



The Parade of Senior Servicing being held every year was a great success. The goal is to inform seniors about all the free services available through the City, County, State, federal government

services, health care and social services. The lady in the picture was showing a senior how to use a special hearing impaired phone.



The Strawberry Festival day people share a picture with you. From Left moving around looking at all the booths, eating strawberry's and just enjoying the day. These three three ladies running into each other right in front of my booth. I recognized several of them and had to

share a picture with you. From Left moving around looking at all the booths, eating strawberry's and just enjoying the day. These three three ladies running into each other right in front of my booth. I recognized several of them and had to attend again next year. More pictures page 6.

## President Biden Get Your Knee Off The Neck's Of The American People!

By TomL

On your first Day, you said you were going to lead and combat the COVID-19 Pandemic.

It was already well under way! Cures were already available. The know who you are and what you are! You had nothing to do with it!

Kamala Harris get your knee off the neck of the American people!

You took a trip to the border where there were very few problems and reported there was no problems..

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the oil industry!

On the first day, you made it impossible for the Oil industry with the regulations changes you imposed & you revoked the permits on the Keystone XL Gasoline! More at the end.

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the Farmers.

On the first day you mandated regulations on Farmers that made it impossible for success. Don't you feel great you have brought them to their knees! While they are down there they will pray, raise up and kick your butt!

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the Truckers and the Trucking industry.

They are fighting back, they are protesting the Mandates and the Oil prices, you are making it impossible to move goods!

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the Cattleman and dairy farmers!

Cow don't expel half as much as politicians while in office and the jet fuel you and your Cohart's burn flying around the country.

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the Border Patrol!

On the first day you signed executive privileges to destroy the safety of our officers!

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the schools!

On the first days you signed executive orders to teach our children pro Atheist propaganda!

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the mandates!

Schools , Hospitals, Military, Hospitals, Police Departments and etc!

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the Governor of Florida!

On the first day you attack Florida

## Super Bowl Halftime Show Was A Terrible Display Of Nasty!

Check the the words (lyrics) to the songs that were performed for halftime.

F word 13 times,

N word 16 times,

MF 4 times,

P-word 3 times,

B-word 24 times,

What a great example. Remember, the NFL approved everything ahead of time that was broadcast.

Snoop Dogg performing in that halftime show, collaborated on a song in January with the following lyrics:

"All you n\*\*\*\*\*s out there

Take your guns that you using to shoot each other

And start shooting these bitch ass mother

f\*\*\*\*\*ing police

That'll impress a mother f\*\*\*\*\*ing n\*\*\*\*\* like me"!

If you think this is alright then your part of the problem. Do you like your Children listening that that kind of verbal garbage?

Do you see where all this defund the police has gotten us?

Now it is going to be twice as hard to bring law and order to our streets!

We need a hard "B "ass leader...not a gentleman but a leader!

Someone who will get down in the trenches and root out the thugs!

Put people in jail for using swear words in public!

Governor for not following your mandates!

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the Other republican states!

From the first day you have denied funds approved before you came into office for the states. When you could not take credit for Monocolonel infusion you denied us our supply in Florida.

Your not a doctor so butt out and President Biden get your knee off the neck of the Medical Scientist who developed the cures! You had nothing to do with it! Investigate Fuaci!

Investigate your son in jail!

Genes-burg once said get your feet off our neck!

You have done nothing positive sense you have been in office but obstruct the American way of life!

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the our beliefs!

Let everyone believe what they want to and stay out of lives.

President Biden get your knee off the neck of the American way of life!

The one big thing that our leaders forget every day they wake up is they are in office to enforce the laws on the books and satisfy the will of the people! Because they live a posh life, they have become disconnected to the every day American citizen. BIDEN..... GET YOUR KNEE OFF OUR NECK'S!

Kevin Sheilley

## OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



At the CEP's Annual Luncheon on 2 February, the new 5-year Strategic Plan, *Forward Momentum*, was unveiled to a crowd of nearly 1,100 business leaders. The plan had been developed over eight months in 2021

and involved consultations with a number of experts and economists.

The plan is a continuation of its two successors (*Moving Forward* and *Moving Forward – Phase II*) but also broadens the engagement of the CEP in a few key areas. All of the plans 19 goals are aligned with the CEP's mission "to be the catalyst for a prosperous community." The following are highlights of a few of the goals. The complete can be found at [OcalaCEP.com/the-CEP/strategic-plan/](http://OcalaCEP.com/the-CEP/strategic-plan/)

**Business Advocacy** – the top goal in Business Advocacy is the *Renewal of the Local Option Sales Tax*. This 1% tax was first approved by voters in 2016 and then overwhelmingly renewed in 2020. The tax is the *best* way to fund important and needed transportation and first responder needs. The revenues can only be spent on capital needs and approximately 1/3 of the revenue is collected by tourists and commuters who are using our roads and depending on our first

responders but not otherwise contributing to their support.

**Business Attraction** – the #1 goal in the plan is to secure a *commitment for commercial passenger air service*. As a community of nearly 400,000 the time is right for the return on local air service.

