

Honoring David Liner as the Ocala's Premier Networker! Many years ago David Liner started the Ocala Business Leaders. There is a core group that has been in the club for many years. What draws them to meeting for years? Friends / Business Associates that will help at the drop of a hat. David has been the leader in bringing new businesses in to the club and leads in the honor of best net worker!



Kent Poimboeuf was the designated speaker at the Ocala Business Leaders breakfast last month. He was explaining how to update your OBL website so the marketing tools work, how to use the website, how to use the mobile directory and how to advertise in the OBL Directory. This was all video available on Ocala Business Leaders Facebook. Kent also talked about advertising on Ocala4sale.com. Kent has been a long time valuable member of OBL. See OBL pictures on page 10.



Ken Boggs from First Federal Bank spoke at the OBL breakfast. The Bank headquarters are in Lake City Florida. They have banks all over the country concentrated along the I-10 and I-75 corridors. They offer many services.

Who is Bernie Sanders?

Bernie Sanders managed not to hold a full-time job his entire life or vote in a single election, until he finally ran for Mayor of Burlington at the age of 40. After several failed elections, he finally won the office of Mayor of Burlington, VT. In 1988 he married Jane Driscoll and took a cold-war era honeymoon in communist USSR. His new wife supported Bernie financially through his many attempts to win a public office and shared his radical leftist political views. He eventually won a Senate seat, with financial help of his wife, which he has managed to keep off and on.

For all of his years representing Vermont, Bernie Sanders passed a total of three bills, and two of them were for naming post offices.

No plans for foreign policy or national security on his platform. His excuse "I've only been campaigning for a few months."

Do you want to know what kind of leader Bernie is? Go to Wikipedia. It's a long report. It is discussing!

"American freedoms are no more than one generation away from extinction." President Reagan

Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department

Ocala Presents Keys and Title of Firefighting Apparatus

(OCALA, Fla.) Feb. 13, 2020 – Ocala Fire Rescue (OFR) donated a firefighting apparatus to a volunteer fire department in the Bahamas during a quaint ceremony on Thursday, Feb. 13.

After the destruction of most of their fire rescue equipment during Hurricane Dorian, the Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department (MHVFRD)

in Central Abaco, Bahamas, was left with a dire need for everything from apparatus to bunker gear. Learning about their needs, OFR began an exhaustive search for potential equipment donations. The search led to a 1992 Titan Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighting (ARFF) truck, which had been retired from OFR's fleet in 2018.

Today, among a group of representatives from both fire departments, as well as city officials, the keys and title were presented to Marsh Harbour Volunteer Fire & Rescue Department. Equipped with separate

tanks capable of holding copious amounts of water and extinguishing agent, the ARFF truck, which had been decommissioned in 2018, was a perfect fit for Marsh Harbour's needs.

The donation of the ARFF truck will allow the MHVFRD to service areas, including Marsh Harbour International Airport, Treasure Cay International Airport, the North Abaco Port, and Port of Marsh Harbour. Additionally, the ARFF truck will aid with coverage of six area fire stations and the ability to fight fuel fires.

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The Ocala MSA ended the year with a run of national rankings which will frame the state of the local economy quite well. The area ranked #3 on U-Haul's List of the Top 25 Cities for Growth. This ranking aligns well with previous analysis which showed the 25-34-year-old segment as the fastest growing demographic locally. Additionally, the area ranked among the top mid-sized metros in rankings for manufacturing (Advisor Smith) and entrepreneurship (Cloud Kitchen). All of these accolades reflect the area's continued significant growth along with a diversifying economic base.

Two major primary employment announcements occurred during the year. Dollar Tree announced plans to construct a 1.7 million sq. ft. distribution center in the new Florida Crossroads Commerce Park which will result in a capital investment of more than \$210 million and will create 700 new jobs. This will be the first facility in the new Florida Crossroads Commerce Park seeking to ignite growth in the southwest portion of the community. GTI, a publicly

traded company in Canada, announced that an affiliate had purchased the former Mark III complex and would begin redevelopment efforts in the first quarter of 2020. The company is a major player in the medical cannabis industry and the complex will be a cultivation and processing facility. The first phase of the project will result in a \$20 million investment and the creation of 100 new jobs.

