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VIPcare Breast Bancer Fundraier

This is the second year hosting the Health Expo Fundraiser for breast cancer. Our VIPcare primary care physician, Dr. Stephen Seecharan, (highlighted with his staff in the pictures below) graciously agreed to campaign for a second year as the Real Men Wear Pink candidate. Last year, we raised \$4,625 dollars for the

American Cancer Society and this year we have raised \$5,500 so far. The attendance at the Health Expo Fundraiser for breast cancer last year was 90 people, this year we had 110 community members attend this event. ALL the proceeds went to the American Cancer Society. More pictures on page 7



Leo Turns One Hundred

Leo Magiera flew 21 missions as a Waist Gunner over Italy in WWII. That means the middle of the plane. Which probably was the hot spot.

He was born September 5th, 1923 in Illinois outside of Chicago and was raised on a farm. One if 8 or 9 children. Polish descent. He never married and moved some 38 years or so ago to Florida. Loves animals. He was our pet sitter until he has to give up this car.

Where's Our Social Security Fund Going?

Part Two

By TomL Information from the Internet & Myself See part one September issue

Government at work with our money!! A person dies at age 65 before collecting one benefit check. The person and employer paid into the system for almost 50 years and collected NOTHING! Keep in mind all the working people that die every year who were paying into the system and got nothing. These governmental morons mismanaged the money and borrowed or stole from the system so that it's now going

broke. Now they have the audacity to call today's seniors "vultures" in an attempt to cover their ineptitude. The Government has borrowed 3 trillion from the Social Security Trust fund, our money in holding for trust that we and our employers paid in.

The Government wants to rename the Social Security Benefits to "Federal Benefit Payment." The reason for renaming our Social Security payments is so the government can claim that all those social security recipients are receiving entitlements thus putting them in the same

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Photo is of John Elliott and Barbara Fife owner and director of the Art Center.

Chelsea Art Center Opening Reception for John Elliott's International Photography Exhibit from two of his

series, The Human Pulse, and Walls and Spaces spanning the past 40 years. Visitors are welcome to view the exhibit during normal business hours October 15 through December 18, 2023.

Kevin Sheilley

## OCALA/MARION COUNTY CHAMBER & ECONOMIC PARTNERSHIP



Probably the question I am most asked is "What big announcements are coming?" Regardless of where one lives in our community or what they do, they want to know what other companies are investing and growing in the Ocala Metro. This month, I am excited to share about two companies who we have recently announced are doing just that.

Averitt Express is a privately owned transportation and supply chain management company based in Cookeville, TN. The company has 5,000 employees and primarily services the Southeast US. This summer the company purchased the last parcel in the Ocala/Marion County Commerce Park, also home to FedEx Ground, AutoZone, Chewy, and Amazon. We announced that the CEP's October exCEptional Mornings breakfast that the company will be investing \$30 million for the first phase of a new facility here. They will hire more than 30 new employees with an average wage of \$69,000 annually.

At this same breakfast, we announced a major expansion from Antebellum Manufacturing. This company is a locally based manufacturer of aluminum fence, gates, and rails. The company is planning a new 140,000 sq. ft. facility located just outside the aforementioned Ocala/Marion County Commerce Park on NW 35<sup>th</sup> Street. With the expansion, the company will add nearly 200 employees at an average wage above the incentive target and total capital investment of \$25 million.

These two announcements will result in the investment of more than \$55 million and the creation of nearly 230 new jobs. They further expand our manufacturing and logistics industries and are being developed within the Urban Growth Boundary in and

### It's Not Right!

TomL

In the old days children knew they wanted to be a cowboy, a nurse, a policeman or policewoman, a doctor, a pilot. Today they expect them to know what sex they want to be at a very young age! Then encourage them to make changes that cannot be changed back AND not tell their parents of their what is going on!

Bill Maher says when he was eight he wanted to be a pirate. Thank goodness he was not scheduled for surgery for a peg leg!