**Business Creation** – the *creation of a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI)* is imperative to implementing our mission of a prosperous community for all. This non-bank lender would work in partnership with local lenders to increase access to capital in our three majority-minority communities of West Ocala, Silver Springs Shores, and Marion Oaks.

**Business Retention** – work has begun on a *Workforce Participation Study* to better understand the more than 50% of working age adults who are not currently in the workforce. This study, financially underwritten by CareerSource CLM and Duke Energy, will seek to identify these various group, barriers to their entering the workforce, and how those barriers can be addressed. Results from the study are expected in late summer/early fall.

**Business Services** – this is the area of the CEP dedicated to some of our most popular programs – Leadership, business education series, equine engagement, and networking. If we are to serve the entire Metro, then the CEP needs offices that make it easy for all

businesses to access services and programs. The goal is to *open at least one satellite office* during this time.

**Business Support** – the CEP is a not-for-profit but created a Foundation in late 2019 to easier access grants and tax deductible contributions. The Foundation has had a fairly high degree of success without intentional focus. The goal in this plan is to *hire a Director to focus on securing grants and corporate donations* to support the CEP's entrepreneurship, talent development, and leadership programming.

Finally, the three BIG goals of the plan are to 1) impact the announced creation of **5,000 new primary jobs** with 2) wages which are **15% above the County average wage** and 3) result in a direct **capital investment in our community of \$1 billion**.

These are all lofty goals but they are ones which we can and must attain if we are to fulfill the mission of creating a truly prosperous community.

navigate every step of the way—from preparation to "Gotcha Day," early bonding, life stage transitions and beyond—and foster long-lasting pet health and wellness.

**Do Your Homework:** Help start your pets' journey off on the right paw by researching what it takes to prioritize their well-being and help them thrive.

The process can be overwhelming at first, but a Petco pet care center and [petco.com](http://petco.com) are great places to start.

**Research the pets breed or species** to ensure that you thoroughly understand the nutrition, exercise, grooming and habitat requirements as well as any common behavioral or health issues.

Identify a trusted veterinarian for initial exams and vaccinations, routine check-ups and in case of an emergency. In fact, enlisting a full team of pet experts, including a veterinarian, trainer and groomer you trust, such as those at Petco pet care centers, can help you feel confident throughout every milestone.

No pet parent likes to think about a pet going missing, but it's important to note there are resources such as [Petco Love Lost](http://PetcoLoveLost), which helps reunite lost pets with their families.

**Make Your Pet Feel at Home:** In this time of transition, focus on creating a safe space where your pet feels secure and relaxed.

**Dog** and **cat** essential supplies include a suitable **bed** or **crate**, food and water **bowls**, **litter box** and even some **toys** to help them feel comfortable. As a new **dog** or **cat** parent, you'll also need to ensure all areas of your home are safe for your pet. For example,

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## New Pet Parents Four Veterinarian-Approved Tips For New Pet Parents

by Whitney Miller, DVM, MBA, DACVPM (NAPSI)—Whether you've just decided to welcome a new pet to your family or you're in the throes of early pet parenthood, like all pet parents you may experience challenges along with the joy, cuteness and many other rewarding parts of having pets. Dog, cat, bird, fish, reptile or small pet, each animal that comes into your life has unique needs, from grooming and habitat to nutrition, exercise and enrichment. Here are a few veterinarian-approved tips to help

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Dear Friends,  
The 2022 Legislative Session has concluded and it is nice to return home to family, friends, and the good people of Senate District 12. Over the next few columns, we plan to share a few highlights of what was done in Tallahassee over the last few months.

First, we want to share some budget numbers with you. Florida, thanks to a constitutional mandate, must pass a balanced budget every year. This means that we do not spend more money than what you, the taxpayer, sends us. This year, thanks to our robust economy, Florida's budget set a new record at \$112.1 billion. This budget leaves \$8.9 billion in state reserves (our rainy day fund), establishes a \$1 billion state inflation fund to help offset the rising costs of inflation, and provides \$658 million in broad based tax relief to Florida families.

Within this budget, the legislature increased K-12 per-student funding to the highest level in state history and invested \$800 million to increase the salaries of classroom teachers, a \$250 million increase over the prior year.

Further, due to extraordinary inflation

brought on by the federal government's irresponsible policies, the legislature sought to help relieve some of that financial burden by investing \$1 billion to ensure Floridians who work for, or contract with, the state, and spend each day educating, protecting and caring for others in our communities earn at least \$15 per hour. All regular state employees will also receive a 5.38 percent pay increase to keep up with the rising cost of living.

The Florida legislature continues to make key investments in one of our most treasured resources – our environment. The budget dedicates \$885 million to Everglades restoration, safeguards state taxpayer funds dedicated to clean water resources, and maintains the steady stream of funding established last year for wastewater and mitigating sea level rise.

Many in our state are facing issues with affordable housing and action to provide some relief to those Florida families struggling in that area. With an emphasis on home ownership, the budget provided record-level funding of nearly \$363 million to affordable housing programs, up from the \$209 million in funding last year. The budget directs \$100 million to the new Hometown Hero Program to provide down payment and closing cost assistance to our

hometown heroes – teachers, law enforcement, health care workers and more.