New facilities for the McLane Company and Cardinal LG came online during the year resulting in the addition of 500 and 150 new jobs respectively and a combined capital investment of \$130 million. Expansion activity remained strong with a number of companies adding space, equipment, and shifts. Leading the expansion efforts, Fidelity Manufacturing purchased and renovated a closed furniture

plant along the interstate and reopened it as their second facility.

The fastest growing segment of the local economy continues to be health care. The segment is now the largest employer with more than 24,000 jobs and the area consistently ranks in the top 3 in the state in monthly job growth in this sector. The elimination of the certificate of need requirement for many new health care facilities has resulted in a sharp increase in health care investment and plans with the two primary providers (Ocala Health and AdventHealth Ocala) leading the way.

Housing continued to demonstrate growth with both the sale of existing homes and new home construction posting strong gains over the year. The number of homes sold, average price, and median price all posted solid gains over the year while the inventory continued a steady downward trend. The commercial and industrial markets also remained strong recording significant sales of the Market Street lifestyle center (\$50 million) and the former Kmart Distribution Center (\$70 million).

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Mitt Romney One Republican vote to impeach the President which made it bipartisan!

The problem is history. One republican vote makes it seem like a lot of republicans voted to impeach the President. Mitt Romney had a chance to reclaim his reputation. I'm afraid it is lost! We can no longer count on him!

Newspapers Band Together

Trade groups have always banded together to create a bigger voice in Washington and provide better opportunities at home. Our state and national press associations have lobbied for better postal rates, a greater understanding of the need for legal notices, more transparent open meetings, improved independent contractor laws and most importantly, among many other issues, "Freedom of the Press."

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Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Friends,
The 2020 Legislative Session will have soon reached a conclusion, maybe even before this article makes it to publishing and we're very much looking forward to being back

home in the district. Once we return, we'll be ready to tour the district to give a full report on all that we've accomplished these last few months. Until that time, however, we will keep providing a few updates on some of the highlights.

For this column, we should address the budget.

The Florida Senate passed Senate Bill 2500: Appropriations, a proposed state budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. This proposed budget invests in Florida's teachers, state employees, and environment while maintaining \$3.5 billion in total reserves. With \$500 million for a new Teacher Salary Increase Allocation and \$325 million in increased flexible funding through the Base Student Allocation, the state budget provides funding for schools

districts to increase the starting salary for classroom teachers while also investing in other members of school district personnel who serve our children. This has been a big priority for Governor DeSantis and President Galvano. I'm excited to be a part of this great team, working to improve education in the State of Florida.

Also, the budget appropriated \$643.6 million to address Everglades Restoration and protection of our water resources and \$125 million is dedicated to Florida Forever for water and land conservation efforts. The Senate budget also invests in hardworking state employees with \$403 million to fund across-the-board salary increases for state employees, as well as health insurance and retirement benefits.

The Florida Senate remains committed to keeping taxes low and providing breaks whenever possible. Legislation coming out of our Committee on Finance and Tax, creates more tax free holidays, including the 10-day back-to-school sales tax holiday beginning July 31, 2020. The legislation would eliminate taxes on clothing, footwear, and backpacks costing \$60 or less, school supplies costing \$15 or less, and personal computers or personal computer-

related accessories costing \$1,000 or less per item during the designated holiday. Also, in preparation for Hurricane Season, an 18-day sales tax holiday on disaster supplies is created. Some examples of tax-free items include: flashlights and lanterns costing \$20 or less; radios and tarps costing \$50 or less; coolers and batteries costing \$30 or less; generators costing \$750 or less; and impact-resistant windows and doors.

The Florida Senate and the Florida House budgets remain about \$1.4 Billion apart, so we'll see some numbers change by the time we are finished with budget conference, but priorities remain similar and collaboration between the two chambers has been well-organized. We're confident that we'll reach an agreement without too many disagreements or debate.

As always, thank you for letting me serve you in the Florida Senate. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

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Protecting Children's Teeth



(NAPSI)— Here's something many parents may be surprised to learn: tooth decay is the most common preventable chronic

disease among children in the United States.

