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Rally was a great success. It was held at the Ocala Live stock Pavilion. When I saw the number's that the local daily printed I knew that was wrong and misleading, the official count was 2,034 which was 4 times what they printed in the daily, people were showing up all day long at the 13 hour event. There were a lot of Tea Party people attending. This all day event featured musicians, speakers, and booths starting at coverage.

Rock the Red a Conservative Republican 10am. I love this picture, the look on this ladies face while posing with a Trump poster. This picture was sent to me by the REC Chair Brigitte Smith who got it from Tea Party member's. I want to thank them all for the effort. I will apologize for the mis information by the daily newspaper, I am only a monthly so I have a little more time to get it right. Organizer Justin Williams with Rock the Red was disappointed in the

## Staircase to the **American Dream!**

How do we get back to where we were. How can we make a difference? Think about it as a staircase. The staircase to success and family stability was good (2020) not perfect but good, between then and now the stairway above us is littered with dead COVID bodies, Children being killed at school, devious lying people, Illegal Foreigner, criminals, Pandemic from Illegals coming across the border, drugs dealers, life time politician's, land grabbers, murders and we are on the bottom step, so we have a lot of clean up to get back up the stairway to the American Dream!

strangers and some crooks and drug dealers in our country will no longer be the American Dream it will be the American Nightmare. No one wants to swim a Dangerously large river, pay a Coyote to lie to them, steal their money, Use their children as sex slaves, get control of their family's and threaten to kill them if they don't carry drug across the border to get to the American Nightmare. We are on our way to a bad dream, if we live through it... it will become a Nightmare.

What do we do to fix this?

Our Country is a mess! What can we do about this? Sorry it is a slow process. Most WAIT.... I think I got it. If they let enough people can't deal with a slow process. You



The CEP Ocala Metro Chamber of Commerce held this months after hours at the Paddock Mall. Great food by Crazy Cucumber, thank you. There was entertainment suppled by the Mall. The CEP representative Tom James presented Jamie Zimbleman, MBA General Manager of the Mall a plaque thanking him and the Mall for sponsoring their fourth annual After Hours. See photos on pages 6 & 7.

have to vote with purpose. Vote for someone that can make a difference. If you have watched 2,000 Mules video you ask how could this happen in America? It's the quest for power and money. "Our Veterans gave us a free America." Look at it now. Don't say I don't know how or I don't know what to do. First research your candidates. Vote for a candidate that will stand up for your rights then back them day and night! We have candidates who love America, Back them. Vote for them. STAND YOUR GROUND!

## **Crime Stoppers** Conference

Attorney General Ashley Moody has helped the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers kick off its annual conference.

"The association is such an important partner in our efforts to encourage citizens to engage with law enforcement to build safer communities.

Through our work with Crime Stoppers, we have made innovative changes and streamlined services to make it easier and more enticing for Floridians to help solve crimes.

Last year, we nearly doubled the amount of reward money for tipsters who provide information that leads to an arrest in a homicide case. We also enhanced the Crime Stoppers app that allows two-way anonymous communication with Crime Stoppers through text messaging and image

To further streamline the reporting



Christine Calvert is the Medicare Insurance Lady. Christine has had more than 17 years in the Medicare insurance arena, with focus in the Medicare Supplement and Medicare Advantage spaces. She comes from a medical background of ten years, so she brings a unique knowledge base to her career as an insurance agent. Christine has built her client base with a one on one approach and makes recommendations based on the needs and goals of her clients. She has operated mainly in the Central Florida area, but does have a client presence statewide. Christine has a home office in Central Ocala and operates out of a satellite office outside On Top of the World, with golf cart access and another office near the Brownwood Community in Wildwood. Since Christine has been a broker for her entire career, she can offer plans based on her client's needs. Christine's client loyalty is a testament to her dedication to her clients and the service she provides. She offers an annual review of her client's policy and reviews any changes as well as any new plans available. She has developed a wealth of knowledge over the years and loves her job. You can reach Christine at Cell - 352-572-8510.

process, we created the first-of-its-kind statewide tip line: \*\*TIPS. Now, anyone can send anonymous information from anywhere in the state by simply dialing six buttons on a cellphone (\*\*8477). Crime Stoppers USA recently adopted our program and put it to use nationwide!

Enlisting citizens in the fight against crime not only increases public safety, but it also empowers community members. We know that law enforcement can't be everywhere, and that is why it is important that citizens share what they know.

