



We had a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new REC headquarters in the Teal Brooke Complex. The Republican Chairperson Brigitte Smith is also a Registered nurse. See page 7



The 19th annual Senior Fishing Derby was a great success. Over a 125 registered fish were caught. Lunch was furnished. See page 6.

The Most Important Story I Have Ever Printed

It starts like this...
2,000 Mules video! Produced by DINESH D/SOUSA
By TomL

I will try to describe the video as a short version. I may have missed a couple of things that is why you should watch the video! I don't see this as a hoax, you watch it if you can get a copy. The current administration is trying to suppress it video. All Americans should view the video.

Several of us watched the 2,000 mules video. It is eye opening. It took the coming together of several investigating agency (CELL GEOTRACKING DATA) was used, from one company. Being able to locate a person's phone and locate where they were at any given time on any given day. Next was investigation into camera's at each ballot boxes.

After looking at the telephone pings being in the same places by certain people, the investigators ask for video footage of the ballot boxes. They are all supposed to have them operating during elections voting hours 24 hours a day. The investigator's noticed the same person coming to the ballot boxes a number of times. They applied the telephone tracking application. The number of hit's were much to big and cumbersome, so they decided to track anyone traveling to the ballot boxes 20 times in one day. There was

at least 2,000 so they ask for video footage of the ballot boxes. Some requests were denied they said there were not available but still a few came in. They are supposed to supply them by federal law, some did not! They busted some ballot stuffers in the early days of the election and arrested them by fingerprints evidence, so from that day on the video show's they all were wearing gloves. You see that on the video. The subject pulled up in the middle of the night with gloves on stuffed the ballots into the ballot box, took a picture proving they were there, took the gloves off and disposed of them in a nearby trash cans. The video's show different people stuffing ballot boxes between 1 am and 5 am but a few in broad day light hours. Suppose you take 2,000 mules (people) in one night stuffing 20 ballots at 20 different locations in one night. How many votes is that? I think it's 800,000 per night. You figure it out! Who really won the election? Watch the video and you decide!

Wait there is more.... three dozen of the telephone locators put the same people at one of the sites where all the burning and looting was going on. Maybe they were paid to burn and loot?

Who is paying them. Well they have one witness came forward on video and admit

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Kevin Sheilley

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Making Wealth

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Manufacturing is a key component to our local economy.

We have a strong, diverse manufacturing sector locally. Companies in the metro make everything from fire engines to missile control systems, cake sprinkles to hurricane impact windows and everything in between. With more than 12,000 employees, the Ocala Metro manufacturing sector is one of the largest in Florida.

AdvisorSmith, a business consultancy, ranked the Ocala Metro as a top mid-sized metro (250,000 to 750,000) for manufacturing. The area ranked in the Top 20 of ALL metros for manufacturing output growth and for manufacturing employment growth. Additionally, the Ocala Metro has consistently been ranked near the top in the growth of our manufacturing employment throughout 2021 and 2022

The strength of our manufacturing sector was very much highlighted during the pandemic when our companies not only kept employment strong but grew it throughout 2020.

The diversity of our manufacturing is significant with companies as diverse as Lockheed Martin (our largest manufacturing employer), REV Fire: E-ONE (fire engines!), Custom Windows a Pella Corporation, Cardinal LG's two facilities and a R&D center, Signature Brands (sprinkles), and Artemis Plastics (medical devices).

We have shared broadly about the more than 13 million sq ft of industrial spec space currently being constructed in the Ocala Metro. Unique from many of our Florida competitors, we anticipate approximately 40% of this space being taken by manufacturing companies. We are close to finalizing at least a couple of manufacturing projects and hope to have them announced later this year.

Chief Growth Officer

One of the much-discussed aspects of the CEP's economic development approach is the equal focus on Business Attraction (recruiting new primary employers and healthcare-related companies), Business Retention (working with existing primary employers, identifying their barriers to growth, and working to remove those barriers), and Business Creation (assisting current and future entrepreneurs). Not only do we have teams specifically devoted to each of these areas, but we work collaboratively across teams to work and support our business community. To further these efforts and to prepare for future growth, we have hired a Chief Growth Officer to lead these teams.

Heather Shubirg will be starting in June in this position. Heather has served in executive leadership roles with Enterprise Florida (the state economic development organization), the Orlando Economic

Partnership, and most recently, Team Volusia where she served as EVP. Heather brings broad knowledge and understanding of economic development in our state and is widely regarded as an industry leader. We are extremely excited to have Heather joining the CEP team.