The Problem

If left untreated, it can hurt more than your kid's mouth. Your child's physical and social development—as well as his or her school performance—can also be affected. More than 51 million school hours are lost each year due to dental-related illness. Kids with healthy teeth have fewer sick days and less distractions from learning.

The Good News

Parents may be surprised to find that getting their child's teeth checked is easier and less expensive than they think. Under Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), essential health care services like preventative care and

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



America dialed 911 and Donald Trump answered the phone. Now they are trying to stop him because the DOJ investigation is getting to deep. It is uncovering some very powerful, well liked people.

I cannot understand why we are sending all these millions of dollars to all the countries that either hate us or try to help countries that want to hurt us. Our politicians are sending their family members out to join a company or start a company in other countries where their family have influence and could collect Millions for political influence. There are many documented cases connecting a number of influential politicians and politicians' family members. It is money laundering, kickbacks, favor for a favor but millions of our tax payer is paying for all

that. So that explains the impeachment and the rush to beat Trump because he is rooting out the crooks.

I think it runs deeper and higher than any of us could imagine!!! "Drain the Swamp!" Make them serve jail time, maybe not a lot of jail time but enough to make the others realize there is a price to pay for their crimes.

This month I enjoyed some of the interaction of our readers. Ocala reader...Lady called left a message that she picked up our newspaper at the Oasis Cafe. She continues she enjoys the info from the Governor, Political stories, Dennis Baxley column, CEP Ocala Chamber, etc. She said she liked the Oasis Cafe very much.

Another lady shared nostalgia, a video of Kate Smith version of "God Bless America" It was black and white, blurred, not in good focus so I'm thinking it was so early it is what motion pictures were back then. Kate's voice was and is really beautiful. This reminds me of a true story....Here it is:

Some years back I had an office in

Inverness Fl where a cable TV office was located. We had a common lunch room. There was a sales lady from the Cable TV company talking to a group of us in there. She said to me I hear you are a musician. I said yes I was but I retired from it. She said "I have some musical Instruments in a shed in my back yard. I wonder what they a worth." I ask "what are they doing in a shed out back?" She explained her grandfather was the leader of the Kate Smith band and all the band instruments are in that building. I thought she was pulling my leg. I said they are probably ruined by now! I threw a few questions at her which told her I was not sure if I believed her. The next day she brought me six records, very old, two of which said not for release. It was a big band sound with Kate Smith singing. She told me to keep the records. She had nothing to play them on.

I told her she needed to contact some music stores, antique shops and put an ad on her cable TV station. I lost tract because she left the station. I kept those records she gave me in a safe place I thought, with my high school band records at my mother-in-law's house. She had a record player. She pass away and suddenly I realize I don't have my records...THEY WERE DONATED TO A

CHURCH GARAGE SALE! They were never to be seen or heard again. I was devastated, still am!

Do you have an unusual short story about a famous person you knew or came in contact with???

How about your opinion on what is going on in Washington/Florida??

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GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY



The Marion County Genealogical Society will meet Thursday, March 19, 2020 from 2pm - 4pm at the Marion County Public Library, 2720 E. Silver Springs Blvd, Ocala, FL. Kathy Stickney will give a live presentation on the topic "Pass It On: Sharing Your Genealogical Research". For further information, visit www.mcgsocala.org or contact Joel Swanson at (352) 897-0840.

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Life in a Small Town in South Florida in the 40's

By TomL

I have been walking down the memory trail which is sometimes fun to share, but once started it was not.

My younger brother is living in south Florida and my older sister living in Inverness Florida. Both recently passed away within 60 days of each other. I am the last of that generation. My Niece brought me some old photos that really brought back memories. There was a picture of my Grandmother and Grandfather Loury probably from the nineteen twenty's, on my father's side. They lived in Ohio, Alliance I think. One night John Loury walked up the mountain to have a drink at the tavern. On his way home an intoxicated doctor driving down the mountain hit him with the car and killed him. Sally Loury (Grandma), in her retirement years, would come to Florida to take care of my brother, sister and I, while Mom and Dad worked away from home at the Boca Raton Hotel. They lived and worked at the hotel. They would come home once or twice each week for a few hours. After a few years they would buy concessions at the hotel: the card room concession and the women locker room concession. They each made a lot of money in five years, then they sold the concessions

and came home after a total of seven years and paid the house off and started life in the small town.