Working with Crime Stoppers, we have made anonymous reporting easier than ever before and that is helping us solve crimes, save lives and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.

Kevin Sheilley

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equine industry leaders to discuss the future is bring.

economic impact study of what it means, dollars and cents-wise, to be the Horse Capital. The data was both surprising and impactful. Equine contributes \$2.6 billion annually to the local economy. That reflects not only the direct spin of the horse farms, shows, and support industries but also the thousands of tourists and guest who visit our community whether for a horse show, thoroughbred auction, or just to view the beautiful farms.

The CEP had planned to repeat the study in 2020 but put it on pause for two important reasons: 1) COVID and, more importantly, 2) the pending arrival of the World Equestrian Center. Today, this billion-dollar complex is remaking not only equine competition but our local tourism. With the second on-site hotel now under construction along with an events center, urgent care facility, and a number of additional restaurants and stores, the economic impact just of this facility easily reaches into the tens of millions of dollars annually.

#### **Farmland Preservation**

The CEP is and will continue to be a strong promoter of our Farmland Preservation Area (FPA). Our tremendous partners at Horse Farms Forever take the lead on ensuring we can remain the Horse Capital of the World® for generations to come. Maintaining the nearly 200,000 acre FPA is important to us

However, that does not mean that either group is anti-growth, just that it needs to occur in the right location. Between FPA, Ocala National Forest, and other government owned/protected lands, we as a community have basically agreed to preserve 65% of our county. Approximately two-thirds of this place we call home is basically off-limits for development or significant development. In other words, all of our growth must occur in in 1/3 of our land area and most of that should be centered in the Urban Growth Boundary which is 50% smaller than the FPA.

As a community of nearly 400,000 residents, this means that the overwhelming majority of development be denser and urbanized. However, this is a small concession to make to ensure we protect this farmland and our springs and forest.

#### **US News & World Reports**

You may have seen the recently released "Best Places" rankings from US News & World Report. Once again, the Ocala Metro did well earning the following:

Top 10 Safest Metros (based on FBI data) #6 Fastest Growing Metro

Ranking in the Best Places to Retire

Other recent rankings include making UHaul's Top 25 Cities for Growth for the third consecutive year and PODS Top 20 Cities for Relocation for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive year. In fact, the Ocala Metro ranked in the top 5 on the list. Finally, moveBuddha's

I recently hosted a Florida Migration Report shows as Ocala as meeting with several the #1 requested relocation destination in the state for 2022 and it wasn't even really close.

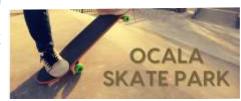
We know we live in an incredible state of the industry community and readily admit that growth and what comes next. presents challenges. However, by In short, the industry continuing to work together we can ensure is strong and the we have a diverse and robust economy, adequate housing supply, beautiful In 2015 the CEP farmland, and incredible springs. This truly commissioned an is the one place where you can have it all!

#### Ocala Parks

The city of Ocala has a variety of beautiful parks for the whole family. Different parks offer different amenities such as playground equipment, walking trails and courts for various sports.

Parks are open from sunrise to sunset, with the exception of lighted courts and fields which close at 10 p.m.

https://www.ocalafl.org/government/city -departments-i-z/recreation-parks/parks



#### Ocala Skate Park

517 NE Ninth St.

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The Ocala Skate Park is 6 acres with a dedicated parking lot, murals, benches, and most importantly, plenty of surfaces for skaters!

Pursuant to Florida Statute, 316.0085, the skate park is only for skateboarding, in-line skating and freestyle bicycling only. No other recreational activity is permitted in this designated area. Mountain bikes and off-road biking are not permitted.

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#### DENNIS K. BAXLEY



This will be the third column reporting on the 2022 Legislative Session and the good work done on behalf of the citizens of the free state of Florida!

This past month, Governor DeSantis signed off on \$109.9 billion budget that includes a record \$1.24 billion in tax relief for Floridians. Providing ongoing tax relief to Floridians, especially in the midst of extraordinary inflation brought on by the federal government's irresponsible policies, remains a top priority of the Florida Legislature. This tax package includes: A Gas Tax Holiday: October 1-31, 2022, reducing the cost of fuel by \$0.25 per gallon, a Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday: July 25 – August 7, 2022, on clothing, footwear, backpacks, school supplies, computers and electronics, and software. Additionally, it includes: Disaster Preparedness Sales Tax Holiday: May 28 – June 10, 2022, on flashlights, lanterns, radios, tarps, coolers, batteries, smoke detectors, and generators. The tax bill also included some long-term tax relief on items like: Impact Resistant Windows, Doors and Garage Doors, Children's Clothing and

Appliances, and Farm Trailers and Fencing.