We are just beginning to see the fruit of years of hard but diligent work to grow and diversify this local economy. This community is certainly focused on maintaining our *Forward Momentum!*



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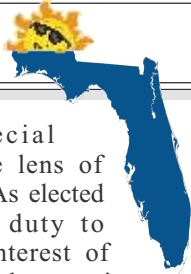
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Florida State Senate

DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,
This is Part II of our report on the 2022 Legislative Session. As of this writing, we have already worked through one Special Session addressing congressional redistricting and

independent special districts (Disney, Reed Creek). Both of these have been highly publicized already, so we won't spend much time on those, except to tell you two things:

First, the congressional maps that we passed are fair and constitutional, and we fully expect that it will be upheld by the higher court. The Fair Districts Act, while (possibly) well intended, sends the wrong message about how we should operate as a society. Drawing a district to favor a population, based on the color of their skin, is moving us further away from the dream of Dr. King where we judge men not by the color of their skin, but by the content of their character. Second, in regards to the Disney and the Special Districts Bill, the robust authority granted to the Reedy Creek Improvement District stretches well beyond those for other cities and counties. It was time for the legislature to conduct an extensive review of the powers and

authorities of special districts through the lens of today's environment. As elected officials, it is our duty to represent the best interest of Floridians, not boardrooms in California.

Back to our report on the 2022 Regular Session. We have two bills that we want to highlight this month that we're sure you've seen already, but they were the two that we were the most excited about.

The first, HB 1557 - Parental Rights in Education Act, was a bill that your Senator carried through to final passage. This bill strengthens the Parents' Bill of Rights Act, safeguarding the rights and responsibilities of parents to decide how best to raise their children and remain informed about their child's education. Further, it prohibits teacher-led classroom instruction on sexual orientation or gender identity in primary grades (K-3), and specifies that instruction in other grades must be age appropriate and consistent with state standards. Kids at that age don't need indoctrination, they need to be taught skills that can help to make them life-long learners. This shouldn't be controversial. We want to thank Governor Ron DeSantis and President Wilton Simpson for their unwavering support of this legislation.

The second bill sponsored by Senator Stargel, was HB 5 – Reducing Fetal and Infant Mortality. HB 5 prohibits abortions after 15 weeks of gestation. The bill clarifies the term “gestation” to provide a more commonly understood and medically accepted measurement of development. State government must do all we can to protect the lives of innocent children and provide support and educational information for parents. Destroying innocent life as an answer to unplanned pregnancies is not who we want to be as a people, and Florida is committed to being

the voice for those who cannot yet speak for themselves.

Thank you for the honor of letting me serve you in the Florida Senate. It is truly a pleasure to represent hometown America in our state capitol.

Onward & Upward,
Senator Dennis Baxley

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PUBLISHER'S NOTES



Two of us went fishing. It cost me \$20 for bait, \$10 for boat launch, My buddy paid for the gas for the truck, gas for the boat. We had lunch for the trip and there were small craft warning came up. We fished in the river, there was still a stiff wind but no wave. I can get two fish sandwiches for under \$10 hummmm.

I was talking to the people at the Bait & Tackle store. They reported the state is changing the regulation's every six months. Allow to take some fish certain times like two months a year. Very large measurements to make the fish a keeper (for food). The gulf is important to some people that make their living there. They are making it very hard for anglers o keep their catch (FOOD). At ten inch fish could feed a person but there are regulation to fifteen inches, and up. People who pay taxes should be shown some consideration where a tax paying family can

go picnic for the day catch a few fish which they pay for by buying a license. To many rules make for control of the tax payers. ****

OK you guys in Tallahassee, You are allowing the Turnpike Authorities to take the tax payers land, your controlling the fish catch that we can catch and eat. When you start thinking about it we are highly regulated. Can you give us some slack? My business has really suffered because of the pandemic, we need some slack. ****

In early April a Supreme Court Justice Arthur Engoron ruled that Donald Trump with Contempt of Court for not supplying information requested and fined him \$10,000 per day. His Lawyer Alina Habba said she will appeal the ruling. Trumps attorney stated Trump and his team did not have the information they are requesting. ****

We use to have a class in school called Civics. What is the definition of Civics? Relating to a city, citizens, or citizenship:

civic duties.(Government, Politics & Diplomacy) of or relating to a city, citizens, or citizenship: civic duties. It is the study of the rights and obligations of citizens in society. The term derives from the Latin word civic's, meaning "relating to a citizen". The term relates to behavior affecting other citizens, particularly in the context of urban development. Civic education is the study of the theoretical, political and practical aspects of citizenship, as well as its rights and duties. ****

Did you know that 50% of Congress are millionaires and the percentage of citizens in the United States is 1%. Hmmm? ****

Got a letter from a Democrat last month. She hurt my feeling she called my newspaper a news letter and a rag and that my article was extremely offensive. I must be doing something right!

