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Registration For February Citizens Academy

The Marion County Sheriffs Office Citizens Academy and Partnership (CAP) program, a free 13-week educational course about the operations of the Sheriffs Office, is currently accepting applications for classes beginning in February 2021. Classes will be held every Tuesday from 1:00pm- 3:30pm beginning Tuesday, February 2, 2021.

During the program, MCSO staff will highlight all units within the Sheriffs Office, giving citizens an in-depth understanding of what the agency is doing for the community. Each week will focus on a different aspect of the agency, personnel, equipment, policies, procedures and overall function. Students will have an opportunity to view specialty unit equipment, hear from experts in the field of law enforcement, investigations, detention and administration.

Classes will be held at Mulberry Grove Recreation Center, 8445 SE 165th Mulberry Lane, The Villages, in the Liberty and Old Glory rooms. To apply for this program, please visit the Marion County Sheriffs Office website at www.marionso.com/citizens-academy to fill out an application. For questions or more information, please contact Wendy Holland, MCSO Volunteer Coordinator, at wholland@marionso.com or you can call her at (352)369-6761.



Installation of Officers at Belleview Book Nook

The 2021 Officers for the Friends of the Belleview Library Book Nook are from left: Secretary Patricia Biel, Treasurer Maureen Bassett, President Linda Morlan and Vice President Tom Dann. These officers were installed during a ceremony at the Book Nook on January 19th. Visit them online at <http://friendsofbelleviewlibrary.org> for more information on how to become a member. (Photo by: Shannon Love)

Scholarships Available From SECO

SECO Energy's Board of Trustees proudly approved the 2021 SECO Scholarship Program at a recent board meeting. \$36,000 in scholarships is available for 12 recipients to receive \$3,000 each.

The scholarship program is open to high school seniors who are graduating in May/June 2021. Applicants must live in a home served by SECO Energy and plan to pursue a career in the energy industry. Awardees must also be enrolled full-time in an accredited college, university or vocational/technical school located in Florida by the end of 2021. Qualifying degrees or certifications are in technology, engineering, math or business.

Applications are now available online at SECOEnergy.com > Your Co-op > Scholarships.

Paper applications are available at SECO's five Member Service Centers located in Eustis, Groveland, Inverness, Ocala and Sumterville.

Completed applications must be received no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 26, 2021.



BHS FFA Students Win Prizes at Cattle Show

Syndney Proctor and Delaney Faison, officers of the Belleview High School FFA, did not disappoint at the South Lake Cattle Show that was held on Sunday, January 17th, 2021. Sidney and Delaney are best friends and entered the competition as a team.