A bill that we have yet to highlight is SB 254, and we are extremely proud to have passed this legislation. One of the cornerstones of our great nation and state is religious freedom and the right to openly attend religious services. The COVID-19 Pandemic highlighted many threats and challenges to our basic freedoms as Americans, including the ability to freely exercise our religion. SB 254 Provides that an emergency order may not directly or indirectly prohibit a religious institution from conducting regular religious services or activities. Affords that a general order that applies to all other entities in the jurisdiction may be applied to religious institutions, as long as it is furthering a compelling governmental interest and is the least restrictive means of doing so.

SB 988, "No Patient Left Alone Act", carried by Senator Garcia passed through the Florida Legislature and was signed into law on April 8, 2022. The No Patient Left Alone Act ensures Floridians are provided the opportunity to care for and visit with their loved ones by requiring intermediate care facilities for the developmentally disabled, developmental disability centers, nursing homes, assisted living facilities, hospice facilities, and hospitals to allow visitation to the greatest extent possible Shoes, Children's Diapers, Energy Efficient while maintaining the overall health and

safety of the facility. Specifies that if a program for claims examiners and county violation is confirmed, providers are subject to the existing penalties and licensing investigations administered by the Agency for Health Care Administration.

The Florida Senate continues to recognize the great sacrifices that the men and women of our armed forces make for our country. and has worked to further expand opportunities and pathways for veterans and their families. To help serve those who protect and serve us, the Florida Legislature charged the Florida Department of Veterans Affairs to create a veteran suicide prevention training and certification

and city veterans service officers in Florida. Additionally, the legislature jointly passed a memorial urging the United States Congress to recognize the epidemic of suicides among our veterans and to fully fund the suicide prevention efforts of the United States Department of Veteran Affairs.

Thank you for your continued engagement in your state government. We look forward to providing you more information next month. Thank you for letting me serve you in the Florida Senate.

Onward & Upward, Senator Dennis Baxley



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#### PUBLISHER'S NOTES



great success. Hundreds of people attended. Hundreds during the day and at least doubled that at night. The event presented the showing of the controversial

video 2,000 mules. The video shows people in real life stuffing ballot boxes in the middle of the night. They have their cell phone numbers so they know who they are. They used Cell phone tracking devices to place that person at that ballot box, it show where they and when. This was done in seven battle ground states and it proves wrong doing. Of course the left denies it but in the early stage of this happening they caught some and arrested them through finger prints on the envelopes. The next night they started wearing gloves which is shown on the video. A lot of the news media want to move on but we have to look back to see what happened and pass laws to stop it. We

Rock the Red was a need free honest elections. I believe when g r e a t  $\,$  s u c c e s s  $\,$  over 50% of the American people see this Hundreds of people  $\,$  video there will be drastic change.

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The career politician are out of touch. They are destroying our country. Think about this....

- Joe Biden has been in Government 44 years
- Chuck Schumer has been in Government 38 years
- Nancy Pelosi has been in Government 32 years
- Maxine Waters has been in Government for 28 years
  Most of them are millionaires or
- Billionaire?
   Statement by Michelle Obama 2011. "Someone is going to give a piece of

their pie so others can have more.'

Information sent to me by reader...Studies show that between 100 and 220 million people have been murdered by tyrannical governments in the 20 century

after the government has confiscated their means of self protection.

In spite of this b, tyrants as well as the uninformed and ill informed use every gun related tragedy as a reason to curtail or eliminate the right of law abiding citizens to own guns for self protection. Should they be successful, law abiding Americans will lose their freedom, and come under the yoke of tyranny which so many others have had to endure.

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There is a lot of discussion about food shortages being created. Who would want to do that? Well there are many countries that don't like us because their people are leaving their country for the promise land. A

promise from our current administration for easy entree, free living expenses, free housing, free education, free free free. It's not free we the Tax Payers are paying for it. I think we are going to let men and women come in free they should be put under military status and be trained to protect the promise land. No free rides...

