more evidence, such as bruises, or supplementary witness or victim testimony. Better evidence strengthens cases and enhances the probability of a successful prosecution and seek Risk Protection Orders in appropriate cases. Each offender will be placed in a database for tracking, further improving security for victims.

Because of their specialization, detectives will also provide education to patrol deputies and our judicial partners on the nature of domestic violence cases to improve DV investigative techniques.

"Ultimately, this unit is for the victims," Sheriff Billy Woods said. "We want to provide domestic violence victims with support, and encourage them to break the cycle of violence against them. Our hope is that by having a detective assigned to their case who will focus on building a rapport with

victims that they will have the support they need to break free of their abusive situation. We wish to empower these victims to help end the cycle of violence."

Help is available to victims by calling the following organizations below for assistance. For emergencies, call 911. Marion County Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate, 352-369-6762; Ocala Police Department Victim Advocate, 352-369-7139; Ocala Domestic Violence Center, 352-622-8495; Kimberly's Center for Child Protection: 352-873-4739.

Sims arrested for fondling boy

Marion County Sheriff's Office Major Crimes Detective John Lightle arrested Kyle C. Sims, 33, AKA "Shawn Penna" or "Shane," after Sims fondled a young boy and attempted to touch another.

Sims was arrested Aug. 21 for Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle and also had a Fugitive-from-Justice warrant out of Arizona for Sexual Exploitation of a Minor (Possession of Child Pornography).

A citizen contacted MCSO after hearing of Sims' arrest because they knew he had access



SIMS

to young children here in Marion County. Detectives responded to Sims' place of resi-

dence in Belleview and found that he was living with a roommate and an 11-year old boy. The boy told detectives that "Shane" had touched him on his private parts on two separate occasions. Sims also ran an automotive business out of the home and hired

teenage boys to help him with the work.

One of the boys said that Sims made inappropriate comments to him and another said that Sims attempted to touch him sexually but the victim was able to stop his advancements.

During a post-Miranda interview with Sims, he denied any touching of a sexual manner on the boys. He did say that he was involved in a horse-play type wrestling match with one of the victims and that he might have touched the victim in the crotch area. He denied that it

was sexual in nature.

Sims is now facing additional charges of two counts of Lewd and Lascivious Molestation and one count of Simple Battery. He remains in the Marion County Jail on no bond.

Due to the evidence developed in this investigation, detectives believe that Sims may have more victims in our community that we are not yet aware of. If you are aware of any inappropriate behavior between Sims and children, please contact Detective Lightle at 352-369-6715.

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State scraps Coastal Connector

BY JEFF BRYAN
Riverland News

After a torrent of backlash from citizens and public officials about its plan for the "Coastal Connector," the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) informed public officials and citizens it is abandoning its plans for the Coastal Connector alternative study and instead focus on direct improvements to Interstate 75, according to Mike Dew, secretary of FDOT in a letter issued local officials released to the public last Friday.

"Absolutely, I think that we should all be very," said County Commissioner Kathy Bryant, whose district includes the greater Dunnellon area, which would have

been severely impacted by the proposed Coastal Connector routes. "I think there were a lot of people who played a part in it. We should be happy. We should give a big thanks to the governor, cabinet, the legislative delegation as well as the grassroots effort and all of the people who worked on it. They listened; our voices were heard. It was a win for Marion County."

The Coastal Connector and the I-75 Master Plan studies were high-level planning studies, Dew explained. Before a prospective alternate new corridor to I-75 could actually be identified, a full Project Development and Environment study needs to be completed, which would include identification of a lo-

cally preferred alternative. PD&E studies evaluate alternate locations for a potential facility as well as the potential that a "no-build" option should be pursued.

"No-build" options are required by law to be a viable consideration all through a PD&E process. Neither of the studies, Dew wrote, included what is required for a PD&E study and nothing in the work performed for the studies should be construed to equate to identification, designation or reservation of a transportation corridor for any future FDOT transportation facility.

"At this time, the Department has determined that the best approach to addressing traffic issues in the area

is to abandon the new corridor concepts that were preliminarily discussed in the planning studies," Dew wrote, noting the Department is "not continuing with the steps" that would be necessary to develop the alternate new corridors identified in either the Coastal Connector Alternative Corridor Evaluation Study or the North I-75 Master Plan Study.

"With the rapidly evolving nature of the area and the number of different alternatives that have been proposed, the Department believes that it is appropriate to step back and refocus on improvement of I-75.