This is just a small snapshot of Florida's 2022-2023 budget and there were many other exciting investments made to benefit all who work and live in our great state. We look forward to sharing more over the next few columns of all that was accomplished on your behalf.

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley

The IRS Saver's Credit

Are You Eligible To Claim The IRS Saver's Credit?



(NAPSI)—Here's good news, for a change, from the IRS: It offers an incentive to lower your tax bill when you save for retirement. With pandemic-related employment disruptions last year, more taxpayers may be eligible to claim the Saver's Credit but may not even know this tax credit exists. Also referred to as the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit, the Saver's Credit can reduce federal income taxes for eligible taxpayers who save for retirement through a qualified retirement plan, such as a 401(k) or an Individual Retirement Account (IRA).

The 22nd Annual Transamerica Retirement Survey finds that fewer than half (48 percent) of workers are aware of the Saver's Credit.

"People who are saving for retirement may be able to claim the Saver's Credit and reduce their federal taxes," says Catherine Collinson, CEO and president of nonprofit Transamerica Institute and its Center for Retirement Studies. "Perhaps people are confusing the tax credit with the tax-advantage treatment of retirement accounts. The idea of a double tax benefit may sound too good to be true but both are available to retirement savers."

What Is the Saver's Credit?

The Retirement Savings Contributions Credit is a non-refundable tax credit for contributions an eligible taxpayer makes to a 401(k), 403(b) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, a traditional or Roth IRA or an ABL account. In this context, "non-refundable" means the credit cannot exceed a person's federal income tax for the year. The maximum credit is \$1,000 for single filers or individuals and \$2,000 for married couples filing jointly.

Tips for claiming the Saver's Credit

1. Check Your Eligibility

To be eligible, the maximum Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) for single filers is \$33,000 in 2021 and \$34,000 in 2022. For the head of a household, the AGI maximum is \$49,500 in 2021 and \$51,000 in 2022. For those who are married filing jointly, the AGI maximum is \$66,000 in 2021 and \$68,000 in 2022.

You must be 18 years or older by January 1 and cannot be a full-time student or be claimed as a dependent on another person's

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### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



By TomL DUNNELLON FL I was traveling on High School rd head south and going to Bellevue when I came across a cleanup crew, I could see where trees had been across the road. It was just a few minutes from my house. Some times you don't know until later how lucky you are. EF-1 TORNADO STRUCK!

Does Biden have a score to settle with Ukraine? REMEMBER THIS!

President Trump and his personal lawyer, Rudy Giuliani, repeatedly claimed that Joe Biden and his son Hunter Biden engaged in corruption while the two had dealings in Ukraine when Biden was Vice President.

In 2016, and with the support of other world leaders, Joe Biden threatened Ukraine that he would withhold \$1 billion of U.S. aid because while attempting to cleanup their of corruption, they were investigating Hunter

Biden. Ukraine's leaders fired Viktor Shokin, the country's top prosecutor. They accused him of being too soft on corruption!. I personally watch the news clip of Biden bragging about it on national TV about how he had the top prosecutor Viktor Shokin fired!

Well the bully Putin thought his so called crack troops would just walk across Ukraine. Come to find out his troops are not as good as everyone thought they were, many are being killed and he is leaving them laying in the streets. I think the difference is the Russian troops, some don't know why they are there and did not want to invade Ukraine and the Ukrainians are fighting to defend their country to the death. Ukraine will probably fall but not without purpose. The world has seen the atrocities that Putin has order on them I think the Russian leader has spent his last nickel on a war on his own people. I think the Russian people will rise up and take Putin down. Europe is at a boiling point and a weak leader like Biden will not prevail!

Right now President Zelensky and his army of untrained civil soldiers will fight to the death because of the F word people are not using very much any more "FREEDOM!" You Know Freedom is our most precious heritage and many are taking it for granted. That is what the Ukrainian are dieing for right now! We should help any country that wants FREEDOM!

Zalensky said of Ukrainians "Our weapon is our truth, and our truth is that it's our land, our country, our children. And we will defend all of that." Putin had radio stations broadcast that Ukrainian civilian army would lay down their guns instead they ask for more guns. They fight on even if Biden refuses to help with closing the airways. His lack of action will go down in the history books as the worst president ever. Biden wants people to think he is cool but he is not he is an empty suit! I wish Trump would invite him out behind then gym as Biden put it! WE NEED ACTION!

GAS PRICES...Democratic candidate Joe Biden promised he would move to eradicate fossil fuels if elected. In January 2021, the newly sworn-in president jumped into action and enacted a war on US energy companies in a move beholden to climate change proponents. Within months, gas prices began to climb. Now averaging over

\$4.00 per gallon.

A friend from Orlando sent me a few important lines of thought as follows...

This is the beginning of a new day. You have been given this day to use as you will. You can waste it or use it for good. What you do today is important because you are exchanging a day of your life for it. When tomorrow comes, this day will be gone forever in its place is something that you have left behind. Let it be something good!

If you do not take an interest in the affairs of your government, then you are doomed to live under the rule of fools. -Plato

#### Albert Einstein

"Logic will get you from A to B," he said. "Imagination will take you everywhere." The famed physicist reminds us that it is imagination that gives wings to knowledge, by pointing the way to new possibilities.