PS At nine years old I was selling newspapers on Dania Beach at the old draw Bridge, when it opened to let sight seeing boats and fishing boat through the cars backed up, I walk the line of cars and sold Ft Lauderdale newspapers. I did that for seven years. So I guess that's one of the things that helped me choose this profession.

Where does Biden get off canceling student debt. Then rewarding the people who paid their debt by taxing them to cover the cost for those who did not (Politics Stinks). If you agree with this you need to go to another continent.

adjacent to a major industrial park. Finally, the wages are above our targeted wage, ensuring continued wage growth for the community.

As exciting as it is to welcome these two new companies, it is just the start. We anticipate being able to welcome two more companies next month and maybe one or two more in December. Growing and continued diversification of our economy is essential to the stability of our economy. As we continue to attract more and younger residents, this economic diversification builds a stronger future for all residents of the Ocala Metro.

Americans that are soft spoken or not out going, do not challenge people that are defacing or protesting and chanting bad thing about our country. Don't let them get away with it! We are in a time that people don't want to offend others. If they are wrong tell them you don 't agree, don't stand idle.

I don't understand, the discussion in the school system about sex with a fellow school teacher can be called sexual Harassment but the same educators want to teach sex ed to a child at eight years olds, it's OK? If you don't agree don't stand idle!

We have had many Ministers of truth??? For instance Hitler.....Stalin! Could you really consider these two ministers of anything? Yes Death!

It is pretty stupid to buy 500,000 barrels of oil from our enemy (who wants to kill us)

and not use oil from American Wells.. The money would go into our own economy.

What do you do when your electric car runs out of power on the interstate? They don't make a can that will hold electricity, but if they did don't touch it!

How is it that the government can't control gasoline prices, but the weather is something they think they can fix? You can't fix stupid!

A lot of people concern about Britany Griner being stuck in Russia but show no concern about Americans stranded in Afghanistan? What's wrong with this picture?

Biden is not for the American people! He and his son and brother have been playing us for six figure suckers! Vote For Trump!

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## PUBLISHER'S NOTES



### The Three F's: Faith, Family & Firearms Spells Freedom By TomL

What does the three F's stand for? FREEDOM! Yes I'm standing up for what I believe in. We have to support our leaders that are trying to stop the Evil Forces. We need to support Trump against the "Dark Side". We need to shed light on the dark side to expose what is happening to our country and our people. Our Country did stand for "Truth and Justice" We are slowly losing it. Freedom is not free, we have to fight for it! . The Dark side is trying to get rid of our laws and our Law Enforcement. There are some people that have foreign influence and foreign Money. It turns out that they have been paying for the favors to some treasonists people.

I have been writing this column for some twenty years or more and have been sharing information about these illegal irregularities

here the last two and a half years. I wrote about Fauci and Obama using our tax money to help finance the Wuhan Lab. I got COVID two years ago Christmas and gave it to my whole family...My wife, both sons, both of their wives all of the grand children (two were infants) so understand how it effected us on Christmas day. I am still not over it. A few times the thought would ease back, then I would lose another friend. The thought that our country being part of developing the Virus just chills me to the bone. I thought follow the money??? What happened to the Social Security Money that our employer and us paid in for our retirement and they died and retiree won't receive after death? Think about that!

Communitistic Countries are trying to control us and there is a faction in our country helping. WHY? So they can control the Country, control the people, the food supply, make money by supplying food and drugs, they want to control the financial system, control all money and grow in power while we lose power and lose control.

Then we would become a number. In Communist countries if you don't fit you disappear.

The things that could stop them is when the masses start believing in Faith, Family and Firearms! Our country was built with firearms in our hands, God in our hearts and strong family beliefs. Don'r ever give that up!

