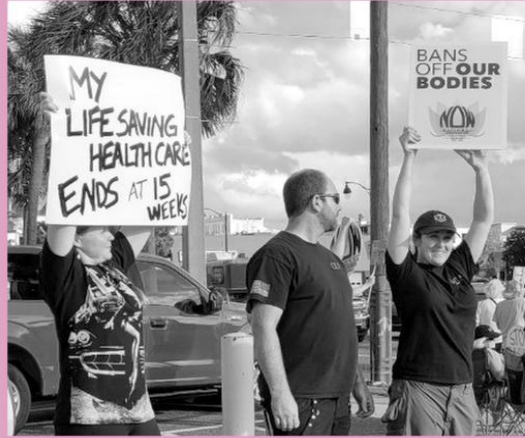


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EDITOR'S DESK



It truly does take a village to raise a child. It also takes people who see problems and issues affecting the community they live in to look for solutions to address them without expecting anything in return EXCEPT positive change.

Cain Davis, a resident of Marion County who cares deeply about the plight of the county's black residents, is one of those people, but he is asking for help.

A few weeks ago, he sent out an email inviting individuals who are willing to contribute their time, energy, expertise, knowledge and other resources to partner together to improve the black community in Marion County by: Developing a strategic plan designed to address the challenges (i.e. crime, inclusion, education, health, job readiness, family and community accountability, professional development, local representation, etc.) faced by the black community; Improve outcomes and sustained success in the areas of business, economic development, professional development, investments, family and community accountability, etc.; and Ensure Marion County's black residents become full partners and beneficiaries of the vast economic and cultural growth in Marion County.

On Saturday, March 25, 2023, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the Mary Sue Rich Community Center at Reed Place, located at 1812 N.W. 21st Ave. , Davis is hosting a Community Dialogue to address the following two topics: 1) Share how Blacks and their allies can positively affect our destiny regarding issues that are most important to the black residents of Marion County, and 2) Begin the process of identifying keys issues and individuals who are willing to be accountable for outcomes associated with those key issues.

"The answers to the challenges and bright future of Marion County's Black community lie in the hearts and minds of those who live in our community," Davis wrote in the email. "This process facilitates opportunities for us to work together professionally and strategically. Therefore, regardless of one's position in the community, everyone should consider using this opportunity to influence our community positively."

A retired military officer, retired executive of several federal government programs and a volunteer with Strategic Community Alliance, Inc., (SCA), Davis has extensive experience in process improvement, civil rights, leadership and leading large organizations, Although he owns a civil rights and leadership consulting firm, his work regarding this initiative is strictly as a volunteer of the SCA, which covered the meeting expenses and prepared the presentation. SCA president Dr. Sheni Meghani will facilitate the free training in leadership, professional development, cultural competence, investments, business development and civil rights.

"We are not starting a new organization; we have enough organizations and leaders. This effort is designed to encourage individuals and organizational leaders to work together," Davis said. "We have the intellect to overcome our obstacles. We need to leverage our knowledge, expertise, finances and other resources for long-term success. Let's work together as other groups do to accomplish our mutual objectives."

Let's Talk!

Monica

Monica T. Bryant, Editor

Davis hopes others will consider volunteering their professional expertise, time and other resources. We are BETTER together!

If you plan to attend, please **CONFIRM** your attendance. Email caindavis03@yahoo.com or call **(352) 871-4555**.

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COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

13LOUD UNIVERSITY ~ A HIP HOP CULTURAL ARTS SCHOOL

When Eddie Felton opened 13Loud University last year, it was just going to be an art gallery for local artists, but Felton wanted to do more for the community, so he reached out to the Temple of Hip Hop for guidance, and they pointed him in the direction of education.

Felton, founder and owner of 13Loud, said now they are a Hip Hop Cultural Arts School that teaches Hip Hop culturally from a philosophical and spiritual standpoint for peace and prosperity. Currently they offer two classes: How to Prepare for a Job Interview and Resume Fundamentals and DJ lessons. Additionally, they offer a mental health awareness group for men. The school is open on Monday's from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. The classes, which can accommodate up to 30 students, are free and open to the public. Plans for the future include adding Financial Literacy, Real Estate, How to Start and Run a Business, Spanish, Guitar, Drum, Piano, Violin and Dance and Art classes.