I have noticed a pattern of health problems. People who are going into the hospital for a regular procedure are having complications set in that were unexpected. I am not a doctor but they say some of these COVID shots and cures manipulate our DNA, I wonder whAt then long tim e effect is on our future health.

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# Saver's Credit

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tax return. Consider using the IRS's online tool to help determine if you are eligible for the Saver's Credit.

## 2. Save for Retirement

To claim the Saver's Credit for 2021, you must have contributed to a 401(k), a 403(b), a similar employer-sponsored retirement plan or an ABLA account during 2021. Contributions to traditional or Roth IRAs are also eligible and you have until April 18, 2022 to make an IRA contribution for tax year 2021. Roll-over contributions are not eligible for the credit.

## 3. File Your Tax Return and Claim the Saver's Credit

Let the IRS help you file your federal taxes with its Free File program. The program's eight partners offer online tax preparation tools free to taxpayers with an AGI of \$73,000 or less. More at [www.irs.gov/FreeFile](http://www.irs.gov/FreeFile).

When using an online tax preparation tool,

be sure to answer questions about the Saver's Credit, also referred to by the IRS as the Retirement Savings Contributions Credit and Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions.

If you prepare your tax return manually, complete Form 8880, Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions, to determine your exact credit rate and amount. Then transfer the amount to line 4 on Schedule 3, which is used with Forms 1040, 1040-SR, and 1040-NR.

If you use a professional tax preparer, be sure to ask about the Saver's Credit.

"Consistently saving for retirement is fundamental to helping achieve financial security in retirement," says Collinson. "Another way to help boost your retirement savings is to directly deposit any tax refund into an IRA. Saving more now could help you reap more later."

Remember, this important tax credit may help reduce what you owe in federal taxes or increase your refund. Check your eligibility, particularly if you had pandemic-related

employment impacts in 2021. Help spread the word about the Saver's Credit by telling family, friends, and colleagues.

## Learn More

For more details and resources on the Saver's Credit in English and Spanish, visit Transamerica Institute at [www.transamericainstitute.org/SaversCredit](http://www.transamericainstitute.org/SaversCredit) or the IRS at [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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# COVID-19 Vaccine Booster Myths

## Fact Or Fiction: COVID-19 Vaccine And Booster Myths Debunked

by the We Can Do This

COVID-19 Public Education Campaign

(NAPSI)—Two years into the COVID-19 pandemic, myths and misperceptions about

COVID and vaccines continue to arise and evolve on social media, online, and in daily conversation. Getting facts from a reliable source can keep myths from complicating decisions about getting vaccinated and boosted or following other prevention measures.

"Misinformation tends to spread rapidly, and it can be difficult for people to sort fact from fiction," said Dr. Mohamed Yassin, Chief of Infectious Diseases at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Mercy. "But at this point in the fight against COVID, there is no doubt that keeping up on vaccinations gives people the strongest defense against serious illness."

Here are the facts behind COVID vaccine and booster myths:

**Myth: The need for booster shots is a sign that the vaccines aren't working.**

**Fact:** Science shows that COVID vaccines are working well to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and premature death. However, studies show that protection against mild and moderate disease can decrease gradually over time, and boosters can make your protection last longer. They can also help protect you against new variants.

**Myth: Vaccinated and boosted people no longer need to wear masks or social distance.**

**Fact:** Even though vaccines reduce the risk of spreading and getting COVID, the virus can still be passed through the air as people breathe and talk, especially in crowded and poorly ventilated spaces. To help prevent the spread of COVID and reduce risk of infection, everyone ages 2 years and older should wear the best-fitting mask available to them while in public indoor areas regardless of their vaccination status. In general, people do not need to wear masks when outdoors.

**Myth: Since there are more ways to treat COVID, getting vaccinated is no longer necessary.**

**Fact:** Many advances have been made in the fight against COVID, but treatments have limitations, and it is always better to prevent disease in the first place. Some treatments, including antivirals like "the COVID pill," must be taken within days of getting COVID and are only for people at highest risk. Other treatments are taken by injection or intravenously in multiple sessions in a healthcare facility. Treatments are in limited supply and do not keep you from getting COVID. They can also be expensive. Getting vaccinated teaches the body to recognize and fight the virus. No-cost vaccines and boosters offer the best form of protection against severe illness, hospitalization, and premature death.

**Myth: Natural immunity from getting sick with COVID is better than the immunity you get from vaccination.**

**Fact:** The risks of getting seriously ill from COVID, or of developing long

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# Strawberry Festival

In Marion county, for eight years, the first Saturday in March plays host to the largest festival in our area known as Habitat for Humanity of Marion County's Strawberry festival. This last Saturday, March 5, 2022 was no different!

This year's strawberry festival saw 35,000 +/- visitors enjoy strawberry treats of all kinds, local entertainment on two stages, a car show, a strawberry pie eating contest, a

chance to shop over 250 vendors and a giant kid's zone with fun for kids of all ages! The 8<sup>th</sup> annual strawberry festival was located at the McPherson Government complex on NE 25<sup>th</sup> Ave where plenty of parking and open spaces allow this festival to grow year after year.