FDOT understands the potential impact of any proposal on the economically important equine and realty industry

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Italian-American Club takes a field trip

Stone Creek
Patricia Gizzi



Over the teaching years of my career, I planned many field trips even overnight ones for 50 second-graders. Planning a field trip for children takes a great deal of planning with booking the place, getting a bus, possible fundraising for the trip, permission slips, teaching aspects of the trip and behavior for the bus and where we will be going, food and then making sure everyone is accounted for after exiting and getting on the bus.

Planning for this field trip was much easier. I contacted Teresa Hines of Olive Obsession to see if she would do an overview of olive oil, a staple in Italian cooking. A notice was sent out and people responded to one of two dates. A list was made and reminder sent - everyone had their own transportation and people showed up. So much easier to plan for this field trip.

Teresa was agreeable and besides gave us a 101 of olive oil and she provided wine and cheese with a delicious balsamic glaze and crackers.

We probably all use olive oil but there is such a difference between 'real' olive oil and olive oil that Teresa sells. There is even a way to sip the olive oil. We tasted many olive oils and Teresa now has her first Italian olive oil that she can sell at the store.

I purchased a blood orange olive oil and a white raspberry balsamic that when paired together was delicious. Teresa said it is delicious on fish among other things.

If you are interested in good accompaniments to food, check out Teresa's Olive Obsession at teresa@oliveobsession.com or call her at 352-237-2566. Teresa has started teaching cooking classes. Here's to field trips and learning!



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tries in Marion County, Dew wrote.

FDOT "is committed to continuing conversations with the region's local governments and

stakeholders to provide acceptable solutions that meet the region's transportation needs," Dew noted.

The rapport between local and state officials as well as the citizens, made it "easier for us to have those conversations," with state lead-

ers, Bryant said. "We were able to share what the people are feeling in Marion County," she explained, noting city and county officials signed letters while citizens did the same. "It was, all-in-all, a great effort, we got what we wanted."

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Opinion

Your VIEW

"Public Education May Never be Good Enough for People," the headline blared.

WOW! Talk about hitting the nail on the head.

A college degree is not a body of knowledge, it is only the appetizer. Not even a PHD is a full course meal, just a tiny sliver of information.

A body of knowledge is the information we collect to enhance the quality of our lives, (it is a do-it-yourself project.) it is ongoing, and lifelong.

It is monetarily free, at libraries but it takes effort, that is the problem, people are too lazy or busy. My goal has been to learn one new thing each day. Good or bad, we need to know the bad as well as the good, to protect ourselves from the bad.

Is it education, or brainwashing and propaganda being taught in schools today? We especially need to watch any government for the corrupt elements that take over these entities. Unions, communism, socialism, democracies, republics and schools; any entity that utilizes power. Power lust is the destructive human trait.

Everything looks good on paper, until the corrupt take over. Corruption is the problem. How do we fix that? If education teaches corruption is it OK?

Synopsis, of my reason for concurring with the above headline.

My father worked in a coal mine during the depression. Then he worked for Westinghouse. Due to strike after strike, my family was constantly behind on our bills. Being allowed to go on the books, we would strive to catch up our arrear bills, when my father did work (on the books, rent and food could be held and paid on credit.) (pre-credit card days).

Strikes happened frequently, and there was not enough time to get caught up with the arrears bills. The depression lingered, in our house, long after it was over for others. My family paid every penny owed, never thought of anything else. That is my, mantra too, bills are paid first. Tighten the belt.

When I graduated from high school, I asked my parents for permission to work and pay my own way through college. Never having been able to live debt free, their answer was: Women get married and do not need college. For eight years I handed in my entire paycheck and got \$5 for carfare and lunch. One day a month I could squeeze in a root beer float at the drugstore with the other girls. I took a fried egg sandwich, for lunch every day, wrapped in old newspaper tied with string. We wasted nothing. No recycling needed.

When I was 30 an opportunity came my way, and I was able to go to college and get a B.A. It was the treasure of my life. However, fast forward 60 years and I realize how very little value that diploma is. Just a piece of paper.

God decided to extend His finger into my life and I spent the past 60 years accumulating a real body of knowledge

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Words matter

Words matter. It was February 1972 when Gunners Mate Guns 1st Class David Clayton Thomas, sir, marched his first boot camp company to Luce Auditorium at Naval Training Center, San Diego.

The base theater didn't look big from the outside, but inside, it was cavernous, almost dank. It contained more seats in one place than I had ever seen in my life. Company 062 was one of that last to enter. There must have been 2,000 recruits in their seats, waiting for the cultural awareness program to begin.