"Our students are diverse in terms of culture, society and intellect," he said.

The official grand opening included the first annual Soul to Soul Black & Gold Elegant Mixer held on February 5. More than two dozen people attended the event, which included live music, a silent auction and refreshments. On Sunday, March 5, 13Loud in association with Art Wars Miami will host an Art Show at the facility located at 1665 SW Hwy. 484, Suite 101. The event, which features artists Kurt Loncka, Sarah Lajealle and Mike Cariglio, includes live music, an Art Exhibition, live art and vendors. Entry fee is \$10 and 10 vendor spots are available for \$20.

Felton, who has 13 children, named his brand after his kids. He said 13Loud is a combination of all his dreams under one brand. Their mission is to bring awareness to Hip Hop Culture as a culture of Peace & Prosperity.

"Having the biggest influence on society, I have made it my personal mission to guide hip hop culture to freedom from violence and poverty," Felton told attendees at the grand opening. "I do that by providing a dynamic educational environment that supports and transforms people's lives and communities by tapping their artistic talents in a holistic way through Hip Hop culture and all of its forms."

Felton said the best way to support the arts school, which is currently funded by him, his best friend Richard Ramos and donations they receive, is to come visit him to brainstorm ways to help the community together. His biggest obstacle right now is finding music instructors.

For more information, to attend a class or to support the school, contact Eddie Felton at (954) 471-0809 or go to their GoFundMe page at https://www.gofundme.com/f/EddieFelton?utm_campaign=p_lico+share-sheet&utm_medium=copy_link&utm_source=customer.

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The City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department will host the Parade of Senior Services Information Fair Friday, March 17, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the College of Central Florida Klein Conference Center, 3003 SW College Rd.

The Parade of Senior Services showcases non-profit agencies that provide a variety of services from social, health, education and more to the senior citizens of Ocala, Marion County and surrounding areas.

Many attend this yearly show to obtain information on services they are seeking or may need in the future. Information about services includes various health insurance companies, long term care facilities, services for the blind and social services offered by Marion County, such as the board of elections, electric and veteran services. Cano Health mobile unit will be on-site offering a variety of services including blood pressure checks, glucose checks, oxygen level checks and more.

Headlining sponsor Florida Blue will be presenting on Medicare. This event is free to attend for adults ages 50 and over. For more information, contact the City of Ocala Recreation and Parks department at **(352) 368-5517**.

Mt. Calvary Ocala Hosts GospelFest

The second annual Mt. Calvary GospelFest will be held on Saturday, March 25, noon to 6 p.m. on the lawn of the historic Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 5000 S.W. College Road, Ocala. The day features musical acts, children's activities, homestyle foods and an open mic where people are invited to sing or share their personal testimonies. Attendees are encouraged to bring pop-up tents and chairs and their own refreshments.

The church is raising funds for a new roof and other improvements. Sponsorships for \$250 are also available for businesses.

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Seuss-a-palooza! Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 a.m.

Celebrate creativity! Co-sponsored by the Early Learning
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See Program Spotlight for more locations.

MEET THE AUTHOR

Cynthia Wilson-Graham

"Remembering Paradise Park:

Tourism and Segregation at Silver Springs"

Saturday, March 11, 2 p.m.

A comprehensive and thoughtful look at an historically
significant locale during the painful era of Jim Crow.

See Program Spotlight for more details.

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Tech Help

Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

March 2 - April 27

Have a technology question? We'll try to find the answer!

Sankofa Time

Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 2- April 27

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Book Club

See Program Spotlight for more book clubs. Attend one or all!

Second Story Readers

Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.

March 14 "Born a Crime" by Trevor Noah

April 11 "Small Great Things" by Jodi Picoult

May 9 "Their Eyes Were Watching God"
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Tuesdays, 4:30 p.m.

March 7, April 4, May 2

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NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR WOMEN OF GREATER MARION COUNTY

As a young woman, Pam Escarcega, who was a member of the National Organization for Women (NOW), remembers how strong it felt to be involved in something that said women didn't have to apologize for their strength, intelligence or their sensitivity and empathy. She said as she got older, she got comfortable, but when she started seeing the clearly sexist, racist and classist assaults becoming more pronounced in 2016, she had to do something.