The Habitat strawberry festival in Marion County represents a piece of American history when county fairs and festivals

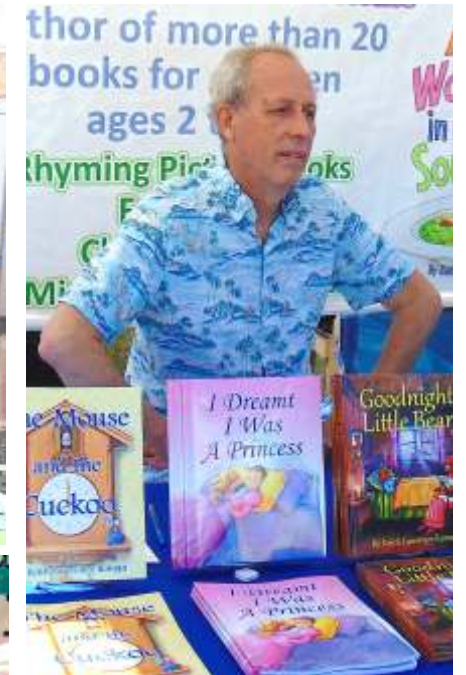
brought communities together. All proceeds made at the festival go towards building a home for a Marion County family in need. A Habitat home is built with mainly volunteers, including the future homeowner. The strawberry festival also is alive with volunteer spirit and known for uniting people from all parts of the county. When the habitat homeowner completes their required volunteer hours (averages 250 hours) and is handed the front door keys to their new home, their first mortgage payment is likely to be sweeter than the strawberries sold at

this year's festival. Only for that habitat family, the safety and security they receive from the new home lasts longer than any of the sweet treats enjoyed at the festival.

If you missed Habitat's strawberry festival this year, be sure to save the date for next year. It's always the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in March and thousands of festival goers will tell you that a good time is had by all!

Elizabeth B. Chryst

Chair-Habitat for Humanity of Marion County, FL

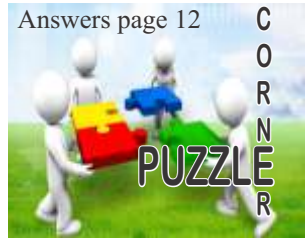


# Parade of Senior Services

The Parade of Senior Services was a great success. My contacts were the Senior Center on 8th ave, they did a great job. It was free to seniors 55+ and they came. The doors were open from 10am till 2pm, by 10:30 the room was packed with visitor's. At first they projected 50 agencies would exhibit, I am sure it exceeded that number. I was not disappointed with the crowd. I gave out hundreds of my newspapers. It was held at

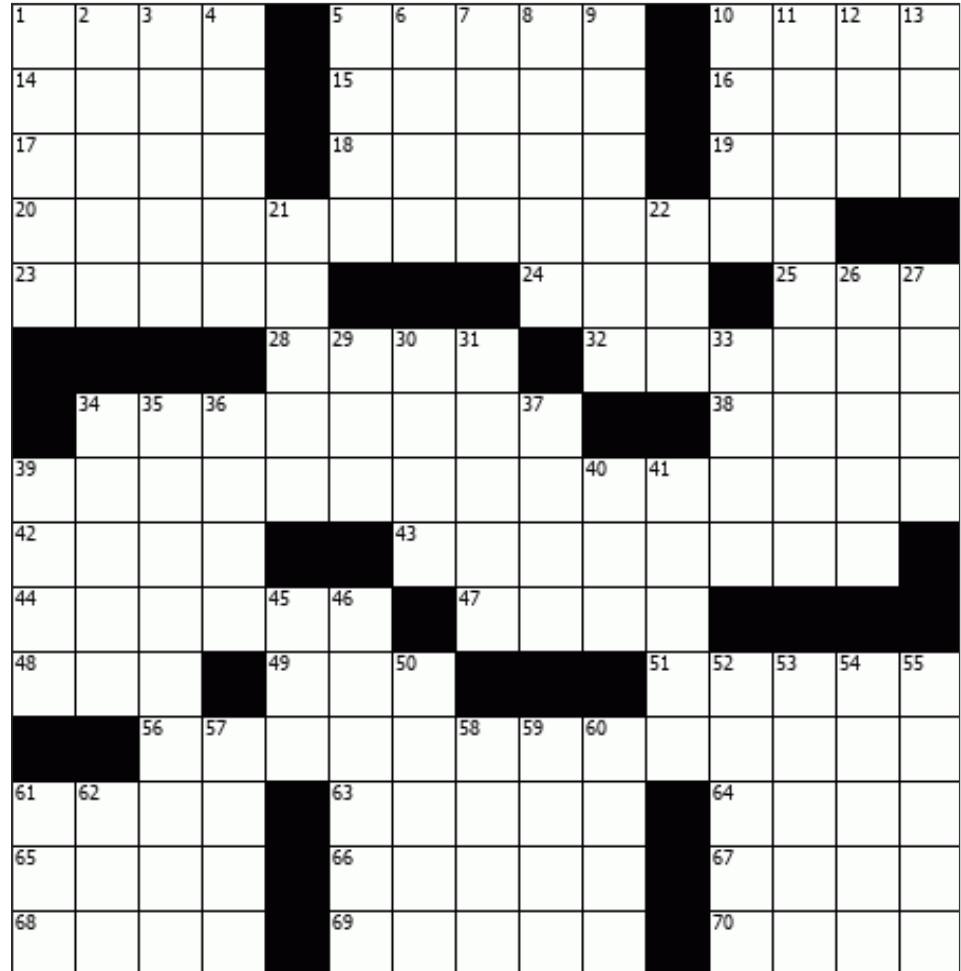
the College of Central Florida. I was impressed by the Colleges staff, they were well dressed, very organized, friendly and very helpful. I'll do it again next year. Information given out was about Marion County's programs and services that included City, County, state and federal government services, health care, social services and more!





