



MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

Volume 22, Issue 10 ~ October 2022



Please join us!

Marion County Children's Alliance Meeting

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Marion County Sheriff's Office Multi-purpose Room

3300 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

FLORIDA
CHAMBER
Foundation



David Sobush, CEcD
Director of Research
Florida Chamber Foundation

PRESENTING

TheFloridaGapMap.org dives deeper into the challenges each Florida community faces down to the zip code level. This interactive tool illustrates the intersection of third-grade reading scores for every public school in Florida with childhood poverty rates, combining the efforts of the [Florida Prosperity Project](#) and the [Florida Business Alliance for Early Learning Project](#) to ensure equal opportunities at earned success are available to our future earners. With access to childhood poverty rates within each zip code and third-grade reading statistics for every school in Florida, The Florida Gap Map brings the reality to your front door, framing the magnitude of opportunities available to secure the path to prosperity for Florida's youngest residents.

TheFloridaScorecard.org is a dynamic online tool that identifies and tracks hundreds of state and county-specific metrics impacting the future of Florida. The Florida Scorecard allows Florida leaders and local stakeholders to measure progress within their own communities as we work towards meeting the 39 goals outlined in the [Florida 2030 Blueprint](#), designed to secure Florida's future as a top 10 global economy by 2030.

Lunch sponsored by:



For more information, contact Beth McCall at (352) 438-5991
or e-mail executivedirector@mchildrensalliance.org

MARION COUNTY CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

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Our Vision

For all of Marion County's Children to have a safe, healthy and nurturing environment in which to grow.

Our Mission

"To improve the lives of Marion County Children"

~ Partners in Excellence ~

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Government Career Fair – Four Organizations Are Hiring!

Marion County Board of County Commissioners

Marion County Sheriff

Marion County Department of Health

Marion County Clerk and Comptroller

Wednesday, October 5, 2022

3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Southeastern Livestock Pavilion
2232 N.E. Jacksonville Road,
Ocala, FL 34470





It's that time again!

The Community Council Against Substance Abuse (CCASA) and Student's Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) Clubs, programs of Marion County Children's Alliance, is seeking sponsors and vendors to support the

22nd Annual Red Ribbon Kickoff
Friday, October 21, 2022,
5:30 p.m. to Close, at the Ocala Drive In

Join us for 4 FREE movies, a first responder vehicle display, FREE bounce house, FREE snow cones, FREE Swag Bags! Open to the entire community! Help us kick off this year's Red Ribbon Week and show kids in our community that you don't need drugs and alcohol to have a good time!

OUR MEETINGS ARE IN PERSON



Join Us!

for the

Alliance Monthly Meeting

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at the MCSO Multi-purpose Room
3300 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475

Guest Speaker:
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"TheFloridaGapMap.org"

To learn more about the Children's Alliance
visit our website at www.mcchildrensalliance.org



BOWL2BUILD

NOVEMBER 10TH

5:30-8PM



**MEET
ELVIS THE
T-REX**

\$35

PER BOWLER

\$140

**FOR 6
TEAM PLAYERS**

AMF Galaxy West Lanes
1818 SW 17th St. Ocala



THEME:

JURASSIC BOWL

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AVAILABLE

TO REGISTER VISIT

HABITATOCALA.ORG/BOWLATHON





Habitat Bowl2Build Bowl-a-Thon

Thursday, November 10, 2022

AMF Galaxy West Lanes
1818 SW 17th Street, Ocala



Sponsorship Opportunities



Turkey-\$1500 Presenting Sponsor Platinum

- Logo on front & back of T-Shirt
- Logo on sponsor board at event -Top Tier
- Recognition on social media and webpages
- Logo on Save the Date flyer & Day of Event Signage
- Logo and Link placed on HFHMC website for 1 yr.
- Banner displayed at the event (supplied by sponsor)
- Lane Sponsor
- 1 Bowling Team (up to 6 bowlers)
- 6 event T-Shirts
- Food delivered to lane