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#### CONGRESSWOMAN KAT CAMMACK

**Committee Seeking Relief For Specialty Crop Farmers** 

WASHINGTON, D.C.— Congresswoman Kat Cammack (R-FL-03) and Congressman Darren Soto (D-FL-09) led a bipartisan letter with members of the Florida Delegation to the House Appropriations Committee and Subcommittee on Agriculture, urging them to provide equitable relief with respect to crop insurance for specialty crop farmers.

Due to an unintended consequence of the 2011 cap on administrative and operative (A&O) expense reimbursements, specialty crop insurance funding has been cut between the Federal Crop Insurance Corporation (FCIC) and the crop insurance companies has prevented A&O costs federal budget cuts, specialty crop farmers

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Reps. Cammack, Soto Lead Bipartisan associated with specialty crops' policies Letter To House Appropriations from rising when prices of products like corn wheat, soybeans, or cotton increase. However, the effects of this flawed funding design have detrimentally impacted crop insurance for specialty crops, yielding a nearly 40 percent cut nationwide, with Florida among the top five states to be hit hardest.

> The letter asks that the House Appropriations Committee mitigate this inequity for specialty crops risk management by providing relief and including a provision to restore specialty crop A&O to the level to which it has been historically set.

'I'm pleased to join Rep. Soto in leading dramatically. Historically, the contract this letter with my colleagues," said Rep. Cammack. "With rising inflation, supply chain issues, and now the adverse effects of

from Florida and around the country are Americans. Unfortunately, due to a suffering from the consequences of bad bureaucratic flaw, risk management policy. If the appropriations committee does not address this unsustainable situation by restoring funding to the A&O in the FY2023 agriculture appropriations bill, serious will adversely affect Florida's specialty crop damage will be done to the risk management producers. We greatly appreciate the infrastructure for specialty crops, and producers around the country will suffer."

The letter earned the support of the Crop Insurance Professionals Association (CIPA), Florida Farm Credit, the Florida Strawberry Association, and the Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association (FFVA).

"The Crop Insurance Professionals Association is grateful to the Members of the Florida Congressional Delegation who are standing up for specialty crops," said Franklin. William Cole, CIPA Chairman. "Specialty crops make up the largest part of Florida agriculture, valued at about \$4.9 billion per year out of \$7.36 billion in total agricultural value in the Sunshine State. Specialty crops are critically important to Florida's economy and to the improved diets and health of all

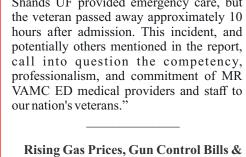
infrastructure for specialty crop farmers is being deeply cut — by nearly 40 percent in just two years. Unless corrected soon, this leadership of Reps. Kat Cammack and Darren Soto who are leading the bipartisan effort to defend Florida's specialty crop farmers.'

Original signees of the letter include Reps. Kat Cammack, Darren Soto, Al Lawson, Bill Posey, Byron Donalds, Carlos Giménez, Frederica Wilson, Greg Steube, Gus Bilirakis, María Elvira Salazar, Michael Waltz, Neal Dunn, and Scott

#### Rep. Cammack, Sens. Rubio & Scott Press VA On Failure To Provide **Emergency Care To Veterans**

WASHINGTON, D.C.-Congresswoman Kat Cammack and U.S. Senators Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Rick Scott (R-FL) sent a letter to U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Secretary Denis McDonough regarding an Inspector General report on a June 2020 incident in which the VA failed to provide emergency care to a veteran at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center Emergency Department in Gainesville, Florida that resulted in the veteran's death.

"We are appalled by the information presented in the May 31, 2022 U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (OIG) Report, 'Failure to Provide Emergency Care to a Patient and Leaders' Inadequate Response to that Failure at the Malcom Randall VA Medical Center (MR VAMC) in Gainesville, Florida," the lawmakers wrote. "The report details an incident in June 2020 when MR VAMC Emergency Department (ED) nurses and administrative staff prioritized determining the patient's veteran status over rendering him emergency care. Alachua County EMS subsequently transported the patient across the street to UF Health Shands Hospital who admitted the patient. According to the OIG report, the patient was later determined to be an eligible veteran. Shands UF provided emergency care, but our nation's veterans.