Mom and Dad more or less had to come home because of the dangers that lurked around us. It was a rough neighborhood. We had many criminals living on both sides of us and across the street. We could not afford to move yet. My brother was hurt in a knife throwing accident. A neighborhood boy threw a knife at a tree and the knife glanced off and stuck in my brother's eye. My sister was molested at a young age. I did not know about that until recently. I was playing with a neighborhood boy near the railroad tracks which was about two blocks away. I jumped off a hill and landed on a broken beer bottle. It severed my tendon almost all the way through in the ankle area. It was a touch and go surgery for a couple of hours. They fixed it. All these accidents clearly showed Grandma, who was aging, could not keep up with us.

Now at home, Dad went to Real Estate school and became a realtor and then a Real Estate teacher. He also became the Zoning chairman for the town of Dania. One Sunday morning, we were all sitting at the breakfast table and the phone rang. It was a man that was passing through town and saw

the For Sale sign on a hotel that my Dad had listed. I heard him say "It's Sunday morning!" He hung the phone up and said he had to go show a property. He met the husband and wife at the hotel, got them keys to a few empty rooms and said I'll be in the kitchen having coffee. About twenty minutes later the couple returned and said "we'll take it!"

Dad's commission added a room to our house and sent him to Insurance school. He built a fairly large insurance business, which in his retiring age sold along with the Real Estate business.

Later we made a deal with the bank on a house that the builder was in over his head on the house and needed to get it off his books at the bank. It was a spec house split level, hard wood floors upstairs, three/two never lived in and was on the east side of town which got us out of the high crime area. The people from the old neighborhood never walked down the street in front of our new house and I really don't know why, but did not mind. In the new neighborhood as kids we went to school and worked every day. We walked to work and sometimes we walked home at nine or ten at night. We felt safe...

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Children's Teeth Social Security Scams

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dental health are covered. For more than 20 years, CHIP has been instrumental in reducing the number of uninsured children to historic lows. Medicaid and CHIP cover more than one-third of all children in the U.S. and have helped insure 95 percent of the nation's children—an estimated 35.5 million currently are covered.

How It Works

Dental coverage includes access to regular check-ups, x-rays, fluoride treatments, dental sealants, fillings and more.

Parents can look online to see whether their children are eligible. In most states, children and teens up to age 19 can enroll. Depending on income, many families qualify for free or low-cost health coverage. In general, children and teens in a family of four earning up to \$50,000 a year—and in some places more—may qualify for Medicaid and CHIP.

Children and teens can stay covered for as long as they qualify. Families can enroll at any time of the year, but need to renew coverage each year.

More Good News

Even if your application for Medicaid and CHIP has been denied before, you and your children may now be eligible. Parents may qualify for Medicaid as well, but you don't have to be eligible for your child to get coverage.

Who Can Help

More kids can be covered with the help of Medicaid and CHIP. With that as the goal, the Connecting Kids to Coverage National Campaign, a national outreach and enrollment initiative, informs families with children and teens about Medicaid and CHIP eligibility. Families enroll through their states. Call 1-877-KIDS-NOW or visit InsureKidsNow.gov to be connected to program offices in your state.

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(NAPSI)—Calls and e-mails from scammers pretending to be government employees are widespread. Social Security phone scams are the #1 scam reported to the Federal Trade Commission. Chances are you, a friend, or a family member have received a call like this.

You don't have to be receiving benefits to become a victim. You may get a call saying there is a problem with your Social Security number or account. Everyone, regardless of age, income, and geography, is at risk. Scammers will try to scare and trick you into giving them your personal information or money.

Is It A Scam?

The best way to protect yourself and your money is to recognize a scam. Scammers use intimidating language and often offer a "solution" to fix what they say is a serious

problem with your Social Security number or account. How can you tell when it's a scam? Social Security will not:

Say your Social Security number has been suspended.

Promise a Social Security benefit approval or increase in exchange for information.