Spare-\$500 Silver Sponsor

- Logo placement on third tier back of T-Shirt
- Recognition on our FB pages /event page
- Logo and Link placed on HFHMC website for 6 months
- Lane Sponsor
- 3 Bowlers/ 3 event T-Shirts
- Food delivered to lane



Diamond - \$1000

- Logo Placement back of T-shirt- Top tier
- Logo on sleeve of event shirt
- Recognition on our FB pages /event page
- Logo and Link placed on HFHMC website- 9 months
- Banner displayed at the event (supplied by sponsor)
- Lane Sponsor
- 1 Bowling Team (5 bowlers)
- 5 event T-Shirts
- Food delivered to lane



Split-\$250 Bronze Sponsor

- Logo on back of event shirt-lower tier
- Recognition on social media & webpage
- Lane Sponsor
- 2 Bowlers/ 2 event T-shirts
- Popcorn & Pitcher of Soda delivered to lane



Strike-\$750 Gold Sponsor

- Logo Placement back of T-shirt- second tier
- Recognition on our FB pages /event page
- Logo and Link placed on HFHMC website- 9 months
- Banner displayed at the event (supplied by sponsor)
- Lane Sponsor



\$150 Lane Sponsor

- Name on back of T-Shirt - bottom tier
- Recognition on social media
- Name on HFHMC website
- Lane Sponsor



In-Kind Silent Auction/Prize Donations

- Recognition through event material
- Estimated Value \$ _____
- Donation Type _____

Sponsorship Information

Check sponsor level Presenting Strike (Gold) Diamond
 Spare (Silver) Split (Bronze) Lane Sponsor in-kind

Name: _____ Business Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Method of Payment: Cash _____ Check# _____ Credit Card _____

Please make check payable to HFH Marion County - We will accept promotional items for bowler goody bags

For more information contact Tori Arens tarens@habitatocala.org

Office: 352.351.4663 | Fax: 352.351.3081 | P.O. Box 5578, Ocala, Florida 34478 | www.habitatocala.org



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Recognizing our educators' unselfish dedication, time, and efforts in inspiring and motivating MCPS students academically for application to societal needs.



Saturday
05TH
NOVEMBER
2pm to 4pm

RAFFLE DRAWINGS
FOOD . WINE TASTING .
SPEAKERS . KARAOKE .
GIFT BAGS
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST)

JROCKS Pizzeria

2606 S.W. 19th Ave. Rd. - Ocala, FL 34471



Accepting monetary sponsorship and gift card donations
CashApp: \$RAMALSERVICES or www.ramalservices.org

Contact: Dr. Barbara J. Brooks, (352) 875-4237
Althea Smith, Black Girls Do Bike, (719) 322-5840



Join us for



MARION COUNTY

CANDIDATE FORUM

**Saturday, October 22, 2022
2PM – 4PM**

<u>COUNTY JUDGE GROUP 1</u> LeeAnn Mackey Barnes Renee Thompson	<u>US CONGRESS – DISTRICT 3</u> Cat Cammack (Incumbent) Danielle Hawk
<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER -DISTRICT 2</u> Kathy Bryant (Incumbent) Gina M Capone (Write in)	<u>FL HOUSE - DISTRICT 21</u> Yvonne Hinson Hollye Merton
<u>COUNTY COMMISSIONER- DISTRICT 4</u> Brian Donnelly (Write in) Seth Posner (Write in) Carl Zalak III (Incumbent)	<u>FL SENATE – DISTRICT 9</u> Keith Perry Rodney Long

Meet the Candidates

LOCATION: MAIN LIBRARY 2720 E. SILVER SPRINGS BLVD. 34470



TAG TEAM THERAPEUTIC FIELD DAY

FOR INDIVIDUALS OF ALL ABILITIES!