Margret please forgive me for not seeing things your way. I was raise a Democrat by my father. The Democratic party was for the working man and woman. But they changed most people are not opening there eyes. The Socialist have taken control of the Democratic party. Bernie Sanders is pulling the strings of the squad and some of them hate the United States and should not be a leader of the free world. We are losing our freedom day by day under this current

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All Electric Farm Equipment

From The internet

When you read things like this it is obvious the "all electric" is not well thought out.

questions regarding being forced to purchase electric farm equipment.

Some operation are "partnership farm" with John Deere. They use the larger farm operations as demonstration projects for promotion and development of new equipment. the farmer recently received a phone call from his John Deere representative, and they want the farm to go to electric tractors and combines in 2023. He currently has 5 diesel combines that cost \$900,000 each that are traded in every 3 years. Also, over 10 really BIG tractors. JD wants him to go all electric soon.

He said: "Ok, I have some questions. How do I charge these combines when they are 3 counties away from the shop in the middle of a cornfield, in the middle of

nowhere?" "How do I run them 24 hours a day for 10 or 12 days straight when the harvest is ready, and the weather is coming in?" "How do I get a 50,000+ lb. combine that takes up the width of an entire road back to the shop 20 miles away when the battery goes dead?"

There was dead silence on the other end of the phone.

When the corn is ready to harvest, it has to have the proper sugar and moisture content. If it is too wet, it has to be put in giant dryers that burn natural or propane gas, and lots of it. Harvest time is critical because if it degrades in sugar content or quality, it can drop the value of his crop by half a million dollars or more. It is analyzed at time of sale. It is standard procedure to run these machines 10 to 12 days straight, 24 hours a day at peak harvest time. When they need fuel, a tanker truck delivers it, and the machines keep going. John Deere's only

answer is "we're working on it." They are being pushed by the lefty Dems in the government to force these electric machines on the American farmer. These people are out of control. They are messing with the production of food crops that feed people and livestock... all in the name of their "green dream."

Look for the cost of your box of cornflakes to triple in the next 24 months....." Have a great day!

Blue-Green Algae Bloom

Doh-Marion Reissues Blue-Green Algae Bloom Alert For Orange Lake

Ocala, Fla. — The Florida Department of Health in Marion County has reissued a Health Alert for the presence of harmful blue-green algal toxins in Orange Lake, near McIntosh.

This is a continuation of a previous Health Alert the department issued for the lake on

March 4. This alert is being reissued after a water sample taken on April 21 by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection indicated that toxins were still present.

The public should exercise caution in and around Orange Lake.

Residents and visitors are advised to take the following precautions:

Do not drink, swim, wade, use personal watercraft, water ski, or boat in waters where there is a visible algae bloom. Do not get water in your eyes, nose, or mouth.

Wash your skin and clothing with soap and water if you have contact with algae or discolored or smelly water.

Keep pets away from the area. Waters where there are algae blooms are not safe for animals. Pets and livestock should have a different source of water when algae blooms are present.

Do not cook or clean dishes with water contaminated by algae blooms. Boiling the water will not eliminate the toxins.

Eating fillets from healthy fish caught in freshwater lakes experiencing blooms is safe. Rinse fish fillets with tap or bottled water, throw out the guts and cook fish well.

Do not eat shellfish in waters with algae blooms.

What is blue-green algae?

Blue-green algae are a type of bacteria that is common in Florida's freshwater environments. A bloom occurs when rapid growth of algae leads to an accumulation of individual cells that discolor water and often produce floating mats that emit unpleasant odors.

Some environmental factors that contribute to blue-green algae blooms are sunny days, warm water temperatures, still water conditions and excess nutrients. Blooms can appear year-round but are more frequent in summer and fall. Many types of blue-green algae can produce toxins.

Is it harmful?

Blue-green algae blooms can impact human health and ecosystems, including fish and other aquatic animals.

For additional information on potential health effects of algal blooms, visit floridahealth.gov/environmental-health/aquatic-toxins.

Find current information about Florida's water quality status and public health notifications for harmful algal blooms and beach conditions by visiting ProtectingFloridaTogether.gov. Protecting Florida Together is the state's joint effort to provide statewide water quality information to prioritize environmental transparency and commitment to action.

What do I do if I see an algal bloom?

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection collects and analyzes algal bloom samples. To report a bloom to DEP, call the toll-free hotline at 855-305-3903 or report online at surveygizmo.com/s3/3444948/Algal-Bloom-Reporting-Form.

To report fish kills, contact the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute at 1-800-636-0511.

Report symptoms from exposure to a harmful algal bloom or any aquatic toxin to the Florida Poison Information Center. Call 1-800-222-1222 to speak to a poison specialist immediately.