Call to demand an immediate payment. Insist you pay a debt without the ability to appeal the amount you owe.

Require payment by retail gift card, prepaid debit card, Internet currency, wire transfer, or by mailing cash.

Ask for your personal information. Scammers prey on your fears. The stories they tell you would scare anyone. No matter how horrible the story, if they do anything above, it's a scam.

What Should You Do?

If you receive a suspicious call, the safest thing for you to do is:

1. Hang up!
2. Don't share personal information or make a payment.
3. Report the scam to the Social Security Administration's Office of the Inspector General at <https://oig.ssa.gov>.

And, if you receive such threats via e-

mail, delete the e-mail and do not click on any links or download any attachments. Even if the e-mail or an attachment contains Social Security's seal or names of real people, ignore it. Then, report the scam.

Other Tips

How about if Social Security needs to contact you? Generally, they will mail you a letter and only contact you by phone if you have requested a call or have ongoing business with them.

Usually, Social Security will mail you a letter that contains telephone numbers for contacting them. You can also contact Social Security by calling 1-800-772-1213 or visiting SSA.gov.

Scammers are always looking for the next way to trick someone. No matter how someone might try to scam you, learning the warning signs shared here can go a long way to protecting yourself and someone you care about from identify theft and financial loss.

If you think you have been scammed, don't be embarrassed. Report the scam to Social Security's Office of the Inspector General at <https://oig.ssa.gov> and share this important information with your family and friends.

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FROM THE DESK OF GOVERNOR DESANTIS

Florida coalition Against Domestic Violence

After many months of obstruction by the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the Governor's office received deeply disturbing information regarding the organization's practices over the past several years. These practices include exorbitant compensation payouts, abuse of state dollars, withholding of information, and breach of public trust.

Governor Ron DeSantis has requested Chief Inspector General (CIG), Melinda Miguel, to determine if there are reasonable grounds to refer the matter for criminal investigation to law enforcement. If the evidence leads to that conclusion, CIG Miguel will take the appropriate action going forward. This investigation is a top priority for Governor DeSantis.

The Governor has been urging action on this matter since 2019. Due to these ongoing concerns, the Governor recommended competitive procurement for domestic violence services rather than continuing to directly contract with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence in his Fiscal Year 2020-2021 budget recommendations.

Governor DeSantis also directed the Secretary of the Department of Children and Families (DCF), Chad Poppell, to take action in this case and manage the obligations of the Florida Coalition of Domestic Violence throughout the period of transition.

Additionally, Governor DeSantis thanked Florida House Speaker José Oliva and Senate President Bill Galvano who have publicly shared concerns over the lack of transparency and obstruction on the part of the leadership

of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and recommended they take immediate legislative action to amend the state statute that has contributed to this unwarranted behavior. Currently, DCF's hands are tied by law to contract with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence and DCF is not provided the statutory tools that would ensure appropriate oversight. This must change to immediately correct this situation.

DCF has communicated to the staff and providers of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence they should continue to report to work in service of the victims of domestic violence.

Governor DeSantis will not tolerate wasteful or fraudulent spending, particularly from an organization that purports to serve the vulnerable victims of domestic violence. Accountability and transparency require good stewardship of state funds and the people of Florida are entitled to accountability and transparency within every aspect of our state government.

Sincerely,
Helen Aguirre Ferré, Director of Communications, Governor Ron DeSantis

Governor Ron DeSantis Announces More Than \$3.6 Million for FinTech Training Program

Jacksonville, Fla. – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced he is awarding more than \$3.6 million through the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund to the Florida State College at Jacksonville and St. Johns River State College to create the Northeast Florida Fintech Initiative. This Initiative

represents a partnership between both colleges, regional schools, nonprofits and numerous financial services companies to provide new financial technology, or “FinTech” training and certification opportunities.

“I’m pleased to launch the Northeast Florida FinTech Initiative in conjunction with Florida State College at Jacksonville and St. John’s River State College,” said **Governor DeSantis**. “This innovative collaboration to provide new FinTech-related training and certifications will help equip Floridians with skills in demand by Northeast Florida’s growing FinTech industry.”