### Blaze Radio & TV

It was reported on Blaze radio by Glenn Beck that Nancy Pelosi's security team lied under oath at the Oath Keepers January 6th trial. The Oath Keepers have been an organization that helps keep the piece. Now some of them are in prison the Dems claim for breaching the security at the White House. The were there to help keep the piece and protect the members of government that were in the White House. Outside Investigators put together videos to prove the time line testimony of several of

the security team gave as testimony was false. Several videos had a clock in a hallway that proves a difference and video shows that Oath Keepers were holding back the people coming into areas where they did not belong. This proves they were doing what the White House security team was suppose to do. Nancy Pelosi threw them under the bus. According to Glenn Beck on the radio the Oath Keepers that are spending time in prison are innocent! This is part of getting even with Trump by Nancy Pelosi! It is against the law to witness tamper. It is against the law to give faults witness under oath. This should be investigated now! Get those people out of prison.

### Optimist speech

When I was a young boy I was in the optimist club in Dania Florida now known as Dania Beach. Now there is no record of the club, but we had a Oratorical contest. I won three out of four County / state. At 14, I

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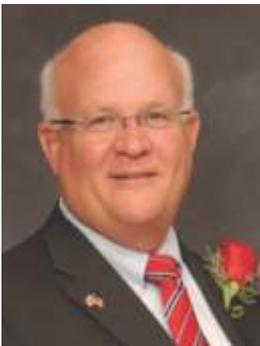
Senior citizens as a group fair better under the FAIRtax than under the current income tax.

Although some erroneously believe they pay no taxes if living on Social Security alone, they are still paying the hidden corporate income tax and employer payroll tax imbedded in everything they buy. Under the FAIRtax, those hidden costs are removed. Plus, senior, like ever other citizen or legal resident will receive the prebate at the beginning of each month for taxes paid on the cost of necessities. Since once an item is taxed it is not taxable again, all purchases of used goods are rendered tax free. If a senior wishes to continue working, they are freed from the regressive payroll taxes on their earnings under the FAIRtax and there is no income tax on their Social Security. The income tax imposed on investment income and pension benefits or IRA withdrawals is repealed. An income tax deduction from most pension funds, IRAs and 401(k) was taken for contributions to most of these

plans. All beneficiaries and owners of these plans expected to pay income tax on them upon withdrawal, but are not required to do so under the FAIRtax. Plus any interest on savings you may have acquired is no longer subject to taxation. Seniors have a dramatically higher home ownership rate than other age groups but those who wish to sell their homes face capital gains tax under the current system. Senior also have the comforting knowledge that if they wish to pass their estate on to their heirs, that the heirs will not have to sell all or part of that estate in order to pay the inheritance tax. There is no capital gains tax or inheritance tax under the FAIRtax. The FAIRtax makes the economy much more dynamic and prosperous. Consequently, federal revenues grow which makes it less likely that federal budget pressures require Medicare and Social Security benefit cuts. And, since the FAIRtax requires a certain percentage of all revenues collected to be distributed between these two programs, Medicare and Social Security will be much more stable for years to come. For more information, go to FAIRtax.org

### Florida State Senate

## DENNIS K. BAXLEY



Dear Friends,  
We are in our second month of committee meetings and only two months away from the official start of the 2024 Legislative Session, which begins on January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We have

been busy in Tallahassee preparing for this exciting day. We will share with you some important highlights that have recently taken place at the Capitol.

The Senate Republican Caucus selected Senator Ben Albritton (R-Wauchula) as Senate President-Designate to lead the chamber through the 2024-2026 term. Senator Albritton was nominated by Senators Ed Hooper (R-Clearwater) and Jim Boyd (R-Bradenton) and was elected by a unanimous vote of his Republican Colleagues. In his speech, delivered after his election, the newly named President-Designate Albritton highlighted his roots in Florida's Heartland, his love for his wife and family, his support for Florida agriculture, and his vision of what Florida's future can be. Looking toward his tenure as Senate President, President-Designate Albritton displayed his excitement to work with his fellow Senators and our colleagues across the Rotunda, led by Speaker-Designate Daniel Perez, as they look to meet the challenges of our time and deliver results for Floridians in every corner of the state.

Senate President Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples) and Speaker Paul Renner (R-Palm Coast), joined by members of the Florida Senate and Florida House of Representatives, held a joint press conference condemning the atrocities committed by Hamas and showing Florida's strong support for the people of Israel.