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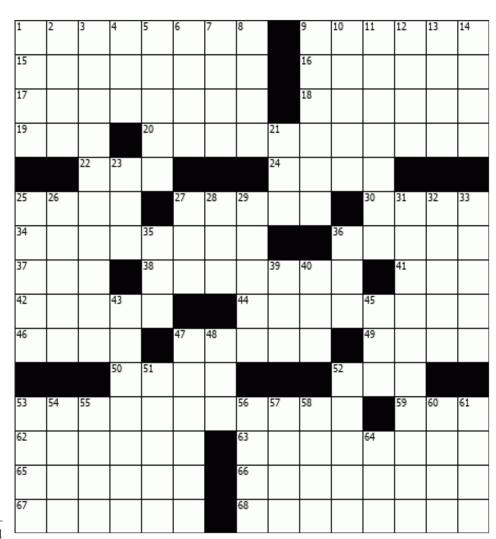
- 1. Florist supply
- 6. Fitzgerald of jazz
- 10. Shrewd storybook cat
- 14. Intimate
- **15** Den
- 16. Aztec contemporary
- 17. Three breaks
- 20. "Cakes and (Maugham)
- 21. Religious rationalist
- 22. They're in their element
- 23. Hits the roof
- 25. Pound of letters?
- 27. Hunky-dory
- 28. Temple outcast
- 29. HMO workers
- 32. Wide rift
- 35. Like The Fonz
- **36**. Convinced
- 37. Four breaks
- 40. "Star Wars" royalty
- 41. Book part
- 42. Snide
- 43. Better-than-anything

- ending
- 44. Soviet news bureau
- 45. Crony
- 46. Anjou relative
- 47. Evolve
- 51. Like one who's seen a ghost
- **54**. Display histrionics
- 56. Relative of .net or .org
- **57**. Three breaks
- **60**. Crew on the high seas
- **61**. Frivolous
- **62**. Go from E to F
- 63. Knuckle under 64. Loads
- 65. Ibsen's "An \_\_\_ of the People"

#### Down

- 1. Travel documents
- 2. Quite sufficient
- 3. Overindulgence
- 4. Tony winner Wallach
- 5. Set of identifying traits 6. Legendary Spanish
- knight
- 7. One-time French protectorate
- **8**. Took to the skies
- 9. Boxer's greeting
- 10. Madonna rendition
- 11. Nullify
- 12. Patsy's downfall

- 13. Remarks
  - 18. Nerdy type
  - 19. "Duke of
  - 24. "Peter and the Wolf" bird
  - 26. Novelist defender of
  - Dreyfus 28. Shreds
  - 29. Pluto, for one
  - 30. "Darn it!"
  - **31**. Hot
  - 32. Merry king
  - 33. Tints
  - 34. Busily working
  - 35. Sound surge
  - 36. Musty
  - 38. Unfortunately
  - 39. Fish through rubbish
  - **44**. Nobelist Morrison
  - 45. "Pistol " Maravich
  - **46**. Harold Robbins novel (with "The")
  - 47. Peace signs
  - **48**. One way to get a flat?
  - 49. Loathing
  - 50. Like thick orange juice
  - **51**. Considering
  - 52. Dueler's injury
  - 53. Smug racer
  - **55**. Tuna treat
  - **58**. Deep matter?
  - 59. Flemish painter van



## Rep Kat Cammack

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Additionally, as Democrats continue to fight for gun control in the name of public safety, it's perfectly clear that their radical measures do little to stop criminals, and instead punish law-abiding citizens who lawfully exercise their Second Amendment rights. Stripping Americans of their Godgiven right to keep and bear arms does nothing but make our communities less safe.

With all that's happening this Congress, it

is my greatest honor to represent you and hear from you about the issues that matter most. You can read below about what we've been up to this week, and as always, you can stay up to date with us here, on our website, and on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube.



## Columbine High School Shootings

Darrell Scott, the father of Rachel Scott, a this at school, family, church, friends, some victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado, was invited to address the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee. What he said to our national leaders during this special session of Congress was painfully truthful.

He said...

"Since the dawn of creation there has been both good & evil in the hearts of men

and women. We all contain the seeds of violence. The death of my wonderful daughter, Rachel Joy Scott, and the deaths of that heroic teacher, and the other eleven children who died must not be in vain. Their blood cries out for answers.

I am speaking to the House Judiciary Committee's subcommittee.

Darrell Scott said every one is looking for someone to blame, the real blame is is here in something say something. this room "finger pointing And accusations but not putting the blame in the right place.