Contact your veterinarian if you believe your pet has become ill after consuming or having contact with blue-green algae

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Senior Fishing Derby

The 19th annual Senior Fishing Derby was a great success, with over a 125 reservations accounted for. The weather was great the bait was plentiful, the fish were plentiful. The winners of the Senior Fishing Derby were: Oldest Fisherwoman – 91 years young Violet Diaglin; Biggest Fish – Was Urbert Yancy and the most fish was caught by Willie Mae Brown. They were catching a lot of bigger fish, (catch and release) The Florida Wildlife had stocked

lake Tuscawilla with catfish for the Junior Fishing Day.

Thank-You to the City Senior Center, for coordinating the event. Thank you to the city crew for the set up and clean up. Thank you to Parks security and wild life officers. Thanks to BJ Trophy's for the trophy's and many sponsors. It is always a great day when you can get people out in the park for a picnic and a morning of fishing. A good time was had by all.



REC Ribbon Cutting

By TomL

We had a ribbon cutting and dedication of the new REC headquarters in the Teal Brooke Complex. The Republican Chair person who is also an RN nurse. First the tour of the facilities. Very nice building and area. The waiting room was furnished nicely by Brigitte Smith RN furnishing's. There is a receiving window for staff to welcome people that are visiting. There is a lunch/kitchen area, Brigitte's office, A board meeting room and a larger room for meetings.

There was standing room only. I think we need this new REC in Ocala we use to have big gathering luncheon's at the Hilton with a full house and have many great guest speakers. We are on track to do that again. There were a lot of dignitary's from local and state government. I won't try too name them all. Personally I think Brigitte has surrounded herself with very capable people, with her being the driving force. It is a recipe for success.

The week after the ribbon cutting they showed the 2,000 mules video, what an eye opener it is a must see.

I ask Brigitte what her goals were? Short range and long range. Here is what she said.

My vision for the REC has passed it's first goal. My first goal was to fill precincts. We have about 122 precincts. Our REC has over 50% precincts filled, but I will get the exact percentage. The ultimate goal would be to fill 100% which then truly engages the Republicans of Marion county. The second goal of the REC is to engage each of the dozen republican/conservative clubs and ensure each club has their club President as a precinct member of the REC. What that does is promotes strength of the party in addition to ensuring information is disseminating to each club. When we have call to actions or trips to lobby in Tallahassee we then have a much greater pull of conservatives to get active. The next goal is to promote GOTV activities with representation of all these Republican groups. We will ensure a Republican sweep with all these endeavors. My vision to educate our electorate is coming to fruition, as our new Victory Center also enables us to host multiple informational sessions at different times daily and several days to maximize our reach. We are able to provide Republican candidates information to the public and so much more. Our current REC is moving in forward direction in high gear and we will continue to support our Republican Party!



Publisher's Notes

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administration. What scares me is not how they preform but the people who elected an empty suite who stayed in his basement apartment most of the election. I take that back... Watch the video 2,000 mules. Now facts are coming out that are compromising, I want to find out who what when and where and charge them with treason and every other thing that they we can pin on him. In my opinion I think the Biden's are involved dealing and are compromised by China, Russia, Ukraine and Iran.

Elon Musk as a kid developed an anti bug device I just ordered one I'll let you know how it works, It's called the Fuse Bug. The main target is mosquitos but it attracts other bug and kill's them no chemicals.

Shell Oil made \$9.1bn in profit from January to March, almost three times what it made in the same period last year, while Exxon raked in \$8.8bn, also a near threefold increase on 2021. Chevron upped its profits to \$6.5bn and BP reveled in its highest first-quarter profits in a decade, making \$6.2bn

Interesting fact Russia has become the largest supplier of Military Weapons to Ukrane. The gave up several hundred tanks. The Russians lost their flag ship to a country that does not have a navy???????

I don't know why we give money to country's that hate us. They can hate for free! What is your opinion? tlorury@att.net

2000 Mules

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they were paid by their company to be a mule, I think it was a secretary. They told her to put the ballots in a certain ballot box because the was no camera there. She did and she admits it in the video.

Now come to to date. It probably explains

the urgency of getting thing done fast. They are about to be exposed! The video has been banned from many locations, so it is taking time for the American people to see it! Take the effort to see it, it is an eye opener! It will take time for all Americans to view this video, so then what. It will be up to the American people! Where is the DOJ? FBI? Locally you can call the new Republican Party headquarters and ask to view the video? They might show it to you. Most politicians are trying to raise money to get re-elected so I don't see them getting involved yet.

Letter to DeSantis

Letter to DeSantis and Turnpike Authority

Publishers note Hi Governor DeSantis

Thanks for forwarding my letter to the Environmental Turnpike Authority. Obviously you did not read my letter because you forwarded to the Problem instead of analyzing it....The Florida Turnpike Authority, I believe that the Turnpike is done. We should not be paying an authority that needs to take free peoples land to keep them working. We have rights Governor Stick up for us. If you read my first letter you would realize people moved here with a dream. Residents are selling their homes so they don't get into a confrontation with people they send out to talk to you. Tell them to get off your land!