"I said it was time to get off the couch," she said. "Because NOW is non-partisan, and each chapter is asked to work within the community. I thought it would be well received in Marion County."

Founded in 1966, the National Organization for Women is an American feminist organization. It has 550 chapters in all 50 U.S. states and in Washington, D.C., and is the largest feminist organization in the United States with nearly 500,000 members.

Escarcega, current president of NOW of Greater Marion County, said the organization was initially brought to Marion County in the early 1970s, when Janet Behnke, the first female attorney in Marion County established the organization to help her deal with sexism, followed by Megan Whittaker and then Haley Schroeder. Escarcega and Francine Julius Edwards restarted the chapter and it was incorporated as a nonprofit organization in Marion County, on May 4, 2022.

According to their website <https://nowofgmc.org>, NOW of Greater Marion County is a group dedicated to taking action to bring full equality through community engagement, standing in solidarity with those in the struggle for equality and equity. This mission attracts women and men of diverse backgrounds and asks them to look at the systemic oppression in their lives and determine actions that will bring about a change for us all. NOW chapters focus on six priority issues including reproductive rights, ending sex discrimination/constitutional equality, promoting diversity and ending racism, economic justice, stopping violence against women and LGBTQIA + rights.

"The biggest obstacle is getting people to advocate for themselves. Some people would rather not bother the status quo, but we believe the status quo needs bothering," Escarcega said. "When we start losing civil rights faster than we can turn around, it's time to get off the couch and start voicing an objection."

The local chapter, which has participated in many local and national demonstrations and worked on issues the local NAACP was involved with, currently has about 50 members, which includes some men. Chapter meetings are held the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at NOMA Gallery, 939 N. Magnolia Ave. To become a member, just sign up and pay membership dues.

Julius Edwards, a board member, said she's a part of the organization because it really touches her feminine side.

"There's so many issues with women that are not addressed, I really feel that, especially in Marion County, that we need to unapologetically stand up and speak out about such as bodily autonomy and racial justice," she said. "Black women are so often disrespected, and although I am one of very few blacks in the organization, I feel that it's time for us to stand up and grow."

Julius Edwards said she really applauds and wants to encourage young women to get involved. She said this is the time where they can learn the foundation of community activism and advocating for women and for themselves.

"We want to have meetings where people talk and share ideas with a different perspective. We want people to feel like this is a group that has their back when things become unfair or when they feel unheard in the community," Escarcega said. "There are a lot of people who care deeply about this community, but they are not a monolith. This county has a diverse and varied political perspective. There are many people here who believe in women's rights, in human rights. We want to encourage that perspective."

For more information, visit their website at <https://nowofgmc.org> or follow them on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/nowofgreatermarioncounty>.



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Instagram: [wonderlandbeautiful_dreamst](https://www.instagram.com/wonderlandbeautiful_dreamst).

Tik Tok: [@ladybugg2xx1](https://www.tiktok.com/@ladybugg2xx1)

What or Who Inspired you to start your business?

My family is who inspired me the most. I've been playing in makeup since I was a child. I remember getting in trouble for sneaking my grandmothers makeup. I've always been the person helping everyone do their makeup when getting ready for an event. As time passed and watching makeup advanced over the years, I was intrigued. I started enhancing the beauty in others. It then became therapeutic. I realized my gift could help myself and family. I got my aesthetician license to add services and here I am today with my own spa and two booths for my family members that take interest in this type of work.

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MONEY SMART

By Scott Hackmyer

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I talk with a lot of residents in financial trouble where the problem started with a recent used car purchase. Either they paid too much, bought more than they could afford, the car very quickly had large repair bills and almost always isn't worth as much as they paid for it and they end up just giving the car back to the dealer.

Some suggestions if you are planning on buying a used car anytime soon. You want a dealer you can trust. In my opinion there are some very good, honest dealers and some you want to stay away from. Rule #1, ask your friends or people you work for to give you a recommendation. Forget the television ads, billboard signs or super easy credit pitches. If you ask enough people you will soon start hearing themes of who felt they were treated fairly and those who felt like the dealer makes his money by selling a car they know they will end up repossessing.