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- Across**
- Rugged cliff
  - Steakhouse order, perhaps
  - "Here comes trouble!"
  - Wife of a rajah
  - Screw thread, e.g.
  - Space-race goal
  - It's near the crazy bone
  - "\_\_\_ we all!"
  - Pierce player on "M\*A\*S\*H"
  - Early yarn machine
  - Sweater letter, perhaps
  - Wee colonist
  - Talk, talk, talk
  - Start of a cheer
  - Greg's sitcom wife
  - Half-wit
  - Café au \_\_\_
  - Certain Muslim dancer
  - Mandlikova of tennis
  - Porridge-type foods

- With fervor
  - Bad to the bone
  - Herbal brew
  - Hyperion's daughter
  - Jed Clampett portrayer Buddy
  - Certain halftime performers
  - Dim memory
  - Pope John Paul II's first name
  - Pare
  - Vidal's Breckenridge
  - Parry
  - "Beauty \_\_\_ the eye ..."
  - What some willows do?
  - Actress Zellweger
  - Pool-shooter's powder
- Down**
- Outer layer
  - Alice's husband
  - Harold Gray heroine
  - Elephantine
  - Bangkok citizen
  - Swiss capital
  - Mr. Cassini
  - Old Japanese mercenary
  - Draw out
  - Arabian monarchy
  - Famed chalice
  - East of Eden
  - Stop \_\_\_ dime
  - Bellybutton
  - Nonacademic degree
  - Out of order
  - Cleansing vessel
  - It's "here" in Arles
  - Italian wine
  - Pond life
  - Part of T.A.E.
  - "\_\_\_ a dream" (Martin Luther King)
  - Kind of golf
  - Type of nail
  - 1999 Ron Howard film
  - "Huh?"
  - Beatles label
  - Sublease
  - Island necklace
  - New \_\_\_ (Empire State resident)
  - Bondservant
  - Suit
  - Dance or sauce
  - Virus carrier, sometimes
  - Former boy-band
  - Fur stole
  - Turkmenistan neighbor
  - Lymph, for one
  - Mirth
  - Pricey wheels
  - Caustic substance



## Boosters

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COVID after infection, far outweigh any potential side effects of COVID vaccines. Getting vaccinated gives most people a high level of protection against severe illness. Current data shows that unvaccinated adults 18 and older are five times more likely to get COVID than vaccinated adults and 16 times more likely to be hospitalized from it than vaccinated adults. Vaccination also protects the people around you since you can spread COVID to others when you are ill.

Vaccination even provides more robust protection for people who have already had COVID to reduce the risk of getting infected again.

Myths and misperceptions about COVID, vaccines, and boosters are everywhere, and misinformation can interfere with making informed decisions about getting vaccinated or following other prevention measures—putting people at risk for severe illness, hospitalization, and premature death.

**Learn More**  
For accurate, science-based information

about vaccines and boosters, visit [www.vaccines.gov](http://www.vaccines.gov).

## Smoked Sausage Classic Jambalaya

*Prep Time: 15 minutes*  
*Cook Time: 35 minutes*  
*Servings: 8*

1 tablespoon vegetable oil  
1 pound boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1-inch cubes  
1 pound of Zatarain's Andouille or Cajun



Smoked Sausage, cut into 1/4-inch slices  
1 medium yellow onion, chopped  
1 medium green bell pepper, chopped  
1 rib celery, chopped  
1 tablespoon minced fresh garlic

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## Love is just a leash away!!

The HSMC is here for you and the animals who depend on us. We wanted to share that we will continue to be here to help unwanted pets during this pandemic while following all Marion County and Florida state guidelines.

As this situation is constantly changing, we ask that you continue to visit our Shelter using the safety guidelines in place.

### How can you help?

**Pet Food Bank:** Help stock our Pet Food Bank with pet food and supplies for people who cannot afford them due to job loss or other reasons. You can also bring donations to our Shelter daily from 10-6. Masks required please! If you need help keeping your pet with you during this time, our Happy Paws food program is here for you.

**Volunteer:** A small number of volunteers have returned to help in various departments. We are accepting volunteer applications but do not yet know when we will schedule orientations for new volunteers. Please contact us for more information about volunteering. We are currently working on a digital orientation.

**Opt to adopt:** According to the Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization, there is no evidence that companion animals such as cats and dogs can spread the virus that causes COVID-19.

**Donate:** We know there is a lot of uncertainty right now but homeless and unwanted animals still need us. Donate to help the Humane Society of Marion County so we continue our lifesaving work and make them feel safe and loved.