They are trespassers! They had to talk to my lawyer to make an appointment to talk to me about coming on my land. Do you realize the Sabal Trail Gasoline has the same combination to the lock's on gates they put up on every land owners property from Alabama to Orlando. I have caught several strangers on my land. I don't expect anything different from these Turnpike people. Oh and by the way they tell story's.

Jennifer Stults, AICP CTP, CPM, FCCM Planning & Environmental Management

Administrator Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

Dear Mr. Loury:

Thank you for contacting the Office of Governor DeSantis regarding the Northern Turnpike Extension project. Your correspondence was forwarded to Florida's Turnpike Enterprise, part of the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), for review and a response. We appreciate you reaching out with your concerns.

Currently, the project is in the planning phase and is following the FDOT's Alternative Corridor Evaluation (ACE) process and the Project Development and Environment (PD&E) process, both of which evaluate and compare corridor alternatives. While all options are still in consideration, four initial alternative corridors have been developed. The PD&E study will also evaluate a No-Build option as well as potential Transportation Systems Management and Operations (TSM&O) improvements. Alternatives will be evaluated on environmental factors, as well as their ability to enhance regional connectivity, address regional congestion and safety, accommodate increased travel demand, and improve hurricane evacuation.

Starting at Florida's Turnpike Mainline and the I-75 interchange, the planning level analysis used to develop the initial corridors considered minimizing impacts to the natural environment and communities while also considering previous studies and reports within the study area. The NTE is being studied to enhance regional connectivity and is not the only project being proposed to meet that end. As you indicated, the department is also preparing an Interstate Master Plan to evaluate potential short and long-term improvements to the I-75 corridor. For study purposes, the I-75 corridor has been divided into two study areas. Information about the project is available on the project websites at cfrroads.com/project/443623-1 (southern

study) or cfrroads.com/project/443624-1 (northern study).

The department will follow all requirements of the PD&E process and will continue to work in partnership with local governments, environmental and community organizations, and the public to consider innovative concepts to combine right-of-way acquisition with the acquisition of lands or easements to facilitate environmental mitigation or ecosystem, wildlife habitat, or water quality protection or restoration. Additional analysis will be used to refine corridors during the ACE and PD&E phases that will avoid and minimize impacts to communities and environmentally sensitive features to the extent possible.

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Burke can be reached at 407-264-3142 and william.burke@dot.state.fl.us. You can also obtain current project information by visiting the project website: www.floridasturnpike.com/NTE.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Stults, AICP CTP, CPM, FCCM Planning & Environmental Management Administrator

Florida's Turnpike Enterprise

TomL Reply

Hi Jennifer

Thanks for getting back to me. As you can tell I am not in the favor of Toll roads, especially when you take peoples land. The original Florida Turnpike wrecked the eco system in South Florida. No one is looking back and saying oh no what did we do? The water flow in the state was cut off from east to west. Yes there are a few bridges but not enough. I used the turnpike a lot going back and forth to the town where I was raised. Lot's of construction area that was not worthy of the tolls I paid. I watch ALL the Cypress Heads dry up and die on both sides. The service center (Garages) are predatory, with jackup prices and arrogant behavior. The Lake Okeechobee area was effected, the farm land in that area paid a big price and at the end in Wildwood was the most horrible change. Gas and oil in the ground effecting the water supply, people who pray on truckers, predators some living in the woods who eventually get a job at one of the service center's still praying on people. I remember seeing arrest for drugs and prostitution. It is not a good place for family's to be around. The truckers are great people, but some want to pray on them and I don't mean religion.

So I can only look at the past effects. I hope this time there won't be destruction! I think widening what we have would be less impact on the eco system in the State of Florida. I believe in the Governor, hope he takes a good look at this extension

Your Humble Servant

TomL

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Levitt AMP Ocala Music: Bette Smith

06/10/2022 7 PM - 9 PM at Webb Field Martin Luther King Recreation Complex 1510 NW Fourth St., Ocala, Florida 34475

Wild rock & soul singer Bette Smith traces elements of her life-affirming new album "The Good, The Bad & The Bette" to her childhood in Brooklyn, NY. Musically, it connects to the gospel music she heard in church and the soul music on the corners. This injection of soul and gospel into rock & roll powered a breakout in 2017's "Jetlagger," which received raves from NPR, Paste, American Songwriter, Billboard, MOJO, and a feature in the New York Times. Now, "The Good, The Bad & The Bette" on Ruf Records is garnering equal praise with "All Things Considered" calling it "A stompin' good time!" and landing on legendary critic Jim DeRogatis' ("Sound Opinions") "Best Albums of 2020" list. In 2021, Living Blues and Blues Blast magazines respectively nominated Bette and her album for "Blues Artist of the Year (Female)" and best "Soul Blues Album." In summer 2021, Bette opened for the Drive-By Truckers and Kenny Wayne Shepherd across the Northeast and Midwest, and performed at the Telluride Blues & Brews Festival (main stage) among others.