The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund award for \$3.67 million will help the Northwest Florida FinTech Initiative create two FinTech Technical Certificate Programs, a FinTech Support Technician Boot Camp Academy and will embed FinTech related skills and coursework into existing programs related to Accounting, Business Administration, Financial Services and Information Technology.

The FinTech Initiative will also include the creation of a new externship program and working connections program. These programs will provide leaders of nearby K-12 schools with valuable skills and information needed to introduce students to the FinTech industry and will offer real-world industry experiences to college faculty. The funding will be used to support the cost of facility improvements, equipment, personnel, scholarships, training materials and support services.

“Governor DeSantis has a vision for making Florida the premier destination for top FinTech companies,” said **Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) Executive Director Ken Lawson**. “He knows that bridging the gap between

education and the private sector to ensure our workforce has the skills needed for businesses to succeed is not only a smart, but critical investment for our state. Today’s announcement is a significant step in making that vision a reality and our agency, along with our partners at Enterprise Florida, Inc., are proud to be a part of it.”

“Today is a giant leap into the kind of job training that will put Floridians in good-paying jobs and our growing FinTech sector on the global map,” said **Enterprise Florida (EFI) President and CEO Jamal Sowell**. “Floridians can be proud today, knowing that our Governor is working overtime to remove barriers for emerging FinTech firms and making Florida the place to be for long-term sector growth.”

The Florida Job Growth Grant Fund is an economic development program designed to promote public infrastructure and workforce training across the state. Proposals are reviewed by DEO and EFI and chosen by the Governor to meet the demand for workforce or infrastructure needs in the community they are awarded to.

Since July 2019, DEO and EFI have received 88 proposals requesting more than \$283 million in funding. Today’s announcement reflects a total of more than \$182 million in funding awarded to 56 communities across the state since the Florida Job Growth Grant Fund was established

In 2019-20, \$40 million in awards are available for projects that focus on rapidly developing a highly-skilled workforce and on infrastructure initiatives that attract businesses, create jobs and promote economic growth. DEO and EFI are currently accepting proposals. For more information, visit Floridajobs.org/jobgrowth.

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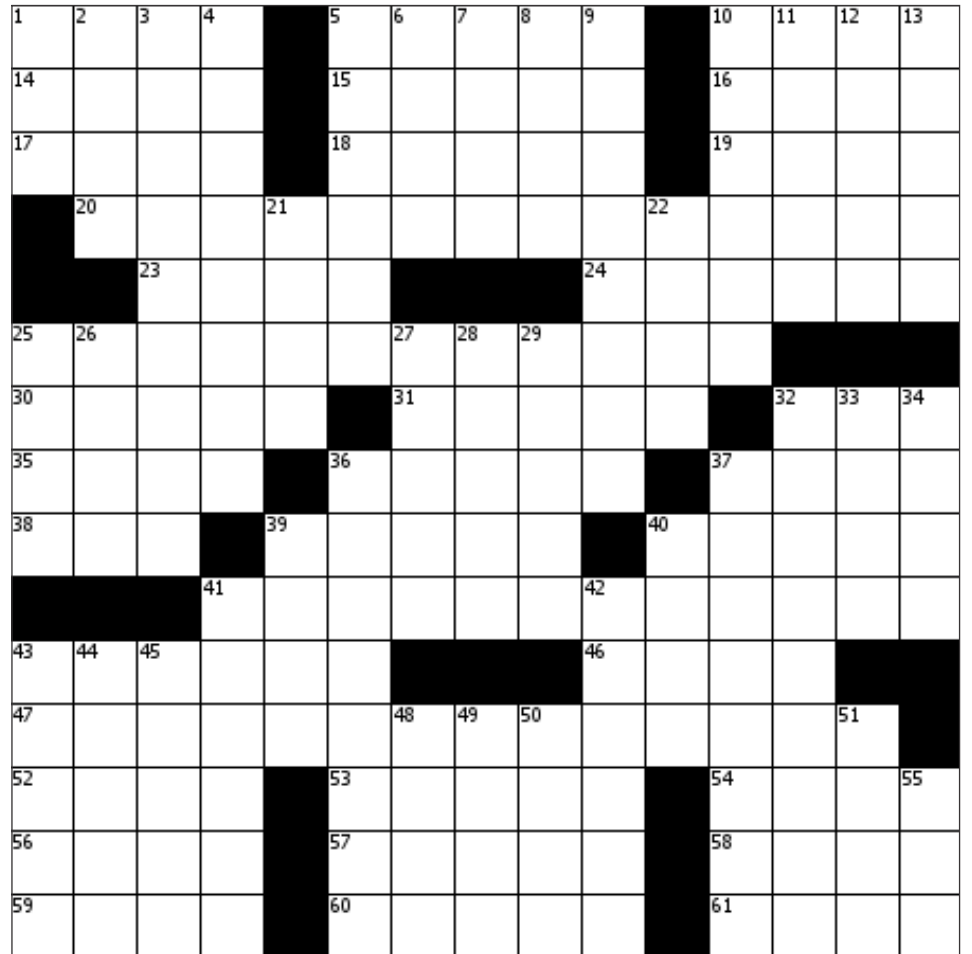
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2. Per person