Bilbie

Bilbie is a 14 weeks old male brought to the HSMC with her brother Wombat! We believe they could be Xolaitzcuinli, or Xolo, which is Mexican hairless dog breed.



Fuchala is a 15 week old paralyzed kitten full of love.



Ninja is paralyzed in his hind legs but enjoys runs with his wheels.

Your donations make it possible to provide medical care, food and shelter to animals in need. On behalf of all the animals, thank you for caring.



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Dear Thomas,

Thanks to all your voices, the US Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) has announced that they are pausing the directive to remove Florida panther (FP) 260 from the wild!

FWF believes all agency actions need to be made based on sound science and research. FP 260 has never been a threat to humans and has only exhibited normal panther behavior.

Thank you to all our supporters who sent in letters opposing the decision to remove FP 260. Your advocacy played a

critical role in giving FP260 a reprieve! It's important to note that USFWS has only agreed to pause its plans to remove this individual panther. Now, they must reverse the decision completely in accordance with science and established protocols. Then we can address the larger issue of ensuring proper and effective compensation programs to ranchers who suffer monetary losses.

The rare Florida panther is the symbol of wild Florida. We must act now to keep it on the landscape for ourselves and future Floridians.

bell pepper, celery and garlic; cook and stir on medium heat until onion is softened. Stir in tomato, Creole Seasoning and cayenne pepper. Return chicken and sausage to skillet. Add rice and stock; bring to boil. Reduce heat to low; cover and cook 25 minutes or until rice is tender, stirring occasionally.

You can find this recipe and much more at [www.zatarains.com](http://www.zatarains.com).

## Pet Parents

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secure lids on trash cans, remove poisonous plants, elevate any possible toxins out of reach and wrap exposed wires with cord covers.

**Fish** will need an [aquarium](#) with the right [tank](#), [filters](#) and [pumps](#), while [reptiles](#) require a [heat lamp](#), [UVB light](#), [tank](#) and [accessories](#). **Birds** will also need a [habitat](#), [litter](#), [perch](#) and [toys](#).

Set up small animals such as guinea pigs, rabbits and hamsters to thrive with an escape-proof [habitat](#) filled with high quality [bedding](#), [toys](#) and places to hide.

**Plan for Playtime:** Healthy activity, interaction and enrichment are essential for the physical, social and mental health of every pet, but each animal type will have different needs based on species, breed and age.

Work with a trusted veterinarian and Petco pet care center to understand what your new pet needs for productive playtime that is physically and mentally stimulating.

Enroll in a [dog training](#) program that nurtures the bond between pet and pet parent through positive reinforcement methods.

Safe socialization with other animals and

humans is also key to maintaining all facets of your new pet's health, especially for dogs. Slowly introduce your pet to new people and social settings to minimize any stress and ensure the safety of everyone involved.

Also make sure that you provide enrichment for your pets in their habitat. This is especially important for pets that are not safely socialized or are hesitant of being handled. Providing toys, food puzzles, nesting material and different hides can keep your small pet physically and mentally stimulated.

**Get into a Routine:** To fully integrate your new pet into the family, it's critical to establish a routine for both everyday and long-term care for a full, rewarding life.

Create a schedule for meals, play and exercise according to your new pet's needs. Also maintain a regular grooming schedule for your [cat](#), [dog](#) or [bird](#) to keep the coat or feathers clean, nails trimmed and dental care in top shape.

Schedule routine [vet exams](#) to keep your pet up to date on preventive care and other medical needs.

Enroll your dog or cat into [Petcos Vital Care](#) annual plan to help them look and feel their best. For just \$19.99 a month, you'll get savings on pet food, litter, products and [services](#) such as [grooming](#) and [vet exams](#).

For more tips and resources on a new pet's [Whole Health](#) journey, visit [petco.com/newpet](http://petco.com/newpet).

*Dr. Miller is the chief veterinarian at Petco, The Health + Wellness Co. and member of the Petco Pet Wellness Council. She received her DVM and MBA degrees from Colorado State University and has been board certified in Preventive Medicine since 2018.*

## Jambalaya

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1 medium tomato, chopped  
2 teaspoons Zatarain's Creole Seasoning  
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper  
1 cup extra Long Grain Rice

1 3/4 cups Kitchen Basics Original Chicken Stock

### Directions

Heat oil in large skillet on medium-high heat. Add chicken and sausage; cook and stir 5 minutes. Remove from skillet. Add onion,

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**Governor Ron DeSantis Announces \$289 Million for Programs that Close Achievement Gaps, Improve STEM Education and Boost Student Resiliency**

*On March 16, 2022, in News Releases, by Staff*

**HIALEAH, Fla.** – Today, Governor Ron DeSantis announced \$289 million across Florida for programs that will ensure Florida is continuing to meet the needs of its students, teachers and families while remaining a national leader in closing education achievement gaps and advancing student growth. Governor DeSantis made the announcement at Hialeah Educational Academy, a school that has dedicated STEM programs and offers certificate programs in a variety of fields including law enforcement, nursing and fire rescue. The \$289 million includes funding for STEM programs, civics education and after-school and summer learning programs.