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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.



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



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

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FROM THE DESK OF
ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



Florida is now experiencing an influx of new synthetic drugs—some even more powerful than fentanyl.

This week, I filed an emergency rule to outlaw eight synthetic opioids known as nitazenes, adding these dangerous drugs to the state's Schedule I controlled substances list. This means possessing or selling them in Florida is now a felony, punishable by time in prison.

I hope this sends a strong message to drug dealers, that we will not allow them to poison Floridians.

While we do not know yet exactly how prevalent nitazenes have become in the illicit drug market, we do know that Florida law enforcement has identified more than 260 cases involving these substances since 2020—including more than 80 so far this year.

Nitazenes have also been linked to at least 15 deaths in our state. The scariest thing about these drugs is that users often have no idea they are taking them.

Like fentanyl, nitazenes are being mixed with other, more common drugs and sold to unsuspecting users—often with deadly consequences.

It was vital that we took swift, decisive action to outlaw these dangerous substances, before they could become a larger part of the illicit drug supply and increase overdoses in Florida.

It is also important that we reach out to

people struggling with addiction and let them know that there is help out there. You can find more information and tools through our comprehensive, statewide resource, DoseOfRealityFL.com. Stay safe, Florida.

Attorney General Moody Calls on U.S. Attorney General Garland to Enforce Federal Law Prohibiting Efforts to Intimidate Supreme Court Justices

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is calling on United States Attorney General Merrick Garland to enforce federal law against attempts to intimidate U.S. Supreme Court Justices by protesting outside the Justices' homes. Along with 24 other Attorneys General, Attorney General Moody is demanding the U.S. Attorney General take action to safeguard and ensure the integrity of the rule of law.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "The integrity of our courts is paramount to a free and democratic society. Any attempt to threaten or intimidate United States Supreme Court Justices so they change their votes should be thoroughly investigated by the Department of Justice—not just for the safety of judges and their families, but for the independence of our nation's entire judicial system."

In a letter to Attorney General Garland, the state Attorneys General write: "Following last week's leak of a draft opinion in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, pro-abortion activists

have begun protesting not just outside the Supreme Court, but outside the Justices' homes, in the hope of pressuring the Justices to change their votes. As a former federal judge and the current head of the Department of Justice, you must surely appreciate the unique risks to both judges and the rule of law when judges are targeted at their homes. That is why Congress has long barred 'picket[ing] or parad[ing]' near a judge's home 'with the intent of interfering with, obstructing, or impeding the administration of justice.' We the undersigned Attorneys General act daily to uphold the rule of law. These remarkable recent events provide you an opportunity to do the same."

The Attorneys General also noted in the letter that Attorney General Garland was not previously shy in using his authority to address a "threat" of parents voicing their opinions to school boards. Yet, when U.S. Supreme Court Justices and the Justices' families are being harassed at home, Attorney General Garland has remained silent.

The letter states: "You were quick to respond to the purported 'threat' of parents speaking out at local school board meetings (though the basis for your threat assessment was shaky to say the least). Here, in the face of escalating extremism directed at the judicial branch, you have an obvious role to play. Congress recognized that pressuring judges to change their votes by protesting outside their homes directly threatens the rule of law. You profess to share those concerns, having unequivocally stated that attacking a courthouse 'to prevent judges from actually deciding cases' plainly constitutes 'domestic extremism, domestic terrorism.' You can and should act accordingly by faithfully executing federal

law to prevent protestors from attempting to intimidate the Justices of the Supreme Court, both to protect the Justices and to safeguard the rule of law."

The following Attorneys General joined Attorney General Moody in signing on to the letter: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Virginia, West Virginia and Wyoming.

Attorney General Moody Urges Biden Administration to Stop Attack on the First Amendment

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—Attorney General Ashley Moody is calling on U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Alejandro Mayorkas to terminate the creation of a disinformation board that attacks Americans' First Amendment rights. Along with 18 other attorneys general, Attorney General Moody argues that the proposed Disinformation Governance Board will hurt the constitutional freedom to speak freely, debate and disagree with the government—freedoms that state attorneys general are responsible for defending.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "President Biden is attempting to confuse and distort legitimate criticism and the perspective of American citizens. This authoritarian maneuver could be straight out of the novel 1984 and should frighten Americans of all political persuasions."