During the press conference, President Passidomo and Speaker Renner issued a joint proclamation on behalf of their respective chambers that officially supports Israel's right to defend itself, condemns the barbaric attacks by Hamas, and demands the immediate end to any direct or indirect financial support directed to Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran. A copy of this proclamation will be presented to the President of the United States, each member of the Florida delegation to the United States Congress, and the Ambassador of the State of Israel to the United States. Florida has made it clear that we stand proudly with our brothers and sisters in Israel, we recognize their right to exist as a sovereign state, and we support their right to defend themselves from any and all threats.

The Florida Department of Children and Families appeared before the Senate Committee on Children, Families, and Elder Affairs, chaired by Senator Ileana Garcia (R-Miami), to provide a presentation on the new Office of Community Services. The Office of Community Services includes a variety of programs focused on care, prevention, and concentrated services to result in positive long-term outcomes for Florida's most vulnerable children, adults and families. Initiatives include prevention measures relating specifically to human trafficking, domestic violence, continuing care, and homelessness. Through these critical programs Florida continues the effort to increase vital services to support and protect our most vulnerable populations across the state.

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter. As always, it is an honor to be your Senator and we look forward to continue serving our constituents in Lake and West Orange County.

Onward & Upward,  
Senator Dennis Baxley

## Social Security

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category as welfare, and food stamp recipients. Changing the name of Social Security contributions, will give the means to refute this program in the future. It's free money for the government to spend under Federal Benefit Payment....Not Social Security Benefits which was designed for seniors retirement benefits! The Social Security check will soon will be referred to as a Federal Benefit Payment? This touches a nerve in me. I have been paying into this for my retirement benefits, not a welfare fund...Not to pay illegal immigrants that came in to this country by breaking the law or people who just don't want to work!

This is NOT a benefit. It is OUR money, paid out of our earned income! We all contribute to Social Security, and our employers did too! It totaled 15% of our income before taxes. If you averaged \$30K per year over your working life, that's close to \$180,000 invested in Social Security. Calculate the future value of your monthly investment in social security (\$375/month, including both you and your employers' contributions) at a meager 1% interest rate compounded monthly, after 40 years of working you'd have more than \$1.3+ million dollars saved. This is our personal investment. Upon retirement, if you took out only 3% per year, you'd receive \$39,318

per year, or \$3,277 per month. That's three times more than today's average Social Security benefit! according to the Social Security Administration. (Google it). Your retirement fund would last more than 33 years until you're 98 if you retire at age 65.

I can only imagine how much better most average-income people could live in retirement if our government had not used our funds for things they think are more important. Instead, the Government pulled off a bigger Ponzi scheme than Bernie Madoff ever did. They took our money and used it elsewhere. They did not have a referendum to ask us if we wanted to lend the money to them and recently they have told us that the money won't support us for very much longer. (Isn't it interesting they NEVER say this about welfare payments?) We will start a new fund and call it Our Earned Retirement Income. What Say You? I think we need Trump in office! All these problems would be better for the American people in one year. We would see comforts in our lives again! [tloury@att.net](mailto:tloury@att.net)

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# Bark in the Park

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## Senior Resources Foundation of Ocala the 3rd Annual Bark in the Park event!