“I am proud to announce an additional \$289 million for programs that will improve student achievement and close learning gaps,” said **Governor Ron DeSantis**. “This announcement builds on our accomplishments over the past three years to make Florida a national leader on education, with our focus on

civics, early literacy and STEM programs. I look forward to more announcements in the coming weeks as we continue investing in education for Florida students.”

“Governor DeSantis continues to make the right call when it comes to working to provide a world-class education to our students,” said **Florida Education Commissioner Richard Corcoran**. “Florida

continues to emphasize and command focus on the key pillars of learning, especially for early grades and students represented in achievement gaps, with wrap-around supports for literacy, mathematics and the civic literacy skills necessary to elevate our students into lifelong learners and great citizens.”

Included in the \$289 million is:

- \$105 million for after-school and summer learning camps that help struggling students catch up;
- \$47 million for primary materials aligned to Florida's new standards for English Language Arts (ELA), math, civics and Holocaust education;
- \$50 million to support reading intervention and professional development for reading coaches;
- \$44 million to support STEM and hands-on learning programs;
- \$22.5 million for resources to help parents be more involved in their children's education; and
- \$5 million to establish Regional Mental Health Resiliency Teams.

For more information about the Florida Department of Education, visit [www.fldoe.org](http://www.fldoe.org).

FROM THE DESK OF  
**ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is warning Floridians about scams ahead of the 2022 tax-filing deadline. The deadline to file 2021 taxes is April 18. According to the Internal Revenue Service, millions of Americans wait until the last two weeks before the deadline to prepare tax returns. Last-minute filers are at a heightened risk of scammers fraudulently filing for a return in their name. Other less-common tax schemes also seek to exploit federal filing requirements. To avoid unnecessary hardships, Attorney General Moody is providing tips to help taxpayers spot and avoid tax scams.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “The federal tax-filing deadline is just a month away and millions of Americans have not prepared their taxes. While there is still time, filing early reduces the likelihood that a scammer will steal your tax return. For more information about how to avoid common tax-filing scams, check out the tips in our latest Consumer Alert.”

Here are some of the most common types of tax scams:

Tax-related identity theft is when a target's personal information is stolen so that a scammer can file a tax return claiming a fraudulent refund.

The tax gift card scam occurs when scammers forge fraudulent tax bills to give to targets, convincing the target to pay the fee with gift cards.

Examples of refund-recalculation scams are when scammers send phishing emails to targets, making the email look like a tax-refund payment or a recalculation of a tax refund—attaching a link to input personal information to claim the refund.

During June and July of 2021, the IRS received a record number of reports about

stimulus-payment scams. Scammers impersonate the IRS and tell targets that the target is eligible for a stimulus payment—claiming personal information is needed for the payment to be sent.

Scammers may pretend to be an independent organization within the IRS called Taxpayer Advocate Services, and spoof caller ID to make targets believe a legitimate call from TAS is being received. Once the call is received or returned, scammers will phish for personal information.

Tax scams can be complex as scammers regularly adapt and update schemes. Below are tips about how to avoid tax schemes:

When seeking a new tax preparer, look for one who is available year-round;

Ask a potential tax preparer to show an IRS Preparer Tax Identification Number—all legitimate preparers will be able to provide one;

Make sure that refunds will be sent to the taxpayer and not a tax preparer;

Know that a letter from the IRS about an unfiled tax return is a scam;

Recognize that any notices from the IRS about online accounts being created, accessed or disabled when no action was taken are often scams; and

Pay attention for any received wages or other income from an unknown employer as it could be a sign of identity theft.

If anyone receives a suspicious call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, report the call to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration by filing a complaint online at [TIGTA.gov](http://TIGTA.gov) or calling 1(800) 366-4484.

To view other recent Consumer Alerts, visit our webpage at [MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert](http://MyFloridaLegal.com/ConsumerAlert).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

**HARD TO VOTE.**

When i asked anyone to read this and give me a reaction, this is what i got. ha,ha,ha, ha, ha. they know, 'hard to vote is a synonym for dead or illegal alien, used by cheaters who steal elections they cannot win with their issues.

The era of cheating began with the boomers boobs, and esculates with each succeeding generation, to instill guilt in the honest.

During 20 years of parkinson it was not too hard to vote for my husband. at 93 and homebound it is not too hard for me to vote.

Years ago when we voted in person it was a requirement to present a picture i.d. to vote, even though we were registered, and on the roll.

The cheaters are masters at manufacturing guilt, do not buy it.

Is honesty a remote possibility among these folks?

Dead people and illegal aliens have no right to vote can we agree on that much?

What is the valid reason that a picture i.d. is a burden. An unreasonable reason is the ability to cheat, it is the only one I see.

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Bob Paxton left of FAIRtax Power Radio Arizona at CPAC 2022 in Orlando FL on Feb 26. interviewing Sheriff Arpaio right of

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**OIL REPORT**

Oil report from Government energy office.....Last but not least. The question is how much oil does the U.S. Have in the ground?""More than all the Middle East put Together."

The U.S. Geological Service issued a report in April 2008. A revised report on how much oil was in this area of the western 2/3 of North Dakota, western South Dakota, and Extreme eastern Montana.

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Biden Get Off the Oil Company's necks! What is the big deal let's just out produce the World!

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