To read the full letter, [myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/GPEY-CE5R5L/\\$file/DGB+Letter_Final.pdf](http://myfloridalegal.com/webfiles.nsf/WF/GPEY-CE5R5L/$file/DGB+Letter_Final.pdf)

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FROM THE DESK OF GOVERNOR DESANTIS



Governor DeSantis Approves Historic \$100 Million for Cancer Care and Research at NCI Facilities

MIAMI — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis and First Lady Casey

DeSantis announced the approval of \$100 million for cancer research and care in the Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget, a \$37 million increase over the current budget. Last year, the First Lady held a roundtable to announce the Governor's proposal of this historic funding for Florida's top cancer centers to continue providing world-class care to cancer patients.

"Cancer remains a leading cause of death in Florida, and we will continue to support those fighting this deadly disease," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "With this funding, cancer centers will continue their cutting-edge research and provide high quality care to patients. Our family is grateful for the care that the First Lady received during her cancer treatment this past year, and we want to make quality care available for all Floridians."

"I am incredibly proud to see this record funding secured for cancer patients, their families, and the facilities that serve them," said First Lady Casey DeSantis. "Early detection is a game changer in the cancer fight. I encourage anyone reading this to be proactive about your health — it might just save your life."

"As a physician, my patients with cancer were the most courageous, and showed

optimism in the face of their difficult battle," said State Surgeon General Dr. Joseph Ladapo. "This funding is a wonderful thing. The research will identify places of discovery to make change. These discoveries are going to be how we prevent and treat cancer around the world."

"I used to run marathons and do triathlons, but in 2011 my doctors found that I had stage 4 kidney cancer, which spread to my lungs," said Raquel E. Kaufler, Kidney Cancer Survivor. "I went through many harsh tests and treatments with horrible side effects, but I wasn't going to let cancer take my life. Thankfully I had a great support system, and thanks to Sylvester giving me the help I needed, I am here. I want to thank the Governor and Legislature for your commitment to cancer research."

"My daughter Bella battled an aggressive childhood cancer valiantly for 6 years, walking, running, and jumping when doctors never thought possible," said Raymond Rodriguez-Torres, Bella's Father and Chairman, Live Like Bella® Childhood Cancer Foundation Board of Directors. "With support from around the world we founded Live Like Bella to assist families affected by childhood cancer. Since then, \$26 million has been made possible through our foundation for pediatric cancer research in Florida. This brings hope for children and families. Today we know that Bella smiles from heaven, and we remain charged until we know that childhood cancer no longer threatens our kids."

Cancer has been the second leading cause of death in Florida since 2014, which is why the Florida Consortium of National Cancer

Institute (NCI) Centers Program was created. The \$100 million for this program is nearly a 60% increase from previous years, and will go to Moffitt Cancer Center, the University of Miami Sylvester Comprehensive Cancer Center, and the University of Florida Health Cancer Center.

Florida's three NCI-designated and NCI-seeking centers provide world-class care to residents in different regions of our state. These centers use this funding for enhanced research projects and care to support their patients.

Florida is dedicated to supporting every individual in this fight. The state also provides funding for initiatives that support pediatric cancer research and grants for cancer research at centers that are not NCI designated.

Governor Ron DeSantis Signs Groundbreaking Legislation to Support Involved Fatherhood in Florida

On April 11, 2022, in News Releases, by Staff

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Today, Governor Ron DeSantis signed HB 7065, which includes educational programs, mentorship programs and one-on-one support to encourage responsible and involved fatherhood in Florida. The bill is tied to nearly \$70 million in funding to provide a wide spectrum of family and youth support through the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) and the Department of Children and Families (DCF).

"There are more than 18 million children in our country who live without a father in their home," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "This has a severe impact on children, and often leads to dropping out of school, crime and substance abuse. Incredibly, there are

those who diminish the importance of fatherhood and the nuclear family — we will not let that happen in our state. I am proud to say we are doing everything we can to support involved fatherhood in Florida."

"We cannot legislate fatherhood, accountability or character, but we can provide supports for fathers to equip and encourage them to take an active role in the lives of their children," said House Speaker Chris Sprowls, who first brought attention to the fatherhood crisis during his 2019 designation speech. "By addressing the root cause of so many of the challenges facing our sons and daughters, we will see the positive impact of this legislation send shockwaves for generations to come. To my colleagues in the Florida Legislature who worked so diligently to bring this vision to life and carry it to unanimous passage, including Reps. Altman and Alexander, Chair Burton, Senate President Simpson and the many others who stood on the steps of the Historic Capitol with us, thank you. And to Governor Ron DeSantis, a father himself, thank you for standing with us for Florida's fathers and families today and signing this first-of-its-kind legislation for any state."