Join us for a day of fun, laughter, and memories during our Tag Team Therapeutic Field Day. All of your favorite sports (basketball, football, and soccer) will be incorporated in one day. Participants, if needed, will be paired with a parent, friend, and/or volunteer so everyone plays and wins.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8
10 AM - 12 PM | WEBB FIELD | 6+

\$5 REGISTRATION

PRE-REGISTRATION IS ENCOURAGED
LUNCH AND WATER PROVIDED



Recreation and Parks

OCALAFL.ORG/RECPARK

**PURCHASE A T-SHIRT TO WEAR DURING
THE MONTH OF OCTOBER FOR
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH**

(Perfect gift for family, friends or employees)

COST: \$ 10 EACH

**All proceeds benefit
victims and survivors
of domestic violence**



**To purchase, go to
<https://2022dvwalk.eventbrite.com>**

YOU CAN STILL GET TICKETS TO ATTEND

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL

NIGHT OF HOPE

HONORING THE VICTIMS AND SURVIVORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Dinner ~ Music ~ Giveaways ~ Survivor Testimonies ~ Vendors

Keynote Speaker: Tahiera Monique Brown



Professional Speaker

Survivor

Writer

Filmmaker

**President and CEO
Darkness to Light Films**

NEW DATE

Thursday, October 27, 2022

5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m.

College of Central Florida,

3001 S.W. College Rd.

Ocala, FL 34474

Tickets: \$35 per person

To purchase tickets, sponsor a survivor or make a donation,

go to <https://2022noh.eventbrite.com>

or at the Alliance office, 3482 N.W. 10th St., Ocala, FL 34475.

FREE childcare available for children 2 years old
or older. Call **(352) 438-5993** to reserve a space.

For information or sponsorship opportunities,
call Monica at **(352) 438-5993** or go to

<https://2022noh.eventbrite.com>

JOIN US AND SUPPORT TWO GREAT CAUSES!

JOIN US FOR THE WEAR YOUR WINGS

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE WALK

FROM THE Ocala POLICE DEPARTMENT TO CF

NEW DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2022

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 7 AM  WALK STARTS AT 8 AM



Transportation will be provided for walkers by SunTran from CF to OPD starting at 6:45 a.m. Walkers should park at CF and use the S.W. 20th Street side entrance and park in the parking area in front of the Dassance Fine Arts Center (Bldg. 4).



Get Family and Friends to Sponsor You

Individual Walkers

Donate your Shoe Size Ex. Shoe Size 8 = \$8

*Minimum donation of \$10 to receive free T-Shirt

Prizes awarded for Most Pledges collected and the Team with the Most Walkers present at the event

T-Shirts available first come, first served!

T-Shirts can be picked up early on Friday, Oct. 14, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Ocala Police Dept. (Community Room) 402 S. Pine Ave.

Register online at

<https://2022dvwalk.eventbrite.com>

Email Monica@breakthesilenceonviolence.org for a Pledge Form or call (352) 438-5993 for a form or more information.

All proceeds benefit victims and survivors of Domestic Violence in our community

Sponsored by:



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T-shirts can also

100 MEN 100 DAYS

Right now, we have hundreds of kids on our waiting list who need a mentor, and most are boys. So what are you waiting for?

4 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



MAN UP!

Community-Based Program

- Off-site (away from the child's home)
- Evenings or weekends
- 8 hours a month
- 15 month commitment

Site-Based Program

- 1 hour a week during the school year
- On-site at a school or community center
- 12 month commitment

Big Couple

- Share the experience with your loved one
- Off-site (away from the child's home)
- Evenings or weekends
- 8 hours a month
- 15 month commitment

Sports Buddies

- 2 sporting activities a month
- Off-site (away from the child's home)
- Evenings or weekends
- 15 month commitment



**Big Brothers
Big Sisters.**

For more info contact Stephanie Gavin
StephanieG@BBBSTampaBay.org
352-566-3094

NAACP 5114 Marion County Branch

SOULS TO THE POLLS 2022

October 30, 2022

2:00pm~4:00pm

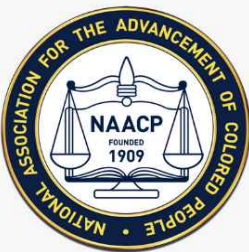
PROTECT YOUR, RIGHT TO VOTE

*This is a free event

Bring your Vote By Mail Ballot

Join us for Food and "The Caravan of Cars"

**Clark Funeral Home Lot
434 NW Martin Luther King Jr. Ave
Ocala, Florida**



Volunteers are needed
contact the branch

**Marion County Branch Info.
(352)351-4560**



DO YOU LOVE TO READ? ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN?