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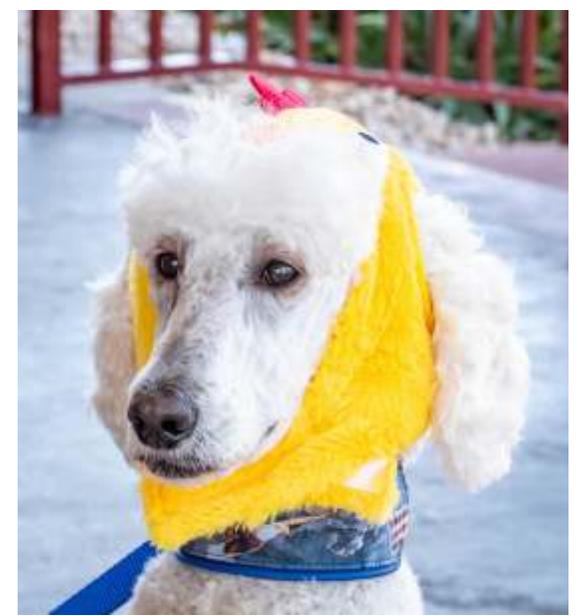
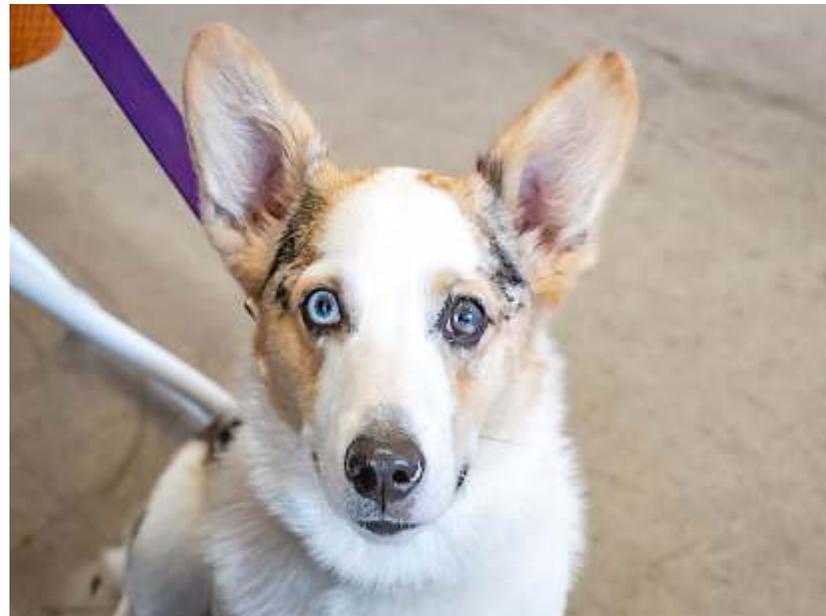
The SRFofOcala is proud to showcase this annual event which features a vast array of services and products, food trucks, music, and demonstrations. Both dogs and kids of all ages enjoyed a fun-filled day!

The event is FREE TO THE PUBLIC and proceeds will benefit the local Meals on Wheels program and Marion County Animal Services. The people loved it! The people loved it and two charity received help.

(Ocala, Florida) - The Senior Resource Foundation of Ocala (SRFofOcala,) a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, held the 3rd Annual Bark In The Park - A Doggy Expo on Sunday,

October 15 from 1 PM until 4 PM at the Ocala Downtown Market (403 SE Osceola Ave.) Pet enthusiasts and owners gathered at a joyous, free public event to celebrate the special bond between pets and people. On Friday, October 19th, the Senior Resource Foundation of Ocala presented two \$3,000 checks. One check was to Jennifer Martinez, the Executive Director of Marion Senior Services, and the other to Kyle Lynch, the Animal Services Director of Marion County Animal Services. The

money was donated by local companies and individuals to support these two remarkable agencies in the Ocala area. SRFofOcala has given \$20,000 in the last three years. The Senior Resource Foundation of Ocala is designed to include seniors in all aspects of 21st-century life. From active participation in fundraising events to learning today's technology, we encourage an engaged presence and a forward-looking perspective.



# VIPcare Breast Bancer Fundraier

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# Publisher's Notes

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won a trip to Cuba, it was still under the rule of Batista the dictator, Castro was fighting in the hills. The subject of the speech was "Freedom Our Most Precious Heritage". There were almost thirty contestant, Battista was there. It was held at one of the top floor of the Hotel National. It was interesting there were no screens on the windows just shutters, The spelling of the hotel is now with a c instead of a t. That was where I stayed with many other boys most of which were much older than me. Castro was fighting in the hills. Out front we over looked the Bay and the streets were lined with street vendor. I bought a cleaned pine apple because I was hungry. If you hired a guide with a car you could buy things half price. This other contestant and I hired a guide for three days. He took us around the country where it was safe. Beautiful green mountain side and lush farm land and then there were fishing villages. A few places we could not get out of the car. The guide would buy our lunch and we would pay him back him. He paid half of what it would cost us. At the end of the day another boy and I paid him.