I was raised in a small, rural farm town in an area of Southeastern Oklahoma known as "Little Dixie." My folks didn't speak of their heritage. I knew my maternal grandparents came from Tennessee and Georgia. My paternal grandparents came from Alabama and Mississippi. Other than that, I knew I was born in Texas and raised in Oklahoma.

Please understand that the Great Depression and the Dust Bowl that forced so many people to uproot their families and move to California was still recent history at the time of my birth. Poor people from Oklahoma, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas were migrant workers and the term "Okie" was still a slur that followed me to boot camp.

In a self-deprecating manner, I told everyone, "I'm just a poor dumb Okie with the God-given right to brag (because I was born in Texas)!"

The cultural awareness program began. A black chief petty officer was the facilitator. I believe the proper term at the time was, African-American. According to The Associated Press Stylebook, the correct identifier now is black, unless the person is known to be of African descent or if a person requests identification as an African-American.

The chief petty officer spoke of race, customs, heritage and many other things that were new concepts to me. The only thing I remember about his lecture is that the longer he spoke, the madder I became, and I was irate by the time he finished his spiel and asked if there were any questions.

I remember thinking, "Who is he to lecture me about culture and heritage?"

I immediately raised my hand and he called on me. I stood and for all the reasons previously stated, I said something like, "It's fine for you to stand up there and talk about your heritage and your customs because everybody knows where your ancestors came from."

"Where did I come from?" he asked.

"Everybody knows you came from



Mountains from Molehills

By David Davis

Africa!" I yelled loud enough for all 2,000 recruits to hear.

"I'll have you know," he replied. "I came from France!"

I sank down into my seat not knowing that that incident was only the first of many lessons I was to learn about race relations.

I joined the Navy shortly after the race riots in the late 60s occurred on a couple of aircraft carriers. The cultural awareness training in boot camp was only the first of many racial sensitivity training seminars I attended throughout my career. In the 70s, the Navy required everyone to attend classes called "Upward Seminars" or "Archie Bunker School."

That same chief petty officer taught the two-week seminar and we butted heads again. He proved to me that I was wrong 99 percent of the time. Fortunately for me, another facilitator's family was from Southeastern Oklahoma and took my side of arguments the other 1 percent.

My views on race have changed radically since boot camp. During my career, a Hawaiian boatswain's mate saved my life early in my career. Later, a black man saved my life when, after a night of extremely heavy drinking, I mistook a mooring line for the gangplank. A black man taught my two boys how to swim at the base swimming pool.

In Cleveland, Tennessee, where I lived before moving here, my very best friend (except my wife) is a black Jehovah's Witness. He has no interest in politics and is about as neutral as possible.

I was furious after hearing the comment made by congressman Ron DeSantis. I wasn't sure if I was overreacting, so I emailed the full quote in context to my friend and asked, "What does this mean to you."

The following is his reply.

"That's a very interesting and inflammatory expression to use — 'Monkey this up.' It's not even a common expression, like 'stop monkeying around.' I can see how this could be viewed as a 'dog whistle' with a deliberately ambiguous expression to hint to those who are racist while being able to deny the obvious implication. The fact that the expression 'Monkey this up,' was used — knowing the racial climate we currently live in — suggests to me

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What are political parties good for? Plenty.

If you take a dim view of our political parties, you're in sterling company. So did George Washington.

In his famous Farewell Address, he warned us against "the baneful effects of the spirit of 'political party.'" A political party, he wrote, "agitates the community with ill-founded jealousies and false alarms, kindles the animosity of one part against another, fomented occasionally riot and insurrection. It opens the door to foreign influence and corruption..." It's safe to say he was not a fan.

So it's with some trepidation that I want to speak up in favor of political parties. For well over 165 years, they have played a key role in our representative government. They are the best stage I know for broad economic, political, and social change. It's hard for me to imagine a democracy without them.

This is in part because we live in a very different country from the one George Washington led. The United States today is not just geographically bigger, but immeasurably larger in both population and diversity.

And that's where our two great parties, for the most part, have excelled: they accommodate different interests, opinions, and views. Our system does not have enough consensus-building mechanisms; the parties are crucial to this. Strong political parties that can unite groups with different interests have been a source of powerful change in our history.

Of course, more than building consensus within a party is needed. Even though the American people prefer bipartisanship, the parties too often prefer to lambast each other. But legislation passed on a party line vote rarely stands the test of time. To work properly, our system needs a broader consensus — and party-line votes do not provide it. The really effective legislation in our history — Social Security and Medicare, for instance — was passed with solid, bipartisan support.