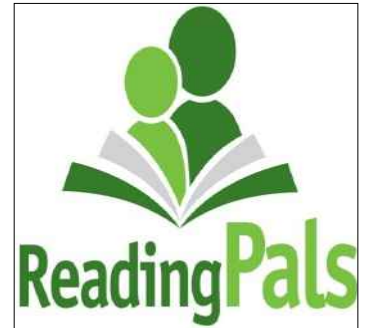
The United Way of Marion County's ReadingPals program has served children that need additional literacy support since 2012. Some students do not know their alphabet or sounds. Help to instill that joy of reading in kindergarten students with just your investment of one hour on Tuesday & Thursday during the school day. Volunteers read a book selected by the school district that has questions in the back to guide your conversation. Fun and engaging games are vehicles to introduce new vocabulary words.

Every child with a ReadingPals receives a weekly book for their home library, thus extending the classroom into the home setting as the person who reads to the student will have the focused questions to ask. Just imagine the students' smiles when they read their first sentence! Help bring that smile to the children of Greenway or Emerald Shores Elementary.

The process of becoming a ReadingPal is easy:

- Attend a workshop
- Pass a background screening
- There is no cost to the volunteer for the background screening.

A recent video will give you some insight into the program. <https://youtu.be/T2JT9BLSTAw>.



For additional information, please contact Jan Hathaway at jhathaway@uwmc.org or (352) 732-9696 x212.



**ARE YOU A HOMELESS VETERAN OR
A VETERAN ON THE VERGE OF HOMELESSNESS?**

VOLUNTEERS OF AMERICA OF FLORIDA CAN HELP YOU!

IF INTERESTED AND WOULD LIKE ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL -

Casey Boone | Program Supervisor | 352-260-1374 | cboone@voa-fla.org

Brenda Vazquez-Alvarez | Community Specialist | 352-260-1226 | bvazquez-alvarez@voa-fla.org

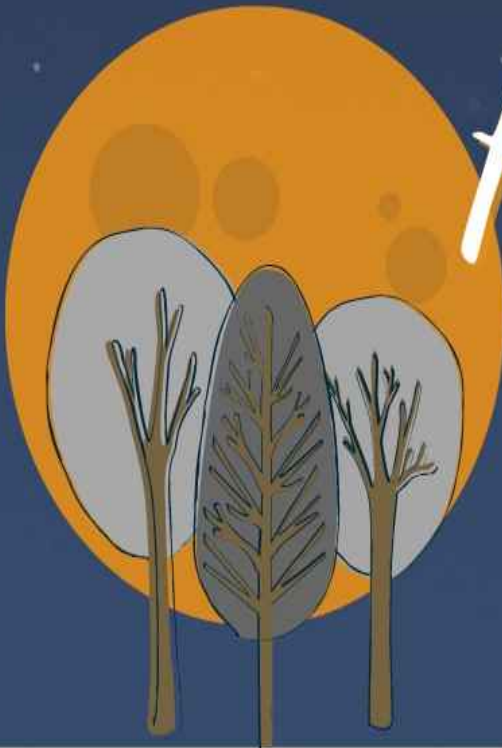




Recreation and Parks

Presents:

After Dark IN THE Park MOVIE SERIES

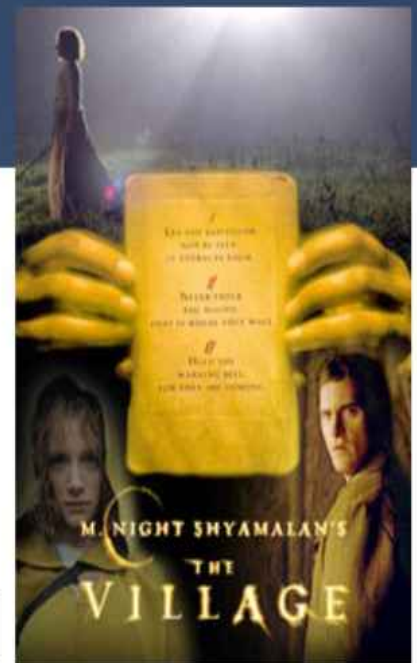


The Village

Friday, Oct. 28 | 7 p.m.

Fort King National Historic Landmark
3925 E. Fort King St.

PG-13





**IN
PARTNERSHIP
WITH:**



Help us collect disposable diapers so Marion County families, eligible for temporary assistance, can provide for one of their babies' most critical needs.

Drop-off at ANY
Ocala, Belleview or Dunnellon
PUBLIX SUPERMARKET location!

For more information on this drive, contact Chrissy Vickers, Success by 6 Coordinator at **(352) 369-2315, ext. 213**



ELCMC

Early Learning
Coalition
of Marion County, Inc.

presents the 6th Annual

Fall in Love with Reading

Storybook Village

Saturday, Oct. 15, 2022

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

One Health Center, 1714 SW 17th St.

For more information please email
jrathele@elc-marion.org.

**Activities • Giveaways •
Storytime**

**Face Painting • *Food Trucks
Vendor Booths • 1,000s of
books distributed!**

**Come dressed as your
favorite storybook character!**

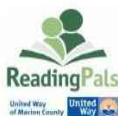
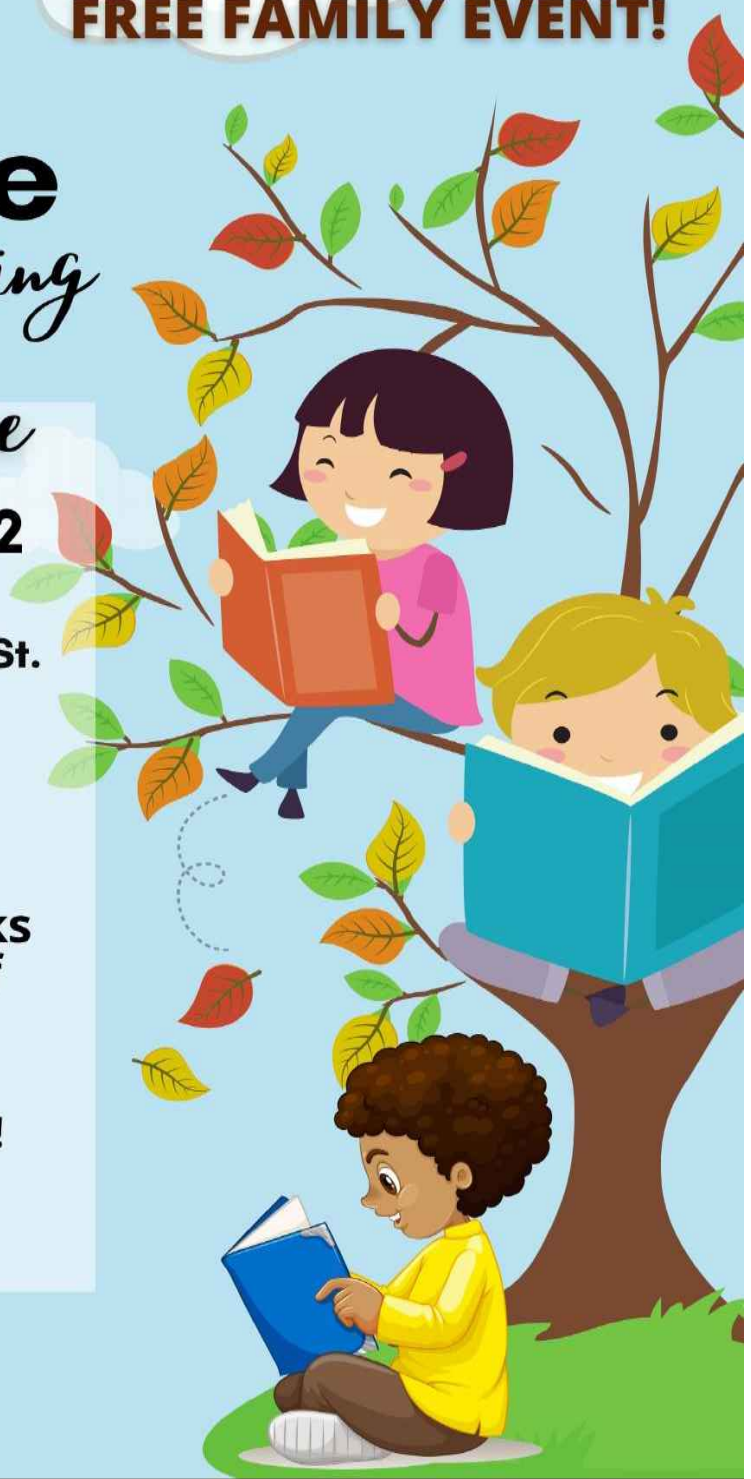
(Nothing scary, please)