Back to the event I came in fourth with the oratory, the judges came to me later and said I really should have been third. It did not matter to me it was not first place. I met Battiest at the event. Interesting enough the Battista family invested money in Ocala businesses. They were friendly enough.

### Border Walls

Did you know that Instead of assembling and installing millions of dollars of supplies along the border, Biden, the Democrats and the Department of Defense is paying a whopping \$160,000 per month to store over 20,000 panels, fiber optic cables, and lighting. It's our tax money!!! Close the border install the walls we already have and paid for!!!

### CAPITAL POLICE!

Judicial Watch announced recently that it received the court-ordered declaration of James W. Joyce, senior counsel in the Office of the General Counsel for the Capitol Police, in which he describes emails among senior officials of the United States Capitol Police (USCP) in January 2021 that show warnings of possible January 6 protests that could lead to serious disruptions at the U.S. Capitol.

## Eight Republicans That Made Time Stand Still

By TomL

First they are not part of the Republican Team! They won't win the people over the way they are acting. Who are the eight Republicans that voted with the democrats to get rid of the speaker. Well some say McCarthy made a secret deal with the Dem's and sold the farm. They claim the committee did not cut any spending. In fact there were some spending cut but they were not deep enough and McCarthy paid the price! We should have never set something up that the speaker could be taken from office that easy. But it is, what it is. Now we have to hurry through the process to get another speaker! Electing a temporary Speaker is a mistake.

### NO DEMS PLEASE!

If I have a chance to vote these eight Republicans out of office I will! I will vote another republican to replace them because I kind of understand that we need the votes to

get anything done. For instance War and humanitarian supplies are on hold because it has to go through the House after they elect a speaker. All of this should not have happened! These eight Republicans are not part of the team. I hope they are proud of themselves, they are costing lives in the war! It is very important the republicans stick together at all cost. The Democrats vote together, the republicans don't. You eight are fools! You have to meet and come up with a better solution than just getting even!

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I hate to talk bad about a fellow republican but they crossed the line. *Continued page 11*

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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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**AG MOODY  
EXPANDS PROJECT  
PROTECT DURING  
NATIONAL  
DOMESTIC  
VIOLENCE  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**

TALLAHASSEE, Fla.—In recognition of National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, Attorney General Ashley Moody, local county clerks and sheriffs today announced the expansion of Project Protect into Manatee and Hardee counties. Florida law enforcement agencies received nearly [104,000 reports of domestic violence in 2021](#), resulting in more than 63,000 arrests. Project Protect provides doorbell cameras to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking and other crimes free of charge to help survivors feel more secure at home.

Attorney General Ashley Moody said, “It is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and we are expanding an important program to help survivors feel more secure at home. Starting today, our Project Protect is available in Manatee and Hardee counties, and survivors of domestic violence in these counties can now access free doorbell cameras to watch over their residences. Through this program, we can help survivors feel more secure and build a Stronger, Safer Florida.”

Hardee County Sheriff Vent Crawford said, “The Hardee County Sheriff’s Office is happy to partner with Project Protect. Together, we can break the cycle of domestic violence and provide safety within our homes and communities. Our agency is

committed to bringing awareness where homes are free from fear.”

Manatee County Sheriff Rick Wells said, “Our primary goal is to help victims of domestic violence and stop this cycle of abuse. I applaud the Attorney General’s initiative to protect victims and make them feel safer in their own homes.”

Hardee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Victoria Rogers said, “My office looks forward to working with the Hardee County Sheriff’s Office and victim advocates in our area to educate survivors of domestic violence, sexual violence, stalking and human trafficking about the Project Protect program. This additional layer of protection is a welcome and valuable resource put forward by Attorney General Moody.”

Manatee County Clerk of Circuit Court and Comptroller Angel Colonnese said, “I want to thank Attorney General Moody and her office for launching this invaluable program and choosing Manatee County to participate. As Clerk, my office is sometimes the first line of defense for people affected by domestic violence, and we are grateful to be able to provide Project Protect as another layer of protection to help people affected by domestic violence feel safer at home.”

