

day, a decade from now, and then to be able to say this point in history was the point when entrepreneurs came together, and continued creating strong community ties leading to the general public enjoying the progress that will have become commonplace in 10 years.

“Let’s link arms and get this thing done,” Langston said as he spoke to inspire other business owners to enlist the whole of the Williston in this effort for positive economic growth, which he sees will lead to a bright future.

President Pompeo said he has reached out to the developer of property that used to be Williston High School, but he has not heard back yet. He is certain that the retail outlet developer will communicate with the Williston Chamber at some point in the future, when it is further along in its development of that property.

After people had started their buffet-style BBQ lunch, Quinata spoke.

In addition to President Pompeo and Vice President Langston, the other officers of the Chamber are Treasurer Julie Brannan and Secretary Lon Sullivan, and directors Crystal Cull, Mary Martha Hartley, Paul Jones, Quinata and Heidi Schwiebert.

Quinata told the other Chamber members that he moved to Williston in 1994.

One day, his well stopped working. He had never had a well before. His now late father showed him where the well was.

Quinata repaired the well with a part that he bought from a seller in Belleview, when he could have bought it cheaper at Ace Hardware. After that experience, Quinata told his father his plan was to make wells and pumps his business.

For 10 years, Quinata said he “told family and friends about fixing wells.” He never surrendered on the idea of having this business.

His business is in its ninth year now, he said. Quinata began in a storefront across the street from City Hall. Without the help of his parents or his former landlord, Quinata said, he would not have made it through the first part of this venture.

Now, after working seven-days-a-week, all year long, for the first three years -- never taking a day off -- he has built Williston Well & Pump into the success story it is today – helping people with their well and pump needs.

He started in a four-door Buick with \$200 worth of parts, he said. Today, Quinata said, his equipment is worth about \$70,000.

Quinata said he is honored to have been nominated and elected to the Williston Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors and he is happy to volunteer his time, talents and other resources for service to this group.

The luncheon meeting included discussion and action by the officers and the Board of Directors. While this was a luncheon meeting, another potential Chamber function is a mixer – where business interests spend more time socializing with each other one-on-one or in small groups, to strengthen the network from being part of the Chamber.

Inaugural State of Workforce conference to help region’s business interests to cultivate talent pipeline

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OCALA – Registration is now open for CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion’s 2019 State of Workforce Conference: Cultivating Your 21st Century Workforce.

The State of Workforce conference takes place **April 18 from 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Hilton Ocala, 3600 SW 36th Ave., in Ocala**. Bringing together businesses, community and public partners, education leaders and HR professionals, the conference will provide tips and insights into the current and future state of the region’s workforce from the ones who know it best. Additionally, the inaugural Bridging the Gap awards will be presented to area businesses that have gone above and beyond to enhance the workforce.





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Tickets are \$25, which includes breakfast and lunch, and are available at workforce2019.eventbrite.com. The registration deadline is April 12.

Cultivating will cover:

- The skills gap in today's workforce and how collaboration is working to bridge the gaps
- Ongoing efforts in the region's public schools and postsecondary institutions to meet workforce needs
- Understanding and leveraging the next generation of workers
- Florida's future and building a stronger, brighter pathway for the future workforce

Speakers and panelists joining the conference are: Michelle Dennard, president and CEO of CareerSource Florida; Josh Davies, CEO of The Center for Work Ethic Development; Sean Snaith, Ph.D., director of the University of Central Florida's Institute for Economic Competitiveness; Isabel Nieto, PMP, Workforce Developmental Consultant at Duke Energy Corporation; and Megan Richardson, PHR, SHRM-CP, vice president of Consulting at Dynamic Corporate Solutions, Inc.

Nieto will also lead a panel discussion featuring Dr. Jim Henningsen, president and CEO of the College of Central Florida; and school superintendents Sandra "Sam" Himmel (Citrus County), Jeffery Edison (Levy County) and Dr. Heidi Maier (Marion County).

"We know many of our local businesses face tough and complex challenges in cultivating their talent pipeline to meet emerging and future needs," said Rusty Skinner, CEO of CareerSource CLM. "Our focus is on working together to ensure that pipeline grows and reaps a rich harvest."

Cultivating's presenting sponsors are Benefit Advisors and the Ocala/Marion County Chamber & Economic Partnership.

As the region's recognized workforce leader and part of the unified CareerSource Florida workforce system, CareerSource Citrus Levy Marion collaborates with local economic development, education and community partners to develop world-class education/training and employment services to meet regional workforce needs.



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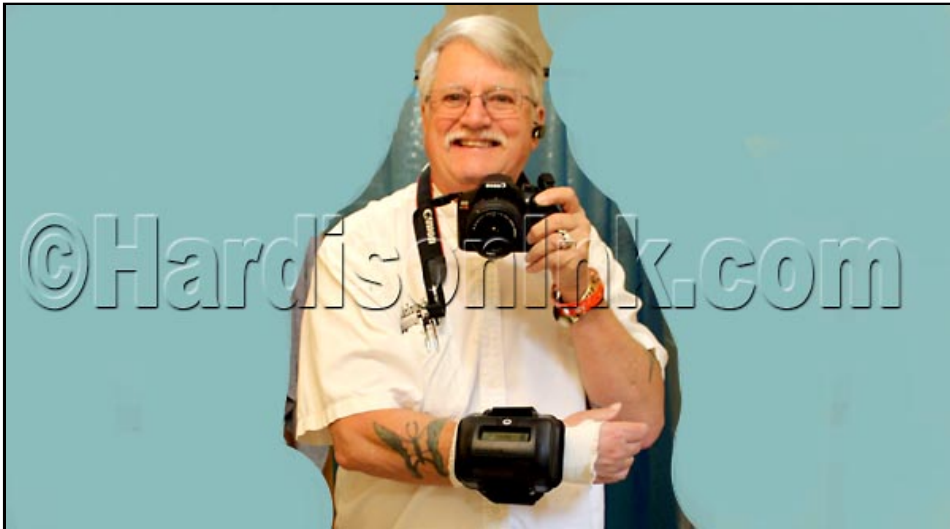
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Publisher starts 90-day bone-growth program



The journalist shows the machine by taking a picture of himself in a mirror on Thursday afternoon (April 4). The magnetic field travels through the splint he is wearing.

Story and Photo

By **Jeff M. Hardison** © April 6, 2019 at 8:19 a.m.

JEMLANDS -- Jeff M. Hardison, editor and publisher of HardisonInk.com, started on March 29 a 90-day program, where he will put a device on his severely