* Food Trucks not FREE

(352) 369-2315
www.elc-marion.org



FREE FAMILY EVENT!



**Read Aloud
15 MINUTES**
Every child. Every parent. Every day.



In partnership with the Marion County Public Library System

Carve Out Some Ghoul Times



BOO BASH

MONDAY, OCTOBER 31
E.D. CROSKY
RECREATION CENTER
1510 NW FOURTH ST

FREE
EVENT

ALL AGES
WELCOME

5:30-7:30
PM



HALLOWEEN FAMILY FUN RUN

SAT. OCT 29 | 8 AM | CITIZENS' CIRCLE

\$5 ENTRY FEE FOR EACH RUNNER 8+



For more information or to register:
OcalaFl.org/RecPark | 352.368.5517



'Tis Always the Season – A Concert for Good

Tuesday, Dec 27, 2022
8 p.m.

The Marion Theatre
50 S. Magnolia Ave. Ocala

100% of ticket purchases and contributions
benefit two local nonprofits:

Marion County Children's Alliance
and

Brother's Keeper

Interested in sponsoring?

e-mail concertforgood@gmail.com



NATIONAL FAITH AND BLUE WEEKEND 2022

BOOK DRIVE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2022
FROM 10:00 A.M. TO NOON
@ ED CROSEY
1510 NW 4TH ST. OCALA , FL. 34471

YOU CAN HELP BY DONATING
NEW OR (GENTLY) USED
APPROPRIATE AGE
CHILDRENS BOOKS FROM
PRESCHOOL TO 12TH GRADE .

The donated books will
be given to our local
youth on **October 22nd,**
at Dr. N.H Jones
Elementary School.

The Ocala Police
Department,
St.Paul A.M.E. Church,
Reverend Robyn Lynn
Burnett, Pastor
and
The Poinciana Heights Task
Force
will host
a
2 Hour Book Drive

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
CONTACT
TARA WOODS,
COMMUNITY LIAISON
TWOODS@OCALAPD.GOV
OR 352-369-7182

Bids & Bites

RAISING MONEY @ THE MARKET

For **IS** INTERFAITH
EMERGENCY
SERVICES

FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER 18
@ 6:00 PM

OCALA
DOWNTOWN
MARKET
403 SE Osceola Ave, Ocala

CATERING BY
La Casella
CATERING

FOOD  **AUCTIONS**  **RAFFLES**

SUPPORTING INTERFAITH'S FOOD PANTRY
THE NEED IS GREAT, BUT OUR COMMUNITY IS GREATER!

Join Interfaith for a night of great food, music and fun.