Attorney General Moody’s Project Protect provides doorbell cameras to survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, stalking and sexual violence free of charge in four Florida counties. The video cameras can provide 24-hour audio and visual surveillance for a residence. Informational materials about Project Protect will be placed in the participating Clerk of Courts offices. Clerk of Courts staff will connect

survivors with local victim advocates who will help each survivor through the process of receiving a free doorbell camera.

Attorney General Moody along with law enforcement leaders and local clerks of court officials launched Project Protect in Hillsborough and Martin counties earlier this year. Attorney General Moody is planning to expand the program in Florida. For more information on Project Protect, click [here](#).

According to the National Domestic Violence Hotline, an average of [24 people per minute](#) become victims of physical violence, sexual assault or stalking by an intimate partner in the United States. Countless cases go unreported. According to the [Bureau of Justice](#), more than a third of female victims of murder and nonnegligent manslaughter in 2021 were killed by an intimate partner.

Project Protect is also available to survivors of human trafficking. Ending

human trafficking is one of Attorney General Moody’s main missions. To learn more, click [here](#).

By knowing the signs of trafficking, anyone can help save a life. To learn what to look out for, and where to report suspicious activity, visit [YouCanStopHT.com](#).

Floridians suffering in a domestic violence situation should call law enforcement or the domestic violence hotline at 1(800)500-1119.

**2023 Human Trafficking Summit**  
We officially launched the 2023 Human Trafficking Summit. Our summit brings together survivors, law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, community leaders and concerned citizens who are committed to working together to stop this crime.

John Walsh, television host and co-founder of the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, is our keynote

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**Governor Ron DeSantis Applauds and Urges Swift Action in Special Session of the Florida Legislature to Increase Florida's Sanctions on Iran and Address Pressing State Needs**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — Governor Ron DeSantis applauded and urged swift action in a Special Session of the Florida Legislature to address urgent issues facing the state. The Special Session will feature Governor DeSantis' proposal to strengthen sanctions on Iran to ensure Florida does not do business with companies aligned with Iran that could in turn fund Hamas and other terrorist groups. The Special Session will also include additional resources for Hurricane Idalia relief, lowering the costs of homeowners' insurance, increasing access to school choice for students with unique abilities, and additional protections for Florida's Jewish communities. The Special Session will convene at 10:00 a.m. on Monday, November 6, and will extend no later than 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, November 9.

“Following the horrific atrocities committed by Iranian-backed terrorist group Hamas against Israel, I am calling on the Florida Legislature to act swiftly to ensure our state does not send a penny to the Iranian terror state,” **said Governor Ron DeSantis.** “I am glad to see the Legislature's willingness to convene and address this along with other important issues for the state.”

During this Special Session, Governor DeSantis is asking the Florida Legislature to increase sanctions against the Iranian

regime by broadening the industries on Florida's scrutinized companies list and strengthening Florida's prohibitions against investing in companies which are doing business with states that sponsor terror. Florida must not be complicit in funding state-sponsored terrorism against America's great ally, Israel.

**WHAT THEY ARE SAYING: Governor Ron DeSantis Announces 50% Discounts for Florida State Park Passes and FWC Hunting and Fishing Licenses**

**TALLAHASSEE, Fla.** — Governor Ron DeSantis announced the Great Outdoors Initiative to encourage Floridians to go outdoors and explore Florida's natural resources, including our award-winning state parks, vast recreation areas, and world-renowned waterways. As part of the Great Outdoors Initiative, Governor DeSantis signed Executive Order 23-209 (The Great Outdoors Initiative) directing the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) to provide a significant 50% discount on annual state park passes and FWC Gold Sportsman hunting and fishing licenses.