Something happens in these (shooters) young people's lives that change their thought process. Some get mean and some just withdraw into themselves. Something sets them off and they go off the deep end. There are sign's of

don't have friends because they don't know what to expect next. Some get the feeling of power because they like the way it feels being on the other side of bullying. But when they finally don't have a feeling of self worth something is bound to happen if they don't get help! If you see those sign of a person you know say something, the life you save might yours!

The gun does not kill the person does!

Derek Scott wrote a poem in memory of kindness or the seeds of his daughter who was a victim of the Columbine High School shootings in Littleton, Colorado.

> Your laws ignore our deepest needs, Your words are empty air.

You've stripped away our heritage,

You've outlawed simple prayer. Now gunshots fill our classrooms, And precious children die.

You seek for answers everywhere, And ask the question "Why?" You regulate restrictive laws,

Through legislative creed. And yet you fail to understand, That God is what we need!

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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.



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







Your donations make it possible to provide medical care, food and shelter to animals in need

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#### **FROM THE DESK OF**

#### ATTORNEY GENERAL MOODY



**ONE PILL CAN** 

KILL: Attorney General Moody Releases Fast Facts on Fentanyl to Educate Parents About the Dangers of Synthetic Opioids

Attorney General Ashley Moody is releasing a new informational toolkit about protecting children from digital drug dealers during summer break—when kids often spend more time online. The Fast Facts on Fentanyl Toolkit highlights how drug dealers utilize social media to sell illicit substances, and warns that those substances may contain deadly amounts of synthetic emojis used to communicate about drugs: opioids. Attorney General Moody encourages Floridians to download the free toolkit and learn about synthetic . opioids—including the emerging threat of Nitazenes.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Drug dealers are utilizing the internet to conduct their illicit business—often using social media to pressure children into purchasing deadly substances. Minors may be increasingly susceptible to digital dealers during the summer, when they may spend more time online. That is why I am releasing Fast Facts on Fentanyl to help parents talk to their children about the dangers of drug use. Sadly, we are reminded almost daily that one pill laced with fentanyl can kill. I hope this resource can help families better understand the risks associated with drug use and avoid

tragedy."

The Fast Facts on Fentanyl Toolkit highlights the dangers of fentanyl:

- The synthetic opioid is approximately 100 times more potent than morphine;
- Just two milligrams can be lethal;
- Four out of every 10 pills found containing fentanyl have a potentially lethal dose; and
- Counterfeit pills have been identified in all 50 states.

The toolkit also delves into the most popular social media applications, what the average age group is for each app and a detailed list of emojis used as codes in online conversations regarding illicit drug transactions. Here are some examples of

- **Prescription Drugs**
- Dealer Advertising:
- Cocaine:
- Marijuana:

The Fast Facts on Fentanyl Toolkit shows how dangerous illicit drugs can be, including the highly-lethal synthetic opioids that Attorney General Moody recently emergency scheduled known as Nitazenes.

To view Fast Facts on Fentanyl Toolkit, go to http://www.myfloridalegal.com.

Attorney General Moody developed the Dose of Reality Florida website for Floridians to learn how to find help and how to spot someone who may be abusing drugs. The site serves as a one-stop resource to obtain information about the dangers of opioid misuse, how to receive support for addiction and where to safely dispose of about Dose of Reality Florida, go to http://www.myfloridalegal.com.

Attorney General Ashley Moody announced the arrests of a nurse and the mother of a Medicaid recipient for bilking more than \$100,000 from Medicaid. Throughout several months, Myoka Bowens, a licensed practical nurse, worked with a Medicaid recipient's mother, Jazmin Raulerson, to swindle the Medicaid program by falsifying progress notes for time overseeing a high-risk infant.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, 'Not only did these women scheme to rip off Florida taxpayers, but they also exploited an infant's illness in the process. I am proud of the work of my Medicaid Fraud Control Unit to uncover their plot to steal more than \$100,000 from this taxpayer-funded program and bring these suspects to justice."

#### Attorney General Moody Alerts Florida Wire-Fraud Victims to **Reimbursement Opportunity**

Attorney General Ashley Moody is alerting Florida wire-fraud victims to a reimbursement opportunity. Victims who were tricked into wiring money to scammers through Western Union, between Jan. 1, 2004 and Jan. 19, 2017, may be entitled to financial reimbursement from Western Union. Claims must be submitted on or before July 1, 2022. As many as 36,000 Floridians may be eligible for up to \$40 million as part of the Western Unions claims process.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said,

unused prescription drugs. To learn more "There are millions of dollars available to victims of scammers who utilized Western Union as part of their unlawful schemes—but action must be taken soon. If you believe you are eligible, please file a claim by July 1."

#### **Emerging Text Scam Tempts Targets** with 'Free Gifts' for Personal Information

Attorney General Ashley Moody is warning Floridians about an emerging text message scam offering a 'free gift' for paying a bill on time. The Better Business Bureau details recent reports of this scheme that entices text recipients with the promise of a present to click on a link to an unfamiliar website requesting personal information. Attorney General Moody reminds Floridians to never use links from unknown phone numbers or reply to suspicious messages—especially if free gifts or money are promised.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, "Scammers will try anything to steal your personal information. Their latest trick is simple, but effective—the promise of a gift in exchange for personal information. Don't fall for it. Never provide personal information in response to a solicitation or click on links contained in a suspicious message. Remember that if something seems too good to be true, then it's probably





#### **GOVERNOR DESANTIS**



DeSantis Receives Certified List of Nominees for Florida **Supreme Court** 

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. The Supreme Court Judicial Nominating

Commission (JNC)

provided Governor DeSantis' Office the certified list of nominees to fill the vacancy on the Florida Supreme Court created by the retirement of Justice Alan Lawson.

"I would like to extend my gratitude to the members of the Judicial Nominating Commission for recommending such an exemplary list of strong constitutionalist jurists and practitioners," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "The JNC process is designed to select high-quality candidates for our courts. I would like to thank the Commissioners for their hard work and diligence. They have left me with a difficult choice, but I look forward to appointing our next Supreme Court Justice in the coming weeks.

Governor DeSantis is committed to selecting a candidate for the Florida Supreme Court who has a keen legal mind and is devoted to the Florida and U.S. Constitutions. The Governor will make his selection based upon the merit and judicial philosophy of the candidates presented.

#### **About the Judicial Nominating Process:**

The JNC reviews each applicant to confirm eligibility. Eligible applicants interview with the JNC, which then determines by majority vote which applicants to recommend to the Governor for his

Governor Ron consideration. The JNC must nominate no fewer than three and no more than six applicants to the Governor.

> The Supreme Court JNC has submitted a list of six nominees to the Governor. The Governor has sixty days to appoint a justice from among the nominees. Find the list of nominees, and more about the Judicial Nominating Commissions and the Judicial Nominating Process, go to www.flgov.com

#### Governor Ron DeSantis Makes One Judicial Appointment

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Governor Ron DeSantis announces one judicial appointment to the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court.

#### Jigisa Patel-Dookhoo, of Rockledge, to serve as Judge on the Eighteenth Judicial Circuit Court

Patel-Dookhoo has served as Assistant State Attorney since 2016. Currently, she is the Division Chief in the Domestic Violence Unit. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Florida and her law degree from Western Michigan University. Patel-Dookhoo fills the judicial vacancy created by the retirement of Judge Lisa Davidson.

#### **DeSantis Ensures All Athletes Can Play**

"Florida will always be welcoming to all of our athletes with disabilities, regardless of COVID vaccination status," said Governor Ron DeSantis. "Special Olympics International should have never imposed a vaccine mandate on their athletes. Special Olympians who were in limbo for months will now be able to compete in Florida thanks to our continued actions to keep Floridians' medical decisions private."

### Ocala Parks

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all users. No modifications to the riding surface or features are allowed.

#### Rules to Ride at the Ocala Skate Park

Children ages eight years and under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian or another adult authorized to be responsible for the minor by the minor's parent or legal



Letty Towles Dog Park

The Letty Towles Dog Park is located at the Jervey Gantt Recreation Complex and is a guaranteed dog-gone good time! The park offers plenty of amenities for pups to enjoy and is divided in separate areas for large dogs and small dogs to play. The 4.5 acre park is fenced, giving dogs plenty of room to stretch their legs, chase a ball and make new

Dog parents, please make sure to familiarize yourself with the dog park rules below.

Location: 2299 SE 32 Ave., Ocala, FL 34470

Located at Jervey Gantt Recreation

Open Fridays through Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to sunset. Closed on Wednesdays and Thursdays to allow the grass time to recover

#### Wetland Recharge Park

The Ocala Wetland Recharge Park allows the City of Ocala to efficiently use its water resources. By developing



and operating this park, the City of Ocala has created a wetland ecosystem, is improving water quality, and boosting regional groundwater supplies, by utilizing treated wastewater. The park sits on a 60-acre site, located near Lillian Bryant Park. The Ocala Wetland Recharge Park is home to educational exhibits and kiosks, boardwalks, two and a half miles of paved walking trail, and wildlife overlooks.

Hours: Monday through Sunday; Sunrise to Sunset

Address: 2105 NW 21st Street,

Ocala, FL 34475

**Contact:** 352-351-6772

**Price:** There is no fee to enter the park





#### ■ ONE PERSON'S OPINION

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

#### BRAVO!

LARRY JOHNSTON moved school shooting issue because he thinks parents are the answer. Is he aware of Ramos parents and family? How about his neighbors and acquaintances? His teachers? Where was his salvation hidden? That is the answer to the riddle.

It was reported he was bullied. If bullying were a crime, he might have been caught, and treated. We had a local school shooting, with no killing. The shooter asked for help. Maybe they know better than we do. The shooter is in jail for 30 years. What do we want. Justice or revenge?

Ramos was a defective Human, his defects were noted in the news, his issues osculated there were four years to catch the

problem, no one did.

His family was a big part of the problem. They were defected as well. This issue must be solved calmly, rationally, intelligently and effectively once and for all. No more kids because parents want relief.

D.I.L.

Letter To TomL from TomS

Thanks for the Seniors Voice over the years. The articles are special too in that conservative stands are rarely naked up. Your willingness to support your beliefs is strengthening. The Bellevue paper also is encouraging. I would like to do more to show like faith.

Tom S.

#### Low-Cost Internet Access Free/Low-Cost Internet Through

**New Federal Program** (NAPSI)—A fast, reliable Internet

connection has become a critical part of our daily lives. From remote learning and working to networking and searching for jobs, Americans everywhere felt an online shift during COVID-19.

And, while the country gradually recovers from the pandemic, the collective need to stay connected remains stronger than ever.

#### Enter the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP).

ACP extends and makes permanent the Internet subsidy for families in need that began under the Emergency Broadband

Benefit (EBB) program. Falling under the \$1.2T bipartisan Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the ACP is part of a \$65 billion broadband Internet initiative designed to bring affordable or even free Internet service to families who qualify.

Eligible households can save up to \$30 a month, or up to \$75 if they reside on tribal

So, who qualifies? Here's a glance at the different criteria from the FCC of which one or more is required:

Household is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines.

Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline.

Participates in tribal-specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations.

or Breakfast Program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision.

Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year.

Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating provider's existing lowincome Internet program.

#### Learn More

Visit fcc.gov/acp for more details and call 844-844-WIFI (844-844-9434) to find a participating provider nearby.

## **Above Average** Hurricane Season

Prepare Now For 'Above Average' Hurricane Season

(NAPSI)—The 2022 hurricane season is underway, with the Colorado State University (CSU) Tropical Meteorology Project Team forecasting an above-average storm season for the Atlantic basin. Emergency preparation experts say now is the time to get ready, especially as CSU places the probability of a major hurricane making landfall along U.S. coastlines at 71 percent.

When a hurricane hits, food, water and other critical supplies can run short and this year the situation could be even worse due to ongoing supply chain issues. What's more, severe storms will negatively impact an aging electrical grid that is overdue for updating, causing the power to go out for

days—if not weeks. In short order, residents may find themselves in dire need for supplies and backup power.

#### What You Can Do

To help people better prepare for outages, Participates in the National School Lunch the power outage experts from Generac, a global energy technology company, share the following tips:

> Purchase water and non-perishable, nutritious and protein-rich staples that do not require refrigeration days ahead of an outage threat.

> Charge electronic devices and have a battery-powered emergency radio so that it is possible to check weather conditions during a storm and stay current with emergency information.

> Take photographs of valuable possessions for insurance documentation after a storm.

> Perform regular maintenance services on portable generators, make sure fuel is on hand, and ensure the generator can be operated safely outdoors at least 25 feet away from living areas.

> Ensure proper maintenance occurs on home standby generators, so they will automatically start when the power goes out.

> Keep extra oil on hand. If a generator is running continuously, check the oil level each day.

#### **Expert Advice**

"The first introduction many people have to backup power is during an emergency," said Jake Thomas, director of Global Service Operations at Generac. "It's imperative that homeowners have a power outage plan that includes a backup power device. Recent storms have left households without power for several days. A home standby generator ensures power turns on automatically when needed.'

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