Stay within your budget. I get calls from people whose payments are in the range of \$325 every two weeks. It is hard to afford that especially when you add in the cost of gas, repairs, insurance and maintenance. If you are going to Buy Here Pay Here at least visit one or two credit unions to see if you qualify and compare interest rates. Even if your credit score isn't great you may qualify for a credit union loan at a slightly higher rate than their base rate, but still a lot cheaper than what the dealer is offering. Try to keep your loan at no more than 36-42 months. After that amount of time you will probably have large repairs and owe more than the car is worth.

Here are some other tips on saving money not related to cars. Use Less. If your coffee says use two scoops per cup try 1 1/2. It probably will taste just as good. When doing laundry if you don't have a full load don't just dump in the full cup of detergent, try filling the cup half way or two thirds and see if your clothes come out just as clean. Buy LED lightbulbs when your old bulbs burn out. They used to be expensive, but you can now buy them at most dollar stores. If your freezer isn't full, fill clean, empty milk or water plastic bottles 3/4 full and put them in the freezer to fill the space. It costs a lot less to keep a freezer cold if it is full or almost full.

If shopping online use a price comparison tool like Capital One Shopping or CamelCamelCamel. I use Honey to get discounts and rebates. The pop up ads while you shop are annoying but you can save a lot of money. I have mentioned this before but don't buy new. Ocala is blessed with great thrift stores. Last week I saw a beautiful living room couch, chair and two tables for \$70. No stains, no rips. A man's Land's End shirt and a Talbot's woman's blouse, both of which looked brand new were \$3 each. Check out the Habitat Re-Store at 926 N.W. 27th Ave., then go by Interfaith's Thrift Store at 718 North Pine Ave., and all the thrift stores on Northwest 10th Street just east of Pine including Brother's Keeper, Salvation Army, Humane Society and others. Not only can you save lots of money and make quality purchases but these shopping trips are also a nice way to spend time with friends or family.

CITY OF OCALA ANNOUNCES PAID INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR SUMMER 2023

The City of Ocala announces Water Resource internship opportunities for summer 2023.

Participants will be introduced to the day-to-day operations of the City of Ocala Water Resources and Engineering Department and given opportunities to work alongside professionals as they contribute to daily operations. Students who are interested in pursuing a career in utilities and local government are ideal candidates for this program. The application deadline is Friday, March 31, 2023, at 5 p.m.

This internship is open to incoming high school juniors and seniors. Of the five interns selected this cycle, two will work in engineering, two will work in water resources operations and one will work in water conservation and outreach. Each intern will receive on-the-job training and experience in a division of their choice. This is a paid internship and students are expected to work 28 hours per week.

Program Overview:

- Applications must be submitted March 31, 2023, by 5 p.m.,
- Qualified applicants will be interviewed in April.
- Selected applicants will be notified in May 2023
- Work schedules will begin June 5, 2023, and end July 27, 2023 (contingent on the intern's school schedule)

This is a one-time program per intern. Work hours are approximately four days per week, six hours daily, 28 hours weekly. The proposed hourly rate is \$15 per hour.

To apply or learn more, visit: **Water Resources and Engineering Internships | City of Ocala (ocalafl.org)** or call **(352) 351-6772**.

Save the date!

2023 International Women's Day Celebration

Honoring Marion County's
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Wednesday, March 8, 2023
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For information and tickets:
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OCALA RECREATION AND PARKS DEPARTMENT ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR LIFEGUARDS

The City of Ocala Recreation and Parks Department is seeking applicants for seasonal lifeguards. This position is open to ages 16+ who can pass the pre-requisites and holds a current lifeguard certification. Candidates must swim 300 yards, submerge to a depth of 7 to 10 feet and tread water for two minutes.

Starting pay is \$19 per hour, with returning lifeguards starting at \$20 per hour. The city is offering a retention bonus of \$1,000 plus reimbursement of lifeguard certification program fees. To receive the bonus, staff must sign a contract with Human Resources, work a minimum of 24 hours each week, and miss no more than three scheduled days for the season. Applications will remain open until filled, and full job description can be found on the City of Ocala website under career opportunities.

The aquatic centers will remain open for 11 weeks, beginning May 20 through Aug. 6.

For more information about Ocala Recreation and visit Parks at www.ocalafl.org/recpark or call (352) 368-5517.

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