Our parties also play a lubricating role in the mechanisms of democracy. They get out the vote and educate voters. They teach many thousands of ordinary Americans what the nuts and bolts of democratic participation look like. They choose, train, and promote candidates who are (for the most part) worthy of holding public office. They play an important role in funding elections, financing the system, and giving candidates a platform. In short, they're a personnel system for government office.

To be sure, Americans divide rather sharply on their support of political parties — not just on which they support, but on whether to support them at all. Many avoid identification with them. Others become ardent loyalists. Still others follow them regularly, but not slavishly.

At the moment, more people define

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Save Time on **SCHOOL NIGHTS**

Simple, savory recipes for busy families

FAMILY FEATURES

Back-to-school season means plenty of evening hours spent completing homework, attending extracurricular activities and preparing to repeat the school-day routine the next day. For many families, having time to prepare and cook quality, nutritious meals can be next to impossible.

Instead of choosing between valuable family time and hours spent in the kitchen, RAGÚ blogger, fitness enthusiast and busy mom Jamie Krauss Hess recommends stocking up on go-to pantry staples you feel good about and including them in quick, nutritious recipes everyone can enjoy together.

Try recipes such as Mini Turkey Sloppy Joes, which swap out beef for ground turkey to provide a flavorful alternative while offering a special twist to a classic family favorite. Quinoa Penne with Savory Tomato-Basil Sauce can hit the spot with just a handful of ingredients. Or, if the little ones clamor for a more kid-friendly dish and the adults don't mind a throwback to childhood, Grown-Up Tomato Mac and Cheese can provide the best of both worlds.

All three recipes take less than an hour to make and feature RAGÚ Simply pasta sauces, which are made with 100 percent olive oil and contain no added sugar. They're available in four varieties including: Traditional, Chunky Marinara, Chunky Garden Vegetable and Flavored with Meat. By using simple ingredients like California vine-ripened tomatoes, carrots, bell peppers, zucchini, onions and spices, the result is a taste-tempting sauce with recipe versatility.

Find more family-pleasing and simple-to-prepare recipes ideal for busy school nights at ragu.com.



Mini Turkey Sloppy Joes

Recipe courtesy of Honey and Birch

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 20 minutes

Servings: 8

- 1 teaspoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 cup onion, diced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 pound ground turkey
- 1 cup carrots, finely diced
- 1 medium green pepper, diced
- 1 medium red pepper, diced
- 1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply Chunky Marinara Sauce
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground mustard

- 1/2 teaspoon kosher salt
- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
- 8 mini buns

In large skillet over medium heat, heat extra-virgin olive oil. When hot, add onion and garlic; sauté until onion is translucent.

Add ground turkey to pan. Break up meat and stir frequently until meat is browned. Add carrots, green pepper and red pepper. Cook 5 minutes so vegetables can begin to soften.

Add marinara sauce, Worcestershire sauce, ground mustard, kosher salt and black pepper. Stir and bring to boil. Reduce heat so it simmers; partially cover pan. Cook 10 minutes.

Serve on mini buns.

Grown-Up Tomato Mac and Cheese

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 30 minutes

Servings: 8

- 1 box (16 ounces) gemelli pasta
- 4 cups water
- 2 1/2 cups sharp cheddar cheese, shredded, divided
- 1/2 cup (2 ounces) Pecorino Romano cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon corn starch
- 1 can (5 ounces) evaporated milk
- 1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply Traditional Pasta Sauce
- 2 teaspoons cracked black pepper

In large pot, combine pasta and water. Cook over medium-high heat 20-22 minutes, or until pasta is done, stirring occasionally.

In bowl, combine 2 cups cheddar cheese, Pecorino Romano cheese and corn starch. Reduce heat to medium; stir milk, cheese mixture and sauce together with cooked pasta. Cook 5-7 minutes, or until cheese is melted and mixture is thickened, stirring frequently.

Sprinkle with remaining cheddar cheese and pepper; serve immediately.

Tip: This stovetop method eliminates the need to drain the pasta after cooking. The starchy pasta water gets stirred in and helps create an extra-rich sauce. Elevate this dish by sprinkling crushed Parmesan cheese crisps on top before serving.