- 3. Mark Twain, to Samuel Langhorne Clemens
- 4. Aquatic turtle
- 5. Song from "Flashdance"
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- 7. ____, Hari
- 8. Clip-fed submachine gun
- 9. Large terrier
- 10. Capital of Zimbabwe
- 11. Wife of Prince Valiant
- 12. Bounce back
- 13. Territory in northern India
- 21. Hank Aaron's 2,297
- 22. Used a loom
- 25. Frozen dessert chain
- 26. Word before avis
- 27. Cooked one's own goose?
- 28. Judy Garland's daughter
- 29. Took her hand in marriage
- 32. You aim for them
- 33. Notion in Normandy
- 34. Meddlesome, like certain neighbors
- 36. Jean Harlow's last film
- 37. It may heat up a dish
- 39. "Silent Night" writer

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- 1. Didn't hand off
- 5. Deadly African snake
- 10. Type of candy or cider
- 14. Repose
- 15. Classic video game name
- 16. Sailing 101 word
- 17. Standout testee, say
- 18. Gunpowder ingredient
- 19. Bona fide
- 20. Weatherperson's timepiece?
- 23. "The Aba ____ Honeymoon"
- 24. Conductor Antal
- 25. Weatherperson's greeting?
- 30. Major or Minor constellation
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- 36. Start a tennis match



- Joseph
- 40. Not all wet
- 41. Dangerous African insect
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- 43. More courageous
- 44. Best of a group
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CONSUMER ALERT: Report Suspicious Crowdfunding Charity Pages
TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is issuing a Consumer Alert to ask Floridians to report suspicious crowdfunding charity pages. Friday, the Florida Highway Patrol made the Attorney General's Office aware of a suspicious-looking page purporting to raise money for the family of a fallen FHP Trooper. In less than an hour, the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division, working with GoFundMe.com, secured the suspension of the page and the more than \$500 that had been raised is being returned to donors.

The account in question featured the name and photo of FHP Trooper Joseph Bullock. Trooper Bullock, a 19-year veteran of law enforcement, was shot and killed in the line of duty last week. An investigation into his death is underway.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Trooper Bullock is a hero, and people want to help honor his service by donating to his family. When FHP told us that someone unknown to the family might be trying to exploit the death of this brave law enforcement officer, I asked my Consumer Protection investigators to act quickly. Our office immediately contacted GoFundMe and the crowdsourcing site took swift action to protect the donations. The company has assured our investigators that these funds will only be released to a member of Trooper Bullock's family or returned to the

donors—per its distribution policies."

Florida Highway Patrol Director Colonel Gene Spaulding said, "Trooper Bullock courageously served his country and the state for almost 24 years of his life. It is appalling to see that members of the public would attempt to benefit after Trooper Joseph Bullock paid the ultimate sacrifice. I'd like to thank Attorney General Moody for her swift action and support during this time. Please keep the Bullock family and the Florida Highway Patrol in your thoughts and prayers."