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, there are more than 18 million children — one in four — in the United States who do not have a father in their home.

Supporting the bill signing were fathers from across the state and several national and community leaders who encourage involved fatherhood, including former NFL head coach Tony Dungy, former NFL professional football player and philanthropist Jack Brewer, and Glen Gilzean, president and CEO of the Urban League of Central Florida.

Read more at www.flgov.com/2022/04/11/

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Algae Bloom

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Lifting the alert

A health alert is lifted once negative toxin analyses are obtained from DEP-coordinated resampling of the bloom, or 30 days have elapsed since the last sampling date. If a health alert has been issued, it can be rescinded at this time.

About the Florida Department of Health

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Restaurant Reviews

We were very lucky this week. I ate out three times - once at Carrabas all you can eat soup & salad \$7.99. it was all good the salad

was nicely done and I had one of each of the soups they were very good. Especially the sausage lentil soup.

The next day I took my wife to Olive Garden and of course had the soup and salad. I tried two soup both were very good. I would say they were both restaurants equally as good. Bread and salad were excellent.

I was going to brag about Off Duty's food but someone said they close. I heard they are looking for a new place. It is a great concept catering to Off Duty first responders. I hope they reopen soon, the food was really good.

Mother's Day / Texas Roadhouse 7 pm Sunday night. I had got on the waiting list day before. When we got there at 7 pm there must have been a hundred people waiting outside. I check in they looked for my name on the waiting list and we made it in with a short waiting time. There was six of us, my Son Travis wife Lindsay, my wife Phyllis, two grandsons Brantley Cash and Lane

I had 8 oz sirloin and shrimp, my son ordered a filet minion and shrimp. I could not eat my steak it was fixed right but to tuff, pink inside the way I ordered it. I took it home, the next morning for breakfast I put a cup of water some beef bullion, sirloin steak, onion. Garlic and some Onion Blossom appetizer, brought it to a boil, let it sit for a few minutes and it was good. The filet my son had was great. It was \$4 more. The Chefs are pushing through that many people on a special holiday they can't worry about the cut of meat, it was cooked the way I ask for it. Service was good and prompt. My shrimp was good, we had fun! I'll never go on a holiday again or I won't eat steak, just shrimp!

Vaccines Essential

Vaccines Continue To Be Essential To Our Safety

By *We Can Do This COVID-19*

Public Education Campaign

(NAPSI)—After a few weeks without rain, most people don't throw out their umbrella. Just because someone has driven thousands of accident-free miles, that doesn't mean seatbelts should be abandoned. Similarly, health officials encourage people to think about such prevention measures as wearing masks in the same way that we think about our umbrellas. People shouldn't stop taking steps to protect themselves and others from COVID-19, even if there is a lull in cases.

"Like the weather, COVID changes over time, and what we know about the virus has expanded, providing effective tools for preventing severe illness, hospitalizations, and deaths," said Dr. Mohamed Yassin, infectious disease specialist at University of Pittsburgh Medical Center (UPMC) Mercy in Pennsylvania. "It is vital that we continue to layer prevention strategies appropriate for your health status and COVID rates in your community to keep from getting and spreading the virus."

The most effective ways to prevent COVID are simple and widely available to all Americans.

Stay up to date on vaccines. Vaccines and boosters protect people from the worst outcomes of COVID and help reduce the spread of the virus in communities, further reducing risks for the most vulnerable populations. Boosters provide extra protection. Like seatbelts prevent injuries in accidents, vaccines are highly effective at preventing hospitalization and death from

COVID, but they don't work if you don't use them. Vaccination is the best way to slow the spread of COVID and prevent hospitalizations and deaths. COVID vaccines are available to anyone age 5 and older in the United States.

Wear a mask. After vaccines, wearing a mask is one of the most effective ways to help reduce the spread of COVID. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends wearing a mask in public indoor spaces, especially in areas where community transmission is high. A mask should fit closely on the face, covering the nose and mouth, without any gaps along the edges or around the nose. Masks are still required on most methods of public transportation.

Keep your distance. If you are not up to date on COVID vaccines, stay at least six feet away from other people, especially if you are at higher risk of getting very sick with COVID. In areas where community levels are high, it is best to avoid crowded places where it is difficult to stay distanced from others who may not be vaccinated. When spending time with people who don't live with you, outdoors is the safer choice. Holding gatherings outdoors decreases the chance of COVID exposure.

Layering these proven prevention strategies in line with your personal health risk and current community levels of COVID transmission, is the best way to prevent severe illness, hospitalization, and death. Don't throw away that umbrella, keep wearing a seatbelt, and stay current on COVID vaccines even when cases are lower in your community.

For accurate, science-based information about vaccines, visit www.vaccines.gov.

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