Quinoa Penne with Savory Tomato-Basil Sauce

Prep time: 10 minutes

Cook time: 8-10 minutes

Servings: 6

- 12 ounces (about 5 cups) uncooked quinoa penne pasta
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 large shallot, chopped
- 4 cloves garlic, thinly sliced
- 1/4 cup oil-packed sundried tomatoes, drained and chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon smoked paprika
- 1 jar (24 ounces) RAGÚ Simply Chunky Garden Vegetable Pasta Sauce
- 1 1/4 cups tightly packed fresh basil leaves, chopped, divided

Cook pasta as directed on package.

In large skillet over medium heat, heat oil. Add shallots; cook 5-7 minutes, or until lightly browned, stirring frequently. Add garlic, tomatoes and paprika; cook and stir 1 minute. Stir in sauce and basil, reserving small amount of basil for garnish.

Drain pasta; add to sauce mixture. Mix well. Cook 1-2 minutes until heated through. Sprinkle with reserved basil before serving.

Tip: For extra protein, add 1 pound sliced, grilled chicken when stirring in pasta.



LETTER

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and it still seems to be so little of what is available. The 4,000-plus nonfiction books I have read, does not cut it. Need several more lifetimes to feel truly knowledgeable.

Knowledge can be free, if you want it. Libraries are waiting for you. I underline when I read, so all those books cost a penny or two. Worth every penny. Books have given me the most joyful experiences.

Learning one new thing makes my day. Good or bad. We need to know both sides to be knowledgeable. How can you argue if you only know one side of any issue? Grateful for the ability to research any topic on the computer.

Reasons for my quest for knowledge.

Reason 1. My quest: Why humans are the way they are? Why can't they be nicer to each other, or just leave others alone. The Power Luster's and Greed Mongers need help. Most of us only need to feel comfortable and we can be content, others need luxurious, sumptuous lives, even if it is at our expense. Is it a disease? How do we fix this? I do not want a luxurious or sumptuous life. This very week, I found the most tedious but enlightening book that deals with this very issue: "Neither Left Nor Right: Preventing America's Decline into Socialism," by Charles Konia, M.D. Also looking for the flaws that need to be and can be corrected in Capitalism.

I have given it thought and could not handle a luxurious kind of life.

Have you ever given any thought to what would constitute a pleasant life for yourself? What can you handle? Realistically? Could you, or would you want to handle a 21-bedroom house? Yuck!

I want a happy life. Good family, good friends, ability to laugh, feel safe, ability to make my own decisions, ability to know what I can afford and live accordingly. God gave me a brain, I want to use it.

Reason 2. John Dewey, father of American Education started it, with his Dumbing Down Education Theory. Common Core seems to be the culmination of the process.

Can humans find happiness? Not if we do not even give it a thought.

Get rid of Phonics. Math. Education as we know it. See: John Dewey's "Plan to Dumb Down America," May

1898, published by Camp Constitution Press.

Look it up
Do-It-Yourself knowledge accumulation is the way to get a quality education. Elites never want you to learn what they are doing to you. Dewey gave this as the reason for the Dumbing Down, he proposed.

American children are being brainwashed and propagandized. Look at the textbooks. Scandalous.

At first, sitting and reading book after book is hard, but it has become a joy, something you look forward to doing. Wanting to learn can become addictive. A good addiction. Take the time, make the time. TV time can be sacrificed.

Try it, you might like it!

Knowledge is the Crown Jewel in a person's life

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LABOR

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grounds. We have "butchers, bakers and (no doubt) candlestick makers." We have truck drivers, accountants, machinists, sales reps, plumbers, electricians, bankers, teachers, ministers, police officers, bus drivers, deli managers, beauticians, caterers, office managers, interior designers, builders, recreation therapists, union representatives, college professors, nurses, writers, landscapers, members of the military and all kinds of service organizations and almost any other type of profession one can imagine.

The one commonality for sure, however, is the fact that most of us are "retired," and we are truly enjoying that

fact each and every day. Yes, some of us still work full or part-time, but that is the exception. Our "labors" are most of love for what we enjoy doing in our homes or community.

So, we ushered in September 2018; and we enjoyed our community celebration Monday, Sept. 3, at 1 p.m. in our clubhouse for our Social Club's big Labor Day Picnic. Look for photos in next week's edition that will show how much fun the people of Fairfield Village, "the lively place filled with lovely people," have when we get together and enjoy happy times with friends and neighbors.

We sincerely hope that your Labor Day weekend was special and safe and generally filled with good fun and happy times.



Veteran's Burial Benefits

Join us, along with Cynthia Pennington from Dignity Memorial, to learn important information about the Veteran's Burial Benefit for veterans and their spouses. Receive a FREE Veterans Planning Guide that contains all forms necessary to secure your benefit.

September 13, 2018

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