It is very important for well-intentioned Floridians who want to create a crowdsourcing account to assist a stranger to inform the intended beneficiary of their plans before launching a page. Informing the beneficiary before soliciting donations on the beneficiary's behalf will help avoid any confusion and quell concerns that the charitable solicitation is a scam. According to GoFundMe, any charitable campaigns that cannot be quickly verified will be subject to suspension and removal.

For those who wish to donate to a worthy cause, Attorney General Moody is urging that they do their homework to ensure that their donations are actually going to the charities' stated causes. Below are a few steps Floridians can take to protect their donations:

Research the webpage creator's background and reviews before donating;

Know that there are many different crowdsourcing platforms, each with

different terms of use and fraud investigation practices;

Check to see if the platform offers protections to donors should a campaign be found fraudulent;

Determine what percentage of any funds raised will go to the charity and what percentage goes to the platform; and

Search to see if there are any identical or extremely similar campaigns. It is possible that scammers copied a legitimate campaign to fraudulently attract donors.

If anyone encounters a fundraising page that appears suspicious, they should report it to the Florida Attorney General's Office by calling 1(866) 9NO-SCAM or by visiting MyFloridaLegal.com.

Attorney General Moody Announces the 2019 Law Enforcement Officers of the Year

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody today named Franklin County Sheriff's Sergeant Jeff Hewitt and Deputy Jared Hewitt as 2019's Law Enforcement Officers of the Year. The Attorney General's Office recognized the father and son duo, along with eight other law enforcement officers across the state for their dedication to protecting Floridians.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Courage and service must run in our award winners' family. While others were fleeing, this father and son duo headed straight toward the flames. Because of their bravery, an entire family was saved. I am proud to announce Sergeant Jeff Hewitt and Deputy Jared Hewitt as 2019's Law Enforcement Officers of the Year."

On June 24, 2018, the small coastal town of Eastpoint experienced one of the most horrific fires in its history. The fire destroyed 36 homes and consumed more than 950 acres of land. Due to the brave and selfless actions of Sgt. Hewitt and Dep. Hewitt, there were no casualties during this tragedy.

After the order for deputies to retreat from the flames, due to zero visibility and the approaching fire, a call for help came for anyone in the area of Buck Street to attempt to locate and rescue a family of three trapped in a vehicle. Both Sgt. Hewitt and Dep. Hewitt heard the call for help, and each arrived at the vehicle from opposite directions, at the same time. The front end of the vehicle was covered in flames, and Sgt. Hewitt and Dep. Hewitt worked to free the family from the truck and saved all three, including a four-year-old child.

The Attorney General's Office awarded Sgt. Hewitt and Dep. Hewitt during the Attorney General's Annual Law Enforcement Officer Awards Ceremony held in the Florida Cabinet Meeting Room at the State Capitol.

Each of today's honorees had been previously selected as the Officer of the Year by a Florida law enforcement agency or association. The Florida Sheriffs Association nominated Sgt. Hewitt and Dep. Hewitt. A selection committee appointed by Attorney General Moody considered the distinguished group of nominees from state agencies and organizations.

For additional law enforcement officers nominees, go to MyFloridaLegal.com



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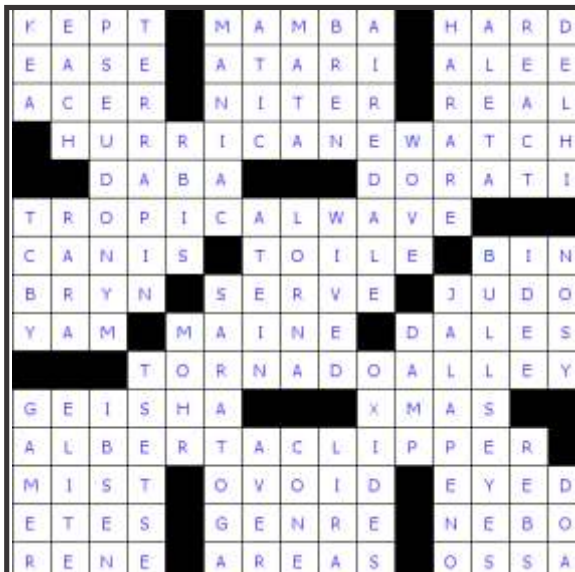
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