AUCTION & RAFFLE ITEMS

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Theme Park Tickets • AND MORE!**

Shop early for Christmas for unique and special items.

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Music By
**WARREN
MCCULLOUGH**

Advance Tickets \$35 • At the Event \$40

Purchase Tickets Online @ **eventbrite**
(Search Bids and Bites)

or the Center For Life, 108 N Pine, Ocala, FL 34475

Corporate Sponsorships: \$500 & \$250

Contact Sonya for more information
(352) 644-9202 or Sonya@iesmarion.org

Proceeds
Benefitting

IS INTERFAITH
EMERGENCY
SERVICES

STIRRUPS 'N STRIDES PRESENTS

URBAN COWBOY NIGHT

Stirrups 'n Strides

Therapeutic Riding Center Inc.

Saturday
12/3/2022

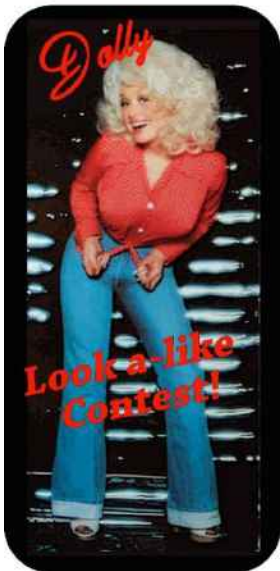
Quail Roost Arena
4246 W. HWY 318
Citra, FL



Tickets Single \$75
suggested donation

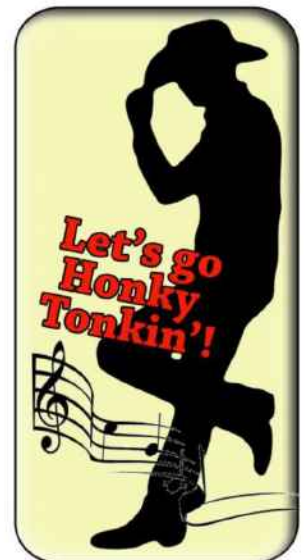
Reserved Table Sponsorships Available!
Call 352-427-3569

STAND BY ME



EARLY BIRD 4PM Gilley's Saloon, Line Dance Class, Bull Rides & Silent Auction opens!
EVENT 5-9PM Country Dancin', 2 Steppin', Line Dancin' to Urban Cowboy Era music, Mojo Catering (heavy hors d'oeuvres), Specialty Beer & Wine, Drawings & Raffles, Silent Auction, Dolly Diva's & more!! C'mon out & have a GREAT TIME!

Gilley's Saloon



Stirrups 'n Strides Therapeutic Riding Center, Inc. is a 501(c)3 Non-Profit Organization. Tax ID#20-5935626. Donations are tax deductible in accordance with IRS Guidelines.



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SO MANY GREAT THINGS HAPPEN IN THE MONTH OF OCTOBER

OCTOBER IS
Breast Cancer
Awareness Month
Perform self-breast exams
monthly and get screened!



ALLIANCE WORKGROUP MEETINGS

- October 10** Family Violence Prevention
Monday 11 a.m.
(Zoom Meeting)
- October 12** Safe Kids Marion
Wednesday 9 a.m.
Florida Dept. of Health
- October 17** CCASA
Wednesday Noon
(Zoom Meeting)
- October 25** Substance Exposed Newborns
Tuesday 9 a.m.
OPD Community Room
- October 6** MC Opioid & Addiction Taskforce
Thursday 3:30 p.m.
OPD Community Room

UPCOMING ALLIANCE DATES

- October 5 Alliance Monthly Meeting
Wednesday 11:30 a.m.
MCSO Multi-purpose Room



Connect With Us, log on to

Mcca@mcchildrensalliance.org
to view the Calendar to see what's
going on in our community; to sign
up to receive a free copy of this
newsletter or to join a workgroup.

Follow us on Facebook and Twitter

Guest Speaker:
David Sobush, CEcD
Director of Research
Florida Chamber Foundation
**"The Florida Gap Map and
The Florida Scorecard"**