Since the initiative was announced, sales of FWC Gold Sportsman licenses have increased, with 26% of all Gold Sportsman licenses sold over the last week being purchased by first-time license holders. This includes more than 1,400 Gold Sportsman Lifetime licenses being purchased for children 4 years old and under so that they can enjoy the outdoors for the entirety of their lives. Sales for annual state park passes have also seen huge increases over the last week, with more than 2,488 passes sold in the last week in comparison to 690 passes sold in the same week in 2022.

## Republicans

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### FOOTNOTE!

I don't understand why everyone is afraid of Iran? Give Israel the Bunker Busters. It's time we stop letting them push the world around. Maybe they will change their minds if Israel has the tools to finish it!

### THE TUNNELS!

Israel, don't over think the tunnel's. They have to have air, shut down the vents or close off enough that it will effect them. OR flood the tunnel with salt water. Put big pumps in and give them enough water that it will bring them to the surface. Keep it simple! Some have suggested gas I don't agree. Oh a thought pump oil into the tunnels.

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**Rep. Cammack Joins Rep. Hudson, Colleagues At Pro-Second Amendment Press Conference With Women For Gun Rights**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S.**

Representative Kat Cammack joined Rep. Richard Hudson (R-NC) at a press conference outside the Capitol Building with [Women for Gun Rights](#), a nationwide organization of women committed to safeguarding the Second Amendment, and discussed upcoming gun rights legislation.

"The Second Amendment is clear: shall not be infringed. I was glad to stand with my colleagues and advocates for women's rights to keep and bear arms," said Rep. Kat Cammack (FL-03). "Thank you to Congressman Hudson and the advocates who traveled to the Capitol today to share their support for this fundamental right."

"Women for Gun Rights is proud to stand with Congressman Hudson and other members that work to protect the rights of citizens to be able to protect themselves," said Dianna Muller, Founder, Women for Gun Rights (DC Project). "Witnessing the horror of citizens being murdered in their homes in Israel has really shed light on the importance of our 2nd Amendment and highlighted why we feel safer being armed."

"When I was sworn into Congress, I pledged to support and defend the Constitution of the United States—including the Second Amendment," said Rep. Hudson. "Over the last two years, the Biden administration has perpetrated an all-out assault on the Second Amendment. The bureaucrats at the ATF have sought to criminalize law-abiding citizens, they have targeted businesses that sell firearms, they have targeted regular Americans. That's why I believe it is more important than ever that we protect that right from Washington Democrats who want to punish responsible gun owners and take away those rights. I am proud to stand with Women for Gun Rights and others working to defend our Second Amendment."

Rep. Cammack Joins Colleagues To

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**Urge Commerce To Defend American Tomato Industry**

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Mexican tomato exporters are conducting unfair trade practices and dumping tomatoes into the U.S. market, despite the 2019 Tomato Suspension Agreement. This is forcing American tomato farmers out of business and destroying the domestic tomato industry.

Rep. Cammack joined U.S. Senator Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Congressman Jim Costa (D-CA) in sending a letter to U.S. Department of Commerce Secretary Gina Raimondo urging the department to terminate the 2019 Tomato Suspension Agreement with Mexico and defend the American tomato industry.

"The Commerce Department has already documented more than a hundred violations of the 2019 Suspension Agreement, including continued dumping. The Suspension Agreement is not working, and as it cannot be modified to work under existing law, antidumping duties must be imposed to sufficiently remedy ongoing injury to the domestic tomato industry."

"Immediate termination of the 2019 Suspension Agreement and imposition of antidumping duties is necessary to stop the destruction of the American tomato industry by unfairly traded Mexican tomatoes."

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**2023 Summit**

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speaker for this year's summit. As a nationally renowned crime fighter, victim advocate and host of the former hit television show America's Most Wanted, Walsh has spent decades helping law enforcement locate missing children and solve crimes, including the recovery of more than 400,000 children. I am excited for our attendees to hear Walsh's inspirational message about what we can do to fight back

against criminals preying on vulnerable populations.

The summit has nine sessions covering subjects like how the opioid crisis is fueling human trafficking to supporting trafficking survivors in the workplace. Attendees will have access to 11 hours of educational content from leaders in the fight to end human trafficking. [READ